

**O God of all justice and peace,**  
we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma and violence and fear which  
prevail in the lands of the Middle East, Ukraine, Sudan and South Sudan.

Be with those who need you in these days of suffering.

We pray for people of all faiths, Jews, Muslims and Christians, and for all the  
people of those lands.

And while we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment  
of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples.

Guide us into your kingdom, where all people are treated with dignity and honour  
as your children. For to all of us you are our Heavenly Father.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

(The prayer above has been adapted by the Dean of Salisbury, Nick Papadopoulos, from a  
prayer by the Archbishop of Jerusalem)

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then please go to our website for more information, or phone the Parish Office  
on 01793 853272. And thank you!

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***We seek to grow through prayer and  
share Christ's love through engagement with all.***

# Weekly News

## 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026



### Sunday

**8:00 am Holy Communion**

**10:00 am Parish Eucharist**

**Church Children meet in Church**

### Wednesday

**10:30 am Holy Communion**

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### **Events in June**

Next **Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> June, 10 am – 12 noon Croft Garden Coffee  
Morning** in the Croft. Refreshments, Raffle, Cake Stall, Plant Stall. Please do  
pop in for a cuppa and chat and help support funds for the Croft Garden

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm** in church, the RWB Environment Trust are  
showing the ***People's Emergency Briefing*** film. The purpose of the Briefing is  
to support informed democratic discussion and ensure that national and local  
decision-makers, alongside the public, share a common understanding of the  
scale and urgency of the challenge. Following the 50-minute film, there will be a  
45-minute structured local discussion on what this means for our community,  
including implications for local preparedness, resilience and long-term planning.  
The Rt Rev Graham Usher, Bishop of Norwich and lead Bishop for  
Environment for the Church of England, has written: **"I encourage churches  
to invite their wider community and show this film – it's a wake up  
for us all. Its message to care for climate, people, nature is so  
urgently needed, not least so that we might live and act as Jesus  
would have us be."**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30 pm** in the Croft **BOOK LAUNCH** for '***The  
Rest of Life***', a practical look at retirement from a Christian perspective, The  
author, Rev Tudor Griffiths, retired after 40 years of Anglican ministry in  
Wales, Uganda and England. There is no charge for this event.

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June Croft Heritage Preservation Celebration** in the  
Croft 2:00pm – 4:00pm. Please join us to celebrate the completion of the  
external restoration of the Croft and say a big thank you to all who have  
helped make this happen.

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026**

**Trinity Sunday**

**COLLECT**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith,  
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity  
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:  
keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all  
adversities;  
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: *Isaiah 40.12-17,27-end***

12 Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand  
and marked off the heavens with a span,  
enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales  
and the hills in a balance?  
13 Who has directed the spirit of the LORD,  
or as his counsellor has instructed him?  
14 Whom did he consult for his enlightenment,  
and who taught him the path of justice?  
Who taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding?  
15 Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket,  
and are accounted as dust on the scales; see, he takes up the isles like fine dust.  
16 Lebanon would not provide fuel enough, nor are its animals enough for a burnt-  
offering.  
17 All the nations are as nothing before him; they are accounted by him as less  
than nothing and emptiness.  
27 Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,  
'My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God'?

28 Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.

29 He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

30 Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;

31 but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

**SECOND READING: *2 Corinthians 13.11-end***

11 Brothers and sisters, put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one  
another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. 12 Greet  
one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.  
13 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the  
Holy Spirit be with all of you.

**GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 28.16-end***

16 The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had  
directed them. 17 When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted.  
18 And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been  
given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in  
the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them  
to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you  
always, to the end of the age.'