



## SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH Coven, Staffordshire

A parish of the Diocese of Lichfield under the  
episcopal oversight of the Bishop of Oswestry  
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### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 3 May 2026



Today's Gospel takes us back to the upper room and the Last Supper, as Jesus reassures his anxious followers his departure is not the end but the opening of a new way to the Father. May we always follow him, the way, the truth and the life, and so come to our eternal home.

214 Paschal Feast! Upon the cross  
218 Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son  
809 The art the Way: by thee alone  
828 Ye that know the Lord is gracious

**Regina Caeli** replaces the Angelus until Pentecost

**Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia!**  
**He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia!**  
**As he promised, hath arisen, alleluia!**  
**Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia!**

Rejoice and be glad O Virgin Mary, alleluia!  
**For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!**

O God, who through the resurrection of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, didst give joy to the whole world: grant, we beseech thee, that aided his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## NOTICES

**Welcome to Saint Paul's.** This morning's service can be followed in the green booklets you were given as you came in, with hymns from the red hymn book. A collection will be taken during the second hymn.

### This week at Saint Paul's:

*Lichfield F-in-F* AGM: Monday, Mass at 7.00pm,  
Talk and meeting to follow. All welcome.  
*Said Mass*, Wednesday, 10.30am.  
*No Confirmation Class* this week  
*Coffee Pop-in*, Saturday, 10.30am.

Thursday 14 May is **Ascension Day**, and our Wednesday 10.30am Eucharist will be transferred to Thursday that week to mark the Feast. **PCC members** please note our meeting that evening at the Vicarage at 7.00pm.

We are planning a **coffee morning and plant sale** for church funds, Saturday 16 May from 10.00am to 12.00 noon. Your donations of plants and cakes are welcome.

**The annual Parochial Meeting:** will take place Sunday 25 May after the 10.00am Mass. Please stay if you are able, and consider how you may be able to help.

**We pray** for the sick: Pauline Appleby, Karen Jones, Fr Frank Kirby, Iris Ward, Darquise, Ethan, Nikki; for the recently departed; and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Sonia Ray, Ronald Morris, Eric Beardsmore, Cyrill Mogg, Gemma Green, Tony Ellis, James Copper. **Pray too** for our Confirmation candidates, Jess, Josh and Reggie.

**Saint Paul's**, like any parish of the Church of England, relies on the generosity of those who worship here. Please leave your offering on the plate or donate by bank transfer to: St Paul's Parochial Church Council, Coven, AC 02115540, Sort code 30-99-83.

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS Fifth Week of Easter

Monday	Acts 14.5-18
The English Martyrs	John 14.21-26
Tuesday	Acts 14.19-end
Easter weekday	John 14.27-end
Wednesday	Acts 15.1-6
Easter weekday	John 15.1-8
Thursday	Acts 15.7-21
Easter weekday	John 15.9-11
Friday	Acts 15.22-31
Easter weekday	John 15.12-17
Saturday	Acts 16.1-10
Saint Athanasius	John 15.18-21
Next Sunday	Acts 8.5-17; 1 Peter 3.15-18
Fifth Sunday of Easter	John 14.15-21