



TORTEVAL CHURCH
Bringing Everyone Together

The Parish Church of
St. Philippe de Torteval

Torteval Methodist Church

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5th Sunday after Easter [BCP]

6th Sunday of Easter [CW]

10th May 2026

Welcome

The Clergy and Church Officers of both the Parish and Methodist Churches warmly welcome you today: whether you are visiting us, or regularly worship here, we are delighted to see you. Large print orders of service are available upon request.

Today's Services

**11.00 a.m. Joint Family Service for
Liberation Day and Rogation**
6.00 p.m. Evensong [BCP]



Dates for the Diary

7.00 p.m. Wednesday 13th May
Annual Ratepayers' and Electors'
Meeting in the Parish Hall

5.00 p.m. Friday 5th June
1st Friday @ 5

7.00 p.m. Wednesday 17th June
Deanery Synod at St. Andrew's Church



**On
Thursday
we
commemorate
Christ's
Ascension
to
Heaven**

THE SICK AND

OTHERS WHO ASK OUR PRAYERS:

Sandra Diment, Collette Gallienne,
Roslyn Guilbert, Jackie Thome,
Gary Van Der Linden and all
mentioned on the prayer board.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

Rebecca Elliott, Fr. Paul Mellor,
Jamie Toynton

THE WORLD: pray for all places
afflicted by war, that peace may
reign throughout the world.

THE CHURCH: Archbishop Sarah,
Acting Bishop Karen, Bailiwick
clergy, especially for Howard and
Mark.

THE BAILIWICK: Holy Trinity Church

THE PARISH: Rue de la Folie



Robert Varley (Sunday 10th May)

If it's yours, and we did not know it, Happy Birthday!

Email djr@flagpole.gg so that we don't miss you off next year's greetings.



Death of Former Dean

It is with sadness that we report the death of the former Dean of Guernsey, Fr. Paul Mellor, who died of cancer in Salisbury Hospice on Thursday. It is expected that his funeral Service will be held in Salisbury Cathedral.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

What does Rogation mean?

Rogation is an ancient church festival to seek blessing for a community and its sustenance. The word rogation comes from the Latin verb *rogare*, meaning "to ask", which reflects the beseeching of God for protection from calamities. As the Book of Common Prayer puts it: "Rogation Days are the three days preceding Ascension Day, especially devoted to asking for God's blessing on agriculture and industry."

Since mediaeval times there has been a tradition of "beating the bounds" of the parish, praying for God's blessing upon the crops and thus the well-being of that particular settlement. It is still observed by some parishes today – with a procession, prayers and a sharing of hope in God's goodness to nourish every endeavour which enables people to flourish.

The fifth Sunday after Easter is traditionally known as "Rogation Sunday" in the Church of England's calendar. This is because the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of the following week are known as the "Rogation Days," days for fasting and prayer. The Thursday of that week is the feast of the Ascension, which comes on a Thursday, the 40th day after Easter.

Rogation invites people to ask for blessing – for a particular place; for all its inhabitants; for every endeavour to promote the common good. It is totally inclusive – joining everyone in seeking sustenance and a commitment to play their part in its provision.

Flower Rota

10th May
17th May
24th May
31st May

Altar (Anglican)

Jenny Ridley
Anne Bourgaize
Anne Bourgaize
Carolyn Taylor

Vase (Methodist)

Pauline Sarre
Joy Le Couteur
Michelle Le Lacheur
Diane Ward

Services & Daily Readings for May 2026

AHON = Anglican Hymns Old & New (*blue*)

NEH = New English Hymnal (*green*)

Sunday 10th May – 5th Sunday after Easter [BCP] 6th Sunday of Easter [CW]

11.00 a.m. Joint Family Service for Liberation Day and Rogation **Rector**

6.00 p.m. Evensong [BCP] **Revd Juliette Robilliard**

1st Lesson: Zechariah 8: 1-13 Winston Pipet

2nd Lesson: Revelation 21: 22 – 22: 5 Sue Brooks

Psalms: 107: 1-9

Canticles: Cantate Domino & Deus Misereatur

Intercessions: Sir Richard McMahon

Hymns (NEH) 263 omit*, 127, 495

Readings for this week:

	<u><i>Psalm</i></u>	<u><i>1st Reading</i></u>	<u><i>2nd Reading</i></u>
Sunday Easter 5 (6)		<i>see above</i>	
Monday Rogation	104: 21-30	Deuteronomy 8: 1-10	Matthew 6: 1-15
Tuesday Rogation	107: 1-9	1 Kings 8: 35-40	Mark 11: 22-24
Wednesday Rogation	121	Job 28: 1-11	Luke 11: 5-13
Thursday Ascension Day	47	Acts 1: 1-11	Luke 24: 44>
Friday St Matthias	15	Isaiah 22: 15>	John 15: 9-17
Saturday	21	Acts 18: 22>	John 16: 23-28

Sunday 17th May – Sunday after Ascension Day

11.00 a.m. United Holy Communion [Methodist Rite] **Revd Howard Stringer**

Sunday 24th May – Whit Sunday [BCP] Pentecost [CW]

11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist [CW] **Rector**

New Testament: Acts 2: 1-21 David Robilliard

Gospel: John 20: 19-23 Rector

Intercessions: Madeleine Squires

Hymns (AHON): 120, 124, 114, 87, 746

6.00 p.m. Evensong [BCP] **Rector**

1st Lesson: Numbers 11: 24-30 Rector

2nd Lesson: Acts 2: 14-21 Revd Juliette Robilliard

Psalms: 133 & 134

Canticles: Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis

Intercessions: Sue Brooks

Hymns (NEH) 139, 419, 140

Sunday 31st May – Trinity Sunday

9.30 a.m. Methodist Service **Read**

11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist [BCP] **Revd Juliette Robilliard**

Old Testament: Isaiah 40: 12-17, 27end Madeleine Squires

Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-end Revd Juliette Robilliard

Intercessions: *included in liturgy*

Hymns (AHON): 510, 349, 267, 618, 172

Methodist Minister's Reflection for May

May is a month that carries a particular weight of meaning here in Guernsey. Before we plant summer flowers, hang out bunting, or enjoy the longer evenings, we pause - as we do every year on the ninth of May - to remember. This year marks eighty-one years since Liberation Day, when in 1945 the occupation ended, and the Islands were finally free.

For many in our parish, that history is not distant. It is written into the stones of our church, the names in our churchyard, and the memories still held by the oldest among us. Freedom, when it comes after long darkness, is not taken for granted; it is something deeply felt.

This prompts a question for us as a community: what does it mean to be shaped by that story? We see it in resilience, in neighbourliness, and in the quiet courage of ordinary life maintained under extraordinary pressure. These are not only virtues for times of crisis - they are the habits of any healthy community. They are, I believe, both deeply Christian and deeply Guernsey in character.

The church calendar also guides us through Eastertide this month, leading us toward Pentecost. We are a people who live in the light of resurrection - a story of hope enduring through the worst and of life breaking through where it seemed impossible. In that sense, the theme of liberation resonates deeply with our faith.

Wherever and however you mark Liberation Day on 9th May, we join together in giving thanks, and in remembering all who suffered, all who served, and all who waited.

As we move into this brighter season, may we carry with us a renewed sense of gratitude, and of the shared life we hold as a parish community.

Every blessing

Howard Stringer

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