

SUNDAY 3rd MAY 2026

(Fifth Sunday of Easter, Lectionary Year A)

COLLECT

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the
world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen

PSALM 31:1-5

- ¹ In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me
never be put to shame; deliver me in your
righteousness.
- ² Incline your ear to me; make haste to
deliver me.
- ³ Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me,
for you are my rock and my
stronghold; guide me, and lead me for
your name's sake.
- ⁴ Take me out of the net that they have laid
secretly for me, for you are my strength.
- ⁵ Into your hands I commend my spirit, for
you have redeemed me, O Lord God of
truth.

ACTS 7:55-60

(A reading from the Acts of the Apostles)

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into
heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus
standing at the right hand of God. "Look,"
he said, "I see the heavens opened and the
Son of Man standing at the right hand of
God!" But they covered their ears, and with
a loud shout all rushed together against
him. Then they dragged him out of the city
and began to stone him, and the witnesses
laid their coats at the feet of a young man
named Saul. While they were stoning
Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my
spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in
a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin
against them." When he had said this, he
died.

GOSPEL: JOHN 14:1-14

*(Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John)*

Jesus said: "Do not let your hearts be
troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.
In my Father's house there are many
dwelling places. If it were not so, would I
have told you that I go to prepare a place
for you? And if I go and prepare a place for
you, I will come again and will take you to
myself, so that where I am, there you may
be also. And you know the way to the place
where I am going." Thomas said to him,
"Lord, we do not know where you are
going. How can we know the way?" Jesus
said to him, "I am the way and the truth and
the life. No one comes to the Father except
through me. If you know me, you will know
my Father also. From now on you do know
him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the
Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said
to him, "Have I been with you all this time,
Philip, and you still do not know me?
Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.
How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do
you not believe that I am in the Father and
the Father is in me? The words that I say to
you I do not speak on my own, but the
Father who dwells in me does his works.
Believe me that I am in the Father and the
Father is in me, but if you do not, then
believe because of the works themselves.
Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes
in me will also do the works that I do and,
in fact, will do greater works than these,
because I am going to the Father. I will do
whatever you ask in my name, so that the
Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my
name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

(This is the Gospel of the Lord)

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth,
and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen

NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 3rd May 2026

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP for SUNDAY 10th MAY – Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 9.30am Boylestone Morning Worship
9.30am Hatton Morning Worship
11.00am Church Broughton Holy Communion
11.00am St Mary, Hilton with Marston on Dove Morning Worship

READINGS: Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:7-18; John 14:15-21

EVENTS AND SERVICES FOR WEEK OF 3rd MAY

- Monday 10.30am-2.30pm; Church Broughton May Day
- Tuesday 1.15pm: Little Saints, All Saints' Hatton
- Tuesday 5.30pm: Dove Club, All Saints' Hatton
- Wednesday 9.30am: Morning Prayer at All Saints' Hatton
- Friday 10.00am – 2.00pm: Hub Community Café, at All Saints' Jubilee Hall, Station Road, Hatton

APPLETREE CHURCHES MORNING PRAYER

Zoom morning prayer will usually be held on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings at 8am. On Wednesdays Morning Prayer will be held at All Saints Church, Hatton at 9.30am. Once a month at 9.30am there will be a service of Holy Communion.

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO ZOOM MORNING PRAYER ON MONDAY 4th MAY – PUBLIC HOLIDAY

The Zoom link for Morning Prayer can be found in the Teamup entry, or contact Vickie for the link. If you would like help with setting up Zoom for Morning Prayer, please also contact Vickie: vickie@appledechurche.org / 07977 067 585.

All are welcome.

ANNUAL MEETING DATES

An Annual Meeting for the Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a mandatory yearly gathering in the Church of England, held between January 1 and May 31, where church members review the previous year's activities, financial accounts, and hold elections for the PCC and churchwardens. It is a vital governance meeting enabling parishioners to influence church direction.

If you are considering standing for election to the PCC, please contact Rev Ed in the first instance.

The following are the dates for each of the PCC's Annual meetings:

Boylestone PCC	Monday May 11 th 7pm at Boylestone Village Hall
Church Broughton PCC	Tuesday May 12 th 7pm, Church Broughton Church
Hilton with Marston on Dove PCC	Monday May 18 th 7pm in St Mary's Schoolroom
Hatton PCC	Thursday May 21 st 6pm, All Saints Hatton Church

MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS AT CHURCH BROUGHTON – MONDAY MAY 4th.

Church Broughton are having their annual May Day event on Monday 4th May – there are lots of stalls, teas and cakes, plus the usual Maypole dancing and other school events.

Church Broughton Church have a good quality second hand bookstall with jigsaws and games plus a small sideshow to raise funds for Church, on Main Street.

Please do support this village and school fund raising event.

CHRISTIAN AID CREAM TEA AT CHURCH BROUGHTON SATURDAY 16th May

Church Broughton Church are holding a Cream Tea event to support Christian Aid week, which runs from 10th to 16th May.

The Cream Tea is being held in the Community Room at the Church Broughton Village Hall from 2.00pm to 4.00 pm. Please do support this great cause.

ELECTORAL ROLL

It is the time of year for the Church Electoral Roll to be updated.

Being on the Church of England electoral roll allows you to vote on church matters and attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). It is a sign of commitment and is a means for you to help shape the church's future.

Notices will be posted on Church doors, and/or notice boards giving information about this and new application forms will be available in church.

If you have any questions or concerns, or if you'd like to know if you are eligible to join the Church Electoral Roll, please talk to your Electoral Roll Officer, or your Churchwarden.

Electoral Roll officers are:

Boylestone: Jill Cantrill

Church Broughton: Sue Smith

Hatton: Alison Mottram

Hilton with Marston on Dove: Elaine Root

Churchwardens are:

Boylestone: Janet Beloe and Pauline Hill

Church Broughton: Rita Shanks

Hatton: Lindsey Ashenden

Hilton with Marston on Dove: Vickie Melling

BOYLESTONE PRE-DUCK RACE PLANT SALE MAY 23rd and 24th

Please support our stall selling anything garden related in aid of St John the Baptist Church. The sale will be held over the weekend of the 23rd and 24th May from 10am to 4pm at the church.

The Boylestone Duck Race will be held on June 27th from 4pm to 9pm.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Lucy Alice King and Tyler Jay Thurston both of the Parish of All Saints, Four Oaks, Birmingham. Lucy and Tyler are to be married at St John the Baptist, Boylestone on 30th May.

Please pray for Alice and Tyler in all their preparation.

ARTHUR RANK RURAL MINISTRY AND MINISTRY ROADSHOW

Please see the invitation below to attend the Arthur Rank Centre Roadshow at Bakewell on 9th June 2026 at Bakewell Methodist Church.

Please book using the following link:

<https://arthurrankcentre.org.uk/rural-roadshow-arc-on-the-road/>



To book your place go to www.arthurrankcentre.org.uk/Rural-Roadshow

For more information contact us on info@arthurrankcentre.org.uk

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VISITING PARISHIONERS

Do you know anyone who would like a visit from Rev Ed? If yes, please can you let Rev Ed know. Ed's contact details are at the top of the page.

LOCAL MARSTON ON DOVE FARMERS MARKET 18th JULY MARSTON FARM, MARSTON LANE

A date for your diaries.

