

Notices for St. Blasius and St. John's, 3rd May 2026, Fifth Sunday of Easter, using the Yellow Easter Booklets (St John's) or the Matins Booklets (St Blasius)

	St Blasius	St. John's	Music	Notes
03/05/2026	Matins Revd Karen	Food for Thought Brenda	St B Erles St J n/a	

Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

St Blasius

Matins	First Reading	Acts 7:55 to 60 (Annie)
	Second Reading	John 14:1-14 (Bob)
	Psalm	31:1-6

St. John's

Food for Thought	First Reading	tbc
	Gospel	tbc

If you are interested in leading intercessions at either church and do not already do so, please let Revd Karen know. Some basic training will be provided.

St Blasius News

- We are soon going to be in urgent need of both a **Churchwarden** and a **PCC Secretary**. Following years of faithful service Bob Crawley and Jane Wilshaw will be relinquishing their responsibilities for these two roles at our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 17th May**. Please consider carefully whether you might be able to take on one of these roles, possibly even as a job share. If you are interested in finding out more, please speak to Bob, Jane or Revd Karen.
- The next **Coffee and Cake morning** will be this coming **Monday 4th May ('Mayday' Bank Holiday)**.
- On Monday week, 11th May, at 10.30am we will be holding a dementia-friendly service on the theme of 'friendship': all welcome. Refreshments will be served after the service.
- **SAVE THE DATE: Our Summer Fete will be held in our churchyard (weather permitting) on Saturday, July 25th**. Look out for more detailed information of our preparations for what is our most important fundraising and community outreach event of the year;
- As they will no longer be recycled on the Island, please bring medicine foils/'blister packs' from used tablets along to church. There will be a box in church for them behind the Welcome table. Pam has kindly said she will pass them on to Boots who will recycle them.

St. John's News

- Bingo on Monday, 2pm to 4pm.
- Coffee morning 10am to 11am at Jenny's.

Ecumenical Worship/News

- This Sunday's evening service will be at **5pm at Shanklin United Reformed Church**.
- On **24th May**, Pentecost Sunday, there will be a '**Bless the Island**' event, with Christians all over the island meeting to pray at various locations. Further details to follow.

Wider Church Community News:

- The May Shanklin Chimes magazine is available at each church and on the St Blasius and St John's Church websites: [St Blasius - A Church Near You](#) and [St John's - A Church Near You](#)
- If you would like to explore possible service in the church as a Lay Reader (licensed lay minister), Pioneer, Youth Minister, Anna Chaplain, Evangelist, Lay Pastoral Assistant, Lay Worship Leader, Lay Preacher, or as an ordained Priest, or even as part of a religious community, there will be a special **vocations 'roadshow'** on Saturday 9th May, 2:30pm to 4:30pm, at Newport Minster. You will have the opportunity to meet with and chat to some of the Vocations Team.
- The annual 'Thy Kingdom Come' season is almost upon us. Thy Kingdom Come 2026 explores the theme of 'God with Us'. Written by our new Archbishop, Sarah Mullally, the Novena (nine days of prayer) runs from Ascension to Pentecost. From 14th May – 24th May. Join with Christians around the globe in making this a time of prayerful preparation and renewal. Free copies of the Archbishop's booklet will be available at both churches.

News of events and information about the life of our Diocese may be found in the latest e-bulletin:

[The Portsmouth Diocese eBulletin – the latest information update](#)

We continue to keep in our prayers all who are unwell especially for all those known to us personally, including Joan Lawson, Beryl O' Brien, Mary Gustar, Martin, Peter O'Toole, Anne, Alison, Garry Turnbull, Carl, Ann Baker, Lisa, Michael, Anne and Derek, Iryna, Millie, Jenny Halpin, Chris and Valerie Keynes, Jill Ballinger, Sue Kendall and Kevin.

We remember before God those whose earthly race has run. May God grant eternal rest to all who have died, both those known to us and those known to God alone. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. We pray that families and friends who have lost loved ones may find peace and comfort.

Our prayers continue for all those who care for the dying, the sick, the housebound and infirm, our medical teams, hospice staff and volunteers, emergency services, carers, home visitors, Anna Chaplains and Anna Friends and all who minister to the isolated and lonely.

As we continue to hold in our prayers the hope of an end to the conflicts especially those in Sudan, Somalia, Ukraine, India and Pakistan, Cambodia and Thailand, as well as Iran, Lebanon and other countries caught up in the current conflict in the Middle East. We bring before you too the people of Yemen, the Horn of Africa and all those places in the world which have fallen from the news media.

We pray for God's comfort and blessing on all those whose lives have been disrupted as a result of natural disasters or other tragedies.

A prayer for the Fifth Sunday of Easter 🙏

Teach us, O God, to trust your providence, ordered and sure; to accept your wisdom, unerring and true and to rejoice in your love unbounded and eternal; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

With every blessing, *Revd Karen* <>