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10-16 May 2026

Christian Aid Week



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6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

10/05/2026

## Welcome

Methley with Mickletown Parish is a **Dog-Friendly** and **Inclusive Church** – a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate.



**Prayers for those who are unwell**

Ann, Sally, David, Michael, Jack, May, John, Steve, Julie, Karen, Joanne.

## Looking ahead in May/June:

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion** at St. Margaret's Hall

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Ascension Day Benefice Service** 7pm Christ Church, Lofthouse

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Service of the Word** 11am

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion** at St. Margaret's Hall

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Pentecost Eucharist** 11am

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion** at St. Margaret's Hall

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> Trinity Sunday** 11am

## Today's Service 11am



**Opening:** 564 Praise to the Lord (Lobe Den Heren)

**Gradual:** 200 Great is thy faithfulness

**Offertory:** 89 Come down O Love divine

**Communion:** 449 Love Divine, O God of Bethel (on sheet)

**Closing:** 857 I the Lord of sea and sky

**President:** Rev Diane Flynn

**Reader:** Brena Wilby

**Intercessor:** Jackie Davis

**Chalice:** Shirley Wright

**Hymnal:** Peter Bloodworth

**Welcomers:** Lynn Williams



## Methley Parish Prayer



Spirit of God,



among us here in Methley;  
us one in heart and mind,  
make us one in love.

Humble, caring, selfless, sharing; Spirit of God, fill our lives with your purpose and love,  
Amen.

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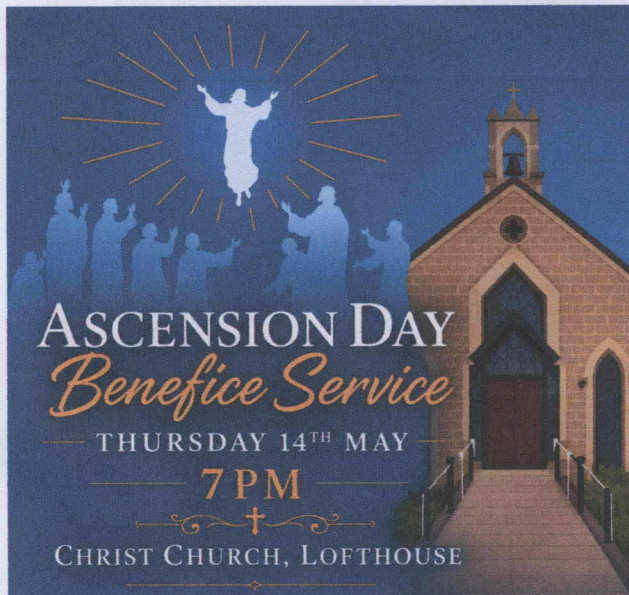
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Join us for  
**messy  
worship**

**Sunday  
17<sup>th</sup> May**

**3:30pm**  
at  
**St. Margaret's  
Hall**



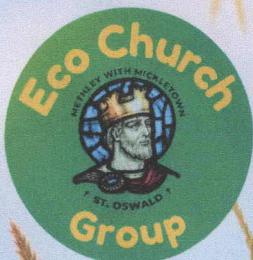
**ASCENSION DAY**  
*Benefice Service*

THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY

7 PM

CHRIST CHURCH, LOFTHOUSE

## May Eco Tip'



### Say no to the mow.

Mowing your lawn less, and letting parts of it grow long, saves you time and helps give nature a home. If you want to make an even bigger impact for wildlife, don't mow your lawn or a section of it all until August to help even more animals.



### Churchwardens:

Elaine Williams &  
Stuart Davis

**PCC:** Ian Kerry,  
Shirley Wright,  
David Holmes, Jackie

Davis, Emma Hilton, Karen Holmes

**Lay Chair:** Stuart Davis

**Secretary:** Charlotte Taylor

**Treasurer:** Joanne Taylor

**Safeguarding:** Jill Potts

**Deanery Reps:** Stuart & Elaine



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for your support.



**A Prayer for Christian Aid Week**

Gracious God, when we stand on the plains of uncertainty, with no path before us, we look to you.

We remember what you have done before, and our anxious hearts are comforted.

Showing mercy, you delivered us then, in your love and faithfulness, you will do it again.

Give us the strength to step forward in hope. Give us faith that changes us, hope that feeds us, love that moves us, In Jesus name. **Amen**



**WANTED**

After theft of all our  
**MOWING MACHINERY**

St. Oswald's is asking for  
**DONATIONS FOR A NEW MACHINE**  
to maintain our churchyard

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY  
VIA THE COLLECTION BOX IN CHURCH,  
THROUGH THE QR CODE BELOW  
OR BANK TRANSFER

The PCC of Methley Parish Church  
Sort Code 40-16-27  
Account 40649546

For more information  
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**REV TERRY  
- ANNUAL LEAVE**

Rev Terry will be taking some annual leave  
from

**Tuesday 28th April until Wednesday 13th May (inclusive),**  
and will not be available during this time.

For all enquiries, please contact the churchwardens,  
who will be able to help.

— *Many thanks* —



Come and join our  
**GRAVEYARD GANG**

We are a friendly bunch of  
volunteers who tend our Quiet  
Garden and churchyard  
(weather permitting)

on **SATURDAY MORNINGS**  
(weather permitting)  
**FROM 10:00 - 12:30**

Refreshments, tools and  
gear provided

Contact Peter on 07599 419766 or  
Stuart on 07841 419398 or  
**JUST TURN UP!**



# Sunday 10 May 2026 Sixth Sunday of Easter

## COLLECT

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power  
of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of  
your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has  
recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he  
may raise us to eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## FIRST READING

*The reading from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading.*

Either **Acts 17:22-31**

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him – though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Or **Genesis 8:20 – 9:17**

## PSALM Psalm 66:7-end

**R** *All the earth shall worship you,  
O Lord.*

Bless our God, O you peoples;  
make the voice of his praise to be  
heard,  
Who holds our souls in life  
and suffers not our feet to slip. **R**

For you, O God, have proved us;  
you have tried us as silver is tried.  
You brought us into the snare;  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.  
You let enemies ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and water;  
but you brought us out into a place of  
liberty. **R**

I will come into your house with burnt  
offerings and will pay you my vows,  
which my lips uttered and my mouth  
promised when I was in trouble.  
I will offer you fat burnt sacrifices  
with the smoke of rams;  
I will sacrifice oxen and goats. **R**

Come and listen, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell you what he has done for  
my soul.

I called out to him with my mouth  
and his praise was on my tongue. **R**

If I had nursed evil in my heart,  
the Lord would not have heard me,  
But in truth God has heard me;  
he has heeded the voice of my prayer.  
Blessed be God, who has not rejected  
my prayer,  
nor withheld his loving mercy from me. **R**

## SECOND READING

Either **1 Peter 3:13-end**

*A reading from the first letter of Peter.*

Who will harm you if you are eager to  
do what is good? But even if you do  
suffer for doing what is right, you are  
blessed. Do not fear what they fear,  
and do not be intimidated, but in your  
hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be  
ready to make your defence to anyone  
who demands from you an account of  
the hope that is in you; yet do it with  
gentleness and reverence. Keep your  
conscience clear, so that, when you  
are maligned, those who abuse you for  
your good conduct in Christ may be  
put to shame. For it is better to suffer  
for doing good, if suffering should be  
God's will, than to suffer for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered for sins once for  
all, the righteous for the unrighteous,  
in order to bring you to God. He was  
put to death in the flesh, but made  
alive in the spirit, in which also he went  
and made a proclamation to the spirits  
in prison, who in former times did not  
obey, when God waited patiently in  
the days of Noah, during the building  
of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight  
persons, were saved through water.  
And baptism, which this prefigured,  
now saves you – not as a removal of  
dirt from the body, but as an appeal to  
God for a good conscience, through  
the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who  
has gone into heaven and is at the right  
hand of God, with angels, authorities,  
and powers made subject to him.

Or **Acts 17:22-31**

## GOSPEL John 14:15-21

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus  
Christ according to John.*

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love  
me, you will keep my commandments.  
And I will ask the Father, and he will  
give you another Advocate, to be  
with you for ever. This is the Spirit of  
truth, whom the world cannot receive,  
because it neither sees him nor knows  
him. You know him, because he abides  
with you, and he will be in you. I will  
not leave you orphaned; I am coming  
to you. In a little while the world will  
no longer see me, but you will see me;  
because I live, you also will live. On  
that day you will know that I am in my  
Father, and you in me, and I in you.  
They who have my commandments and  
keep them are those who love me; and  
those who love me will be loved by my  
Father, and I will love them and reveal  
myself to them."

## POST COMMUNION

God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water  
of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of  
goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns,  
now and for ever.

