

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Reserved Sacrament

10th May 2026



Collect

Risen Christ,

by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:

help your Church to obey your command

and draw the nations to the fire of your love,

to the glory of God the Father.

Post Communion

God our Father,

whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:

may we thirst for you,

the spring of life and source of goodness,

through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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Acts 17: 22-31

22 Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. 23 For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

24 “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. 25 And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. 26 From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. 27 God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. 28 ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’

29 “Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. 30 In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. 31 For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

1 Peter 3: 13-end

¹³ Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.” ¹⁵ But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behaviour in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. ¹⁷ For it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you

to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. ¹⁹ After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— ²⁰ to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹ and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

John 14: 15-21

¹⁵ “If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

Hymns

Complete Anglican; Hymns Old and New

		<u>Number</u>
Processional	Alleluia, sing to Jesus	12
Kyrie		962
Gloria		Murray
Gradual	Morning has broken	450
Offertory	All things bright and beautiful	25
Communion	Come down O love divine	114
Recessional	I, the Lord of sea and sky	332

Notices

Safeguarding

The Parish operates in accordance with the House of Bishops guidance and policies and have our own Parish Safeguarding Officer who is **Mrs Shola Odedina-Barton**. See the front of the Contact Sheet for her contact email address. Alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on **0121 426 0407** or email StephH@cofebirmingham.com if you have any concerns.

Fire escape

In case there is a need to evacuate church or the Memorial Hall, please make yourself familiar with the fire exit routes before the service starts.

Compline

There will be a service of Compline on Wednesday the **13th May 2026 @ 9.30pm**. The Zoom details are - Meeting ID: 848 0981 2495 Passcode: 464983

Annual Parochial Church Meeting – APCM

Please note that our APCM will take place on Sunday 17th May after the morning's service. The report is available at the back of church.

Deanery Synod representative

At our APCM we will elect a representative from the church to sit on a newly constituted Deanery synod. If you would like to put your name forward, please take a nomination form from the back of church, complete it and return to Yvonne (PCC Secretary) **before** the APCM starts. There is also an information sheet at the back of church about the role of Deanery Synod representative.

Church tidy up

Could you spare half an hour after the service on the 31st May to help tidy up the scullery and sacristy. Bin bags will be provided. Please let Jeanne or Phil know.

Ascension day service – 14th May

There will be a service for Ascension day at St Michael & All Angels church at 11am on Thursday 14th May.

Thy Kingdom come – 14th May to the 24th May

This year is the tenth anniversary of the worldwide call to prayer between Ascension day and the day of Pentecost. There will be an activity provided to help us keep to the ten days of prayer but you may want to make note of the dates in your diary.

Pentecost – Sunday 24th May

For those of you who like to sort your outfits out beforehand, we will be wearing red on the 24th May.

Christian Aid

If you are able to contribute towards the work of Christian Aid, please take an envelope from the back of church and return it on the offertory plate by Sunday 24th May. The unopened envelopes will then be collected by the co-ordinator at St Edburgh's church with our collection being added to that of the other churches in the Oversight area. If you want to engage more fully with either the focus for this year's collection or the work of Christian Aid more broadly there is plenty of information available on their website <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

Prayer list

The prayer list has been refreshed. If you would like anyone adding please let Phil, Jeanne or Fr Alex know (and get the person's permission as well).

Cordoned off area

Please don't walk within the area that is cordoned off in church.

Prayers

Saint Cyprian's church

Within all the activity and noise that wraps our lives within Hay Mill, may your voice be heard Lord, calling and coaxing your flock onward into an experience of life set free from all unjust worldly restriction and limitation.

Saint Benedict's church

Enable us merciful Lord to appoint to all the necessary PCC positions at our forthcoming Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Saint Michael & All Angels church

As we prepare for our APCM, we give our heartfelt thanks Lord for all who have constituted the churches Parochial Church Council in times that have now passed. For their faith, wisdom and energy thank you Lord.

Saint Mary's church

Help us to reach out to those who need our support and protect the vulnerable within our midst. Faith gives us strength to go out in our Lord's name and be His disciples here and now.

Prayers at St Cyprian's church

We pray for all those who are in need at this time, for

David Mead, Paul Shaw, Alan, Ronnie Allen and Ollie.

We remember those who have died in faith... Jayne Carter, Beryl Roberts, Peter Young and for those whose years mind is in May... Roland Evans-Ryder, Florence Evans-Ryder, Jack Ryder, George Hayward, James Evans, William Saunders, John Orme, Barry Craven, Sandra Hall, Sylvia Allen, John Stacey and Rosalind Fenton.