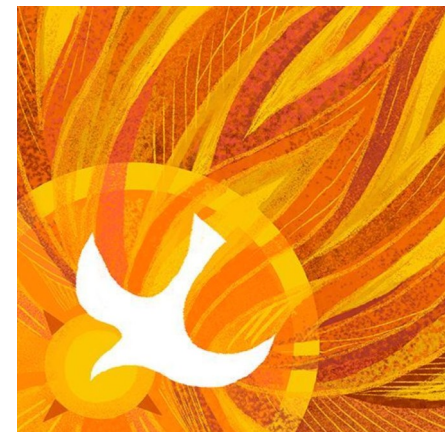


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Pentecost Sunday 24 May 2026

Hymns, Readings & Notices

9.30am Holy Communion

Opening (241) Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire
Reading 1 Acts 2.1-21 Robert Fleming
Reading 2 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13 Carla Tointon
Gradual (259) She sits like a bird, brooding on the waters
Intercessions Rod Gayton
Offertory Page 4 O breath of life
The Anthem Litany to the Holy Spirit - Hurford
Communion 1 (389) Spirit of God, unseen as the wind
Communion 2 (266) Veni Sancte Spiritus, tui amoris
Final (242) Come, Holy Spirit, come!

12.00 noonish Pentecost lunch hosted by Pamela

6.00pm Sung Evensong

Reading 1 - Joel 2.21-end Anna Pritchard
Reading 2 - Acts 2.14-21 Liz Tymms

Opening Prayer - St Ignatius

Take, Lord, receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, my whole will, all that I have and all that I possess. You gave it all to me, Lord; I give it all back to you. Do with it as you will, according to your good pleasure. Give me your love and your grace; for with this I have all that I need. **Amen.**

the **Collect**

Holy Spirit,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen us with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Reading 1 Acts 2.1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the

Reading 2 - Acts 2.14-21

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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Reading 1 - Joel 2.21-end

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Then afterwards I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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Reading 2 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13

Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to

another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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the **Gospel - John 7.37-39**

Alleluia...Alleluia

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to St John.

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water." ' Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Glory to you, O Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Offertory Hymn

**O breath of life, come sweeping through us,
Revive your church with life and power.
O breath of life, come, cleanse, renew us,
And fit your church to meet this hour.**

Sung Evensong

Opening Hymn (608)	Christ is our corner-stone
Opening+Sentences	Pages 16-1 (one or more of these)
Opening Preces	Ferial
Psalms 67,133	Pages 425, 520
Hebrew Scripture	Joel 2.21-end
Office Hymn (22)	Saviour, again to thy dear name
Magnificat	Set B
New Testament	Acts 2.14-21
Nunc Dimittis	Set B
Apostles' Creed	Page 22
Preces	Ferial
Today's Collects	Page 147
Other Collects	Page 24
Anthem	Come Holy Ghost - Attwood
Pre-Sermon (628)	Father of Heaven, Whose Love
Final Hymn (648)	God of Grace and God of Glory
Final Responses	Spoken
Blessing	

Weekly Events at St Nicolas

9.00am Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday

5.00pm Evening Prayer: Tuesday - Thursday
(Monday evening is in Terling)

Monday 25 May - Bank Holiday

No Chatterbox

Tuesday 26 May

Wednesday 27 May

No Open Door

7.00pm Being with the Bible at the Rectory

Thursday 28 May

10.00am Midweek Communion

Friday 29 May

1.00pm Emily & Rhys's Wedding

5.30pm Youth Group (4-14yrs)

Saturday 30 May

2.00pm Ella & Sam's Wedding

Sunday 31 May

9.30am Holy Communion

6.00pm Taizé Evensong

**O breath of love, come breathe within,
Renewing thought and will and heart;
Come, love of Christ, afresh to win,
Revive your church in every part.**

**O wind of God, come bend us, break us,
Till humbly we confess our need;
Then in our tenderness remake us,
Revive, restore, for this we plead.**

**O breath of love, come breathe within,
Renewing thought and will and heart;
Come, love of Christ, afresh to win,
Revive your church in every part.**

**Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating
While harvest fields are vast and ripe?
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting,
Equip your church to spread the light.**

**O breath of love, come breathe within,
Renewing thought and will and heart;
Come, love of Christ, afresh to win,
Revive your church in every part.**

Post Communion Prayer

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opened the way of life eternal
to every race and nation:
open our hearts by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Please remember in your prayers...

Those unwell or recovering, amongst them:

Rev Howard (whose operation is now set for 1 June),
Rev Simon Pritchard, Joan, Janet, Sue, Jim, David & Mary
Mark, Angela, Rod, Carl & Ann & Lee, Marion, Rena,
Brenda & Keith Talbot.

Friends and family of those recently deceased:

Dot Reed, Gladys Emily Burgess, Doreen Elizabeth Brown.

Notices

Dot Reed - Memorial Service Tuesday 26 May

Mark and Liz invite you to celebrate Dot's life and remember her with love. A celebration of her life will be held here at St Nicolas at 1.00pm followed by a gathering at Spring Lodge. Dress code? Bright and Beautiful!

APCM

Thank you to everyone who contributed to help make our APCM run so smoothly. Marian & Andrew were re-elected as Churchwardens; Andrew Holt & Liz Tymms were elected onto Deanery Synod; Samantha Rees & David Martin were elected onto PCC. Reports prepared for the meeting are available at the back of the church.

Supporting St Nicolas through Giving

St Nicholas Church needs your help. We are running at a significant deficit because we don't pay our parish share in full. At the APCM, we launched a campaign to help put this right. (Giving and Church: How you can help!). Please take a copy of this leaflet home with you and prayerfully reflect on it's message.

Toy Bags

We have lovely toy bags available for any children to use during services. They are in the Welcome area. Thank you to Christine Lucas for putting these together.

Coffee Morning - Saturday 30 May

Anna will host this month's morning 10.30am at the Rectory, in aid of Christian Aid.

Sunday 31 May - Cakes!

After the morning service, we continue to raise funds for Christian Aid with more cakes for sale. Anyone who would like to bake or donate cake please let Samantha know.

Readers/Intercessor Rota

We are trying a new approach to fill the above rota. There is a blank rota at the back of the church for you to sign up for the reading/intercessor slot(s) you would like to take. At the moment, only 2 people have signed up.....

Mediaeval Fayre Grand Draw

We urgently need to replenish our wine & spirit hampers. Please speak to Rodney Cullum any Sunday morning.

Sound Team

We would like to expand our small team who operate the sound system for services. No technical expertise is required as training can be provided. Interested? Please speak to anyone working the sound system (Ian Lucas, Robert Fleming, or Andrew Balfour).

Pastoral Care Team

Do you know of anyone who would benefit from a visit from one of the team? Or would you like to explore the idea of joining us to help grow this valued ministry. Please speak to Deirdre or Petrina.

100 Days of Prayer: 18 February to 29 May

Bishop Guli's 100 days of prayer: This is to help us prepare for a conversation about how we Sustain Ministry in the Dioceses of Chelmsford beginning in the Autumn.