



Please Pray for

...those who have died, including: **Sylvia Flood** (Nick's brother's widow),
Bill McDowell (funeral 22nd May), **John Daniels** (Sue Harder's father – funeral 21st May),
Mary Allen and **Tony Bell** (funeral 1.30pm 29th May at TV Crem)

...those who are unwell, including: **Debbie Arthur**, **Debbie Matthias**,
Jeanine Stewart, **Lawrence Nash**, **Liz Bellingham** (dtr of Roy Perry, having op),
Margaret Harden, **Mavis Eastwood**, **Nick Turner** (in hospital, making progress),
Pam Farquharson, **Rae Tugwell**, **Richard** (Liz Holton's brother) & **Simon Bell**

Ascension Day (Latin *ascendare* – to go up) last Thursday marked the end of the 'Great Forty Days' since Easter, during which the risen Christ appeared to his disciples many times, culminating in his ascension to heaven. Now we look forward to celebrating his gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (next Sunday). As Head of the Church and our great High Priest, Christ prays for us always. One day all will call him 'Lord'.

Daily Bible Readings:

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. Try to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passage.

Sunday	John 17:1-11	<i>Jesus prays for his disciples</i>
Monday	John 3:31-36	<i>The Son and the Father</i>
Tuesday	John 8:21-30	<i>Jesus speaks of going to the Father</i>
Wednesday	Ephesians 4:1-6	<i>Keep the unity of the Spirit</i>
Thursday	1 Peter 3:8-12	<i>Live in harmony</i>
Friday	Ephesians 3:14-21	<i>Paul prays for the Ephesians</i>
Saturday	Psalms 17:1-9	<i>O God, hear my prayer</i>
Sunday	Acts 2:1-21	<i>The Holy Spirit comes</i>

A Morning Prayer: Father in heaven, please keep us safe today with the power that belongs to your name. Amen. (John 17:11)

An Evening Prayer: Lord God, we give all our worries to you. Help us rest easy in your care. Amen. (1 Peter 5:7)

A Blessing to Give: May God always keep you safe. May he keep your faith in Jesus strong, and give you eternal life. Amen. (John 17:1-3)



Readings for 24th May – Pentecost

Numbers 11:24-30; Ps 104:26-36, 37b; 1 Cor 12:3b-13; Acts 2:1-21; Jn 20:19-23 or 7:37-39
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**Thorngate &
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BENEFICE

News & Notices - 17th to 24th May



Christ Glorified in the Court of Heaven (detail), Painted by Fra Angelico (1395-1455), Painted circa 1423-1424

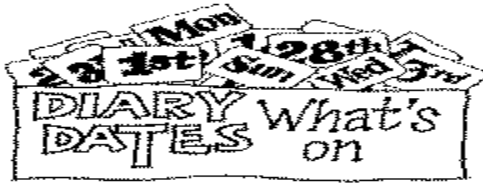
Sunday 17th May – 6th of Easter

8am	Communion (BCP) in East Dean
From 9am	Online Service www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches
9am	Eucharist in West Tytherley
9.15am	Sung Eucharist in Wellow
1030am	Celebration Service in Lockerley
11am	Family Service in Sherfield English
9pm	Online Night Prayer www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches

17th May – 7th of Easter

Ezekiel 36:24-28 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35	1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 Acts 1:6-14	John 17:1-11
God's people have failed in their vocation, so God determines to change them from the inside.	1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 Christ's followers are encouraged to keep faith even through difficulties, trusting in the promises of God. Acts 1:6-14 After seeing Jesus leave earth and return to heaven, the apostles wait for the fulfilment of God's promise of the power of the Holy Spirit.	Jesus prays that his followers may have God's blessing and protection when he is no longer with them.

Acts must be one of the readings for the day (replacing OT or NT Reading)



Monday to Saturday

9am & 9pm Online Morning & Night Prayer www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches

Wednesday 20th May

9am Lockerley School Service in Church (No Midweek Eucharist)
7pm East Tytherley Annual Meetings in Church

Thursday 21st May

7pm Joint Council Meeting at West Tytherley

Sunday 24th May – Pentecost

8.15am Communion (BCP) in Wellow
From 9am Online Service www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches
9am Matins (BCP) in West Tytherley
9.15am Sung Matins (BCP) in Wellow
1030am Eucharist in Lockerley
11am Morning Prayer in Sherfield English
1145am Lockerley Annual Meetings in Church
6pm Evensong (BCP) in East Dean
9pm Online Night Prayer www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches

	31 st May	7 th Jun	14 th Jun	21 st Jun	28 th Jun
East Dean	1030am Benefice Eucharist at East Dean	11am (BCP) Matins	9am (BCP) Communion	8am (BCP) Communion	6pm (BCP) Evensong
East Tytherley		-	9.30am Short but Sweet	-	-
Lockerley		8am (BCP) Communion 1030am Celebration Service	1030am Eucharist	1030am Celebration Service	1030am Eucharist
Sherfield English		11am Communion	11am Morning Prayer	11am Family Service	11am Morning Prayer
West Tytherley		9.45/10am Breakfast Church	8am (BCP) Communion	9am Eucharist	9am (BCP) Matins
Wellow		9.15am Sung Eucharist 4pm Messy Church	9.15am Sung Eucharist	9.15am Sung Eucharist	8.15am (BCP) Communion 9.15am (BCP) Matins

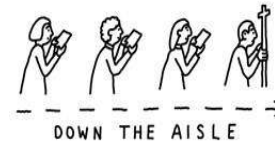


**Charity of the Month
May 2026**

In May, the Charity of the Month is Christian Aid. An agency of the churches in the UK and Ireland, Christian Aid works wherever the need is greatest, irrespective of religion. It works with some of the world's most vulnerable communities in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and Latin America and the Caribbean. Christian Aid believes in strengthening people to find their own solutions to the problems they face. It strives for a new world transformed by an end to poverty and campaigns to change the rules that keep people poor. More details from www.christianaid.org.uk
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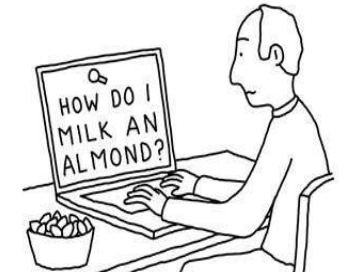
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