



Anna Benefice Bulletin

(ST PETER'S GOODWORTH CLATFORD, ALL
SAINTS' UPPER CLATFORD AND ST MARY'S
ABBOTTS ANN)

17 MAY
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY

Verse of the week

Jesus said: And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

(John 17:11)

Prayer for the week

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

Details of weekend services with link

Sunday 17 May Easter 7

8am	Holy Communion	St Mary's	Nicky	Acts 1:6-14 John 17:1-11
9.30am	Morning Worship	St Mary's	Tim	Acts 1:6-14 John 17:1-11
9.30am	Parish Communion	All Saints'	Teresa	Acts 1:6-14 John 17:1-11
11am	Matins	St Peter's	Peter	Psalm 68:1-10 Ezekiel 36:24-28 Acts 1:6-14
3pm	Wild Worship Churchyard Trail		All Saints'	WW Team
6pm	Zoom Praise	Zoom	Peter, Jane	

A description of our services can be found on the Benefice website [LINK](#)

Bible reading Sunday morning services

Acts 1:6-14 NRSVA - The Ascension of Jesus - So when they - Bible Gateway.

John 17:1-11 NRSVA - Jesus Prays for His Disciples - After - Bible Gateway.

Psalm 68 | The Church of England

Ezekiel 36:24-28 NRSVA - I will take you from the nations, and - Bible Gateway.

Benefice Prayer List

All Saints'

Annie, Liz, Dot, Emma

St Mary's

Jean, Stephanie, Nick, Vivien, Annie D, Nick & Angela, Anthony

St Peter's

Constance, Jonathan, Terry & Judy, Jenny & Adrian

We give thanks for the life of Jean Bray and pray for her family

Diary of events

(Including services on the rota)

Tue 19 May

7pm St Peter's APCM, St Peter's Room, Teresa

Thu 21 May

11am Men's Café, Abbots Ann Village Shop, Peter

2.30pm Men's Café, Abbots Ann Village Shop, Tim

7pm St Mary's APCM, War Memorial Hall, Teresa,

Sun 24 May Pentecost

9.30am Informal Worship, St Mary's, Teresa, Di

9.30am Morning Worship, All Saints', Peter

11am Parish Communion, St Peter's, Teresa, Nicky

6pm Evensong, All Saints', Tim

No Zoom Praise



May 2026 Prayer Card

Isaiah 43:19 Behold! I am doing a new thing.

God of all creation,

*We give thanks for the spring beauty emerging
in this place.*

*May our spiritual lives be renewed by your love,
our hearts made ready to follow you more deeply
and your light shine out in our words and actions.*

In the name of the Risen Christ. Amen.

Write down your prayer focus for this month.
You may have additional prayers but these are
your core.

3 people who need encouragement at this time

For businesses and charities in the local area that
support those in need

For all who care for our churchyards and
the families who visit them

Own choice:

Activities for families with children

Try making a 'worry hand'. Then, if you are worried about something, use it to help chat with God out loud, or in silence, about whatever is troubling you. Find the details [HERE](#).





Deanery Synod Representatives

Our APCMs are upon us again. All Saints on Thursday 7th May, St Peter's 19th May and St Mary's 21st May.

This year, as well as seeking new PCC members, we are voting for new Deanery Synod Reps which happens every three years.

Being a Deanery Synod Representative is an opportunity to serve the wider church, supporting its mission, growth, and engagement across parish boundaries, while helping to shape our shared future.

Meetings are typically held a few times a year, offering a manageable but meaningful way to contribute. Synod reps automatically become members of the PCC.

Just as importantly, without representation on Synod, our voice is diminished, and our ability to influence the future of our rural parishes is lost.

Please do consider whether this is a role you might be called to take on.

Contact one of the ministry team or churchwardens if you would like more information



Ordinand on Placement

I am delighted to let you know that we are going to be joined by Veronica Brewer from the end of May and for June as part of her training for ordination. Veronica will join us for Sunday worship, helping lead a little and preaching as well as observing what we do and how etc. She will also be present in our community and schools activities. I know that she will be made very welcome.

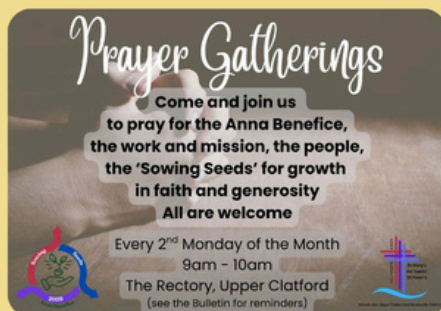
Hello everyone, I'm Veronica. I've enjoyed living near Andover for the past 27 years and feel very rooted in the local area. I'm mum to three grown-up children and owner of a lively little dog who makes sure I get plenty of fresh air and walks in all weathers! I love sharing coffee and meals with friends. I work as the Youth Community Lead for Andover Parish and worship at St Paul's Church on Smannell Road. Alongside this, I'm in my first year of training as an ordinand. As part of that journey, we spend time in a placement church outside our usual context, and I'm delighted to be joining your churches in the Anna Benefice during June.

I'm really looking forward to meeting you all, sharing in worship, and getting to know your communities over the coming weeks.

Veronica - 1st Year PT Context Based Ordinand

**Our Prayer Gathering met on
Monday 11th May.**

**This month we prayed for
'Discerning Vocation in Parish Life'
praying especially for volunteer and
lay led ministries that God calls us to**



**The next Prayer Gathering at
The Rectory is
Monday 8th June
from 9am to 10am.
All welcome.**

PRAYER FOCUS – Discerning Vocation in Parish Life

As change takes place within our parishes, let us pray for growth in following the call God has for each of us.

✠ Hearing God's Call

- Where might the Holy Spirit be calling people to serve?
- What gifts, passions, or opportunities are emerging in our parishes?
- Pray for openness and courage to respond to God's invitation.

✠ Encouraging and Equipping People

- Pray for all current volunteers, authorised lay ministry and all who serve faithfully.
- who might need encouragement to explore a new ministry or role?
- Pray for wisdom to recognise, nurture, and support people's gifts.

✠ Building a Culture of Shared Ministry

- Reflect on how every person has a part to play in the life of the Church.
- Pray for collaborative, hopeful, and welcoming parish communities.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will raise up new leaders and strengthen each church in service and mission.

**We reflected on 1 Corinthians 12:4-11,
Romans 12:4-8, Ephesians 4:11-13 and
1 Samuel 3:1-10 as we looked at the ways in
which God calls us to serve him**



The time between Ascension and Pentecost is when churches across the world commit to prayer through Thy Kingdom Come. For 2026, the theme is God with us. There are resources to use should you wish to engage: a pdf Novena with readings and reflections for the ten days, some prayer ideas and a bookmark for praying for 5 people. There will be physical copies of the bookmark in churches, but should you wish a physical copy of the Novena, please let Danielle know at the office and she will produce one and place it in the church for you with your name on it.

This is a link to the publication of the Novena [HERE](#)

Ten New Prayer ideas [HERE](#)



If you need any help or support then don't hesitate to contact one of the team

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