



Week Commencing Sunday 3rd May 2026

We Pray For: Vikky, Peter, Terry, Phil, Sarah, Paul & Children, Andy & children, Jamie, Tony, Tess & Bill, Mike & Hilary, Amanda, Sarah, Jonathan and Children.

Recently Departed: Andy Carroll (funeral 11th May 12noon Crem) Fr Hugh Broad (funeral date yet to be arranged)

- Notices:**
- Coffee pot:** With great sadness Jill has left her role as cleaner, at coffee pot and at St Margaret's - she will be greatly missed, and we thank her for all her hard work. Please do keep her and Margaret in your prayers.
 - Coffeepot / Thursday Club:** Could you help with either of these? Speak to Gioia or Rachel for more details.
 - Joan Chapman:** A short service of thanksgiving will be held on Sunday 10th May at St M followed by interment of her ashes in her parents' grave (Dad, The Revd Dale Chapman, previous Vicar of St M) - all very welcome to attend.
 - Crossroads:** Could you deliver a few Crossroads around Tuffley from the end of May? If so, please speak to Darrell.
 - APCM:** Please take a copy of the annual report ahead of the annual meetings on Sunday 17th May.
 - Foundation Safeguarding Training** – in person, Monday 11th May 2-4pm & Thursday 14th May 7-9pm contact Laura to book. To check if you need to do this training or ask Laura or Rachel (If you help with children's activities or are on the PCC you will need to complete this training). The evening session is at risk of being cancelled if there are not enough people!
 - Confirmation** – Bishop Rachel will be with us at St George's on 5th July 10.30am to lead a Confirmation service – if you would like to be confirmed or know anyone who would, please let Rachel or Gioia know (and ask them for info!)
 - Summer Fun Day** 11th July 12-3pm – can you help? Please sign-up Have you any donations for tombola or raffle? Thanks!
 - Foodbank** - Collection tray at the back of the Church. Current urgent needs are: Biscuits, cereals, packets of mash. The latest information on foodbank stocks can be found here: www.gloucester.foodbank.org.uk Thank you!

Day	Time	Location	Event					
Sun 3 rd	10.30am	St George's	Eucharist Easter 5	Welcomer Margaret	Crucifer Mark B	Readers Joceline Paul	Intercession Sylvia C	Coffee Stella Sue
	5.00pm	St Margaret's	Evensong					
Mon 4 th			Bank Holiday – no EP or Youth Group					
Tue 5 th	09.30am	Small Hall	Coffee Pot					
	10.00am	St George's	Eucharist					
	1.30pm	Main Hall	Fun & Free					
	5.00pm	Lady Chapel	Evening Prayer					
Wed 6 th	8.15am	Zoom	Morning Prayer					
	9am	Harewoods	Open the Book					
	5.00pm	Lady Chapel	Evening Prayer					
Thu 7 th	10.30am	St Margaret's	Eucharist					
	2.00pm	Small Hall	Art Group					
	5.00pm	Lady Chapel	Evening Prayer					
Fri 8 th								
Sat 9 th								
Sun 10 th	9.00am	St Margaret's	Eucharist					
	10.30am	St George's	Eucharist Easter 6	Welcomer Glenice	Crucifer Sylvia C	Readers David Sylvia E	Intercession Susan	Coffee Glenice

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Sunday 3 May 2026 Fifth Sunday of Easter

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son
Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to
us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going
before us you put into our minds
good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen 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 7:55-end**

A reading from the Acts of the
Apostles.

Standing before the high priest and
the council, Stephen, filled with the
Holy Spirit, 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.

Or **Genesis 8:1-19**

PSALM Psalm 31:1-5. 15-16

(or 31:1-5)

R Into your hands I commend my
spirit, for you have redeemed me,
O Lord God of truth.

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.
Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.

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. **R**

Take me out of the net
that they have laid secretly for me,
for you are my strength.
Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O Lord
God of truth. **R**

SECOND READING

Either **1 Peter 2:2-10**

A reading from the first letter of
Peter.

Like newborn infants, long for the
pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you
may grow into salvation – if indeed
you have tasted that the Lord is
good. Come to him, a living stone,
though rejected by mortals yet
chosen and precious in God's sight.
Like living stones, let yourselves be
built into a spiritual house, to be a
holy priesthood, to offer spiritual
sacrifices acceptable to God through
Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:
"See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a
cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not
be put to shame." To you then who
believe, he is precious; but for those
who do not believe, "The stone that
the builders rejected has become the
very head of the corner," and
"A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall."
They stumble because they disobey
the word, as they were destined to
do. But you are a chosen race, a
royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's
own people, in order that you may
proclaim the mighty acts of him who
called you out of darkness into his
marvellous light. Once you were
not a people, but now you are
God's people; once you had not
received mercy, but now you have
received mercy.

Or **Acts 7:55-end**

GOSPEL John 14:1-14

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

Jesus said to his disciples: "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 me 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."

POST COMMUNION

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.

