

## 7The Greenway Benefice Sunday Sheet

Holy Trinity Badgeworth, St Paul's Shurdington, and St Mary's Witcombe with Bentham

*(Sunday services, readings and prayers are on this sheet, please look in the Three in One\* for other news and notices)*

**Sunday 17th May 2026**

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

### Today's Services

9.30 St Paul's Holy Communion  
11.00 Holy Trinity BCP Morning Prayer  
11.00 St Mary's Holy Communion



### Collect

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is  
gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

### Lectionary Readings

#### Acts 1.6–14

12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup> When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup> All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

#### Psalm 68.1–10, 32–end

- 1 Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered; •  
let those that hate him flee before him.
- 2 As the smoke vanishes, so may they vanish away; •  
as wax melts at the fire,  
so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; •  
let them make merry with gladness.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his name; •  
exalt him who rides on the clouds. •  
The Lord is his name; rejoice before him.
- 5 Father of the fatherless, defender of widows, •  
God in his holy habitation!

- 6 God gives the solitary a home  
and brings forth prisoners to songs of welcome, •  
but the rebellious inhabit a burning desert.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, •  
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook and the heavens dropped down rain,  
at the presence of God, the Lord of Sinai, •  
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- 9 You sent down a gracious rain, O God; •  
you refreshed your inheritance when it was weary.
- 10 Your people came to dwell there; •  
in your goodness, O God, you provide for the poor.
- 32 Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth; •  
make music in praise of the Lord;
- 33 He rides on the ancient heaven of heavens •  
and sends forth his voice, a mighty voice.
- 34 Ascribe power to God, whose splendour is over  
Israel, •  
whose power is above the clouds.
- 35 How terrible is God in his holy sanctuary, •  
the God of Israel, who gives power and strength to his  
people!  
Blessed be God.

#### 1 Peter 4.12–14 .5.6–11

12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.  
Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup> Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup> And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup> To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

## Gospel Reading

### John 17.1–11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. <sup>6</sup> 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup> for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> 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.

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## This week's prayers

Please remember in your prayers:

- Those living in Greenway Lane.
- Members of other Christian churches, especially Shurdington Chapel and The Greek and Russian congregations at St John Chrysostom, Bentham
- We are also praying for the people of Ukraine and the Middle East, that they may freely live in peace.

## Shurdington Primary School

We are continuing our school links, and we pray for the staff and pupils. This term's school value is Thankfulness.

## Our Frontline Prayer

We thank you, Heavenly Father, for the gift of this community. We commend one another to you on our different frontlines.

Wherever we are, whatever we do, whoever we are, may the Holy Spirit guide us in all things so that we may do God's will in the world, in the service of Jesus Christ and with great joy.



## In Church next week

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May Pentecost

10.30 St Mary's Benefice Holy Communion

*This will be the only service in the Benefice this Sunday – all welcome*

## ECO tip for May

World Bee Day is on 20<sup>th</sup> May – why not help care for creation by looking after bees and other pollinators this month.

Take part in 'No Mow May' to allow bees access to wildflower pollen, and make water available. In the longer term try to grow more nectar rich flowers, shrubs and trees.

If you do not have a garden, window or balcony boxes are all helpful to give pollinators more chances to thrive.