

✠ 5th Sunday of Easter ✠  
ALL SAINTS' CHURCH 3rd May 2026

**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.

**Amen.**

**FIRST READING**

(Acts 7.55-60)

A reading from the book of Acts:

But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING:**

(1 Peter 2.2-10)

A reading from the first letter of Peter:

Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame." Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," and, "A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL.**

(John 14.1-14)

Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, they shall live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

**Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John:

*'I go and prepare a place for you.'*

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.' Jesus answered: 'Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Lord Jesus Christ, who prepares a place for us in the Father's house, receive these gifts, strengthen our trust in you, that our hearts may not be troubled, and the Father be glorified through the Son; now and for ever. **Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER 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.

**Amen.**





# ✠ ALL SAINTS' CHORLEY ✠



## Our hymns:

206 Christ is our corner-stone  
333 All my hope on God is founded

### *Please remember in your prayers:*

<b>From our parish:</b>	Our school of All Saints', Mrs. Partington, the staff, and children.
<b>For the sick:</b>	Paul Catterall, Linda Eubank, Ken Starkey, Christine Gothard, Michael Baxendale, Pam & Michael McLachlan, Linda Carrara, Sandra & Mike Downey, Anita Campbell, Norman & Brenda Riley, Joyce Jolly, Audrey Clark; and all the residents of Gillibrand Hall and Coniston House.
<b>Recently departed</b>	Eric Scambler, William Robinson.
<b>Years Mind:</b>	Ann Fairclough, Michael Wilding, Malcom Smalley, Carl Smalley, Jean Holland, Fred Ollerton

### REGULAR SERVICES:

**SUNDAY - Family Eucharist, 11.00am Closer, 4.00pm**

**THURSDAY - Said Eucharist, 10.30am**

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### NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 3rd MAY

**CONFIRMATION 2026** – the confirmation service is on Wednesday 22nd July at 7:30pm, at All Saints'. Classes start after half-term. Fr Jordan will contact all candidates for further information.

**FURNESS ABBEY TRIP** - by minibus on Saturday 27th June. The magnificent Abbey ruins are well worth visiting and the return journey will include a visit to Morecambe for a couple of hours, time for Fish and Chips or just a stroll and some fresh sea air. The cost will be approximately £15 - £20, (depending on fuel prices at the time) which includes entrance to the Abbey ruins. Departing 09.00 from Church Hall Car park, return 20.00 - 21.00. A £10 deposit is required. See Graham Dickinson (choir member) for details and to book.

**BIG DAY OUT** - Celebrating 100 years of Blackburn Diocese with a party in Blackpool! Saturday 16 May. All welcome and it's - free of charge! Follow the link below or visit Blackburn Diocese website.

<https://www.blackburn.anglican.org/events/1219/the-big-day-out-in-blackpool>

**PRESTON ORPHEUS CHOIR** - for all you classical music lovers out there! Experience Vivaldi's Gloria, on Saturday 6th June, 7:00pm in St Leonard's Church, Penwortham. Entry fee is £10. Or, if you fancy joining in the singing, come along between 2:00-6:00pm (all voices welcome) musical scores available, £15 (£8 students.) Music director: Dan Adams

Pianist: Paul Greenhalgh. [www.prestonorpheuschoir.org](http://www.prestonorpheuschoir.org)



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