



Pew Sheet for 10th May 2026

A warm welcome to everyone attending today's services

6th Sunday after Easter

Please come into the hall for refreshments after the 09:30 service.

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.

Hymns:

CP609	To God be the Glory
EWS165	There is a Redeemer
CP470	I the Lord of Sea and Sky
EWS157	Such Love
Sheet	There is a Higher Throne
CP536	O Jesus I have promised

Although there is no formal collection during the offertory hymn, please feel free to make a contribution to the work of St. Mary's either in the Treasury box at the back of church, or using the card reader, also at the back of church. Thank you.

Readings

Acts 17: 22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said,

“For we too are his offspring.”

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

John 14: 15-21

THE PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.

Post-communion prayer:

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.

Each Sunday, after the 9:30 am service, someone is available in St Mary's Chapel to listen and pray with you.

We give thanks to God for the faithful service of Ms Beryl Johns, who has lovingly cared for the cleaning of the church silver for the past 32 years. As a church, we greatly appreciate and thank her for this wonderful contribution to St Mary's.

As Beryl is no longer able to continue this work, we are now looking for volunteers who may be willing to carry on this valued ministry. If you feel you could help, please speak to Jenny Snailham.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

SUNDAY 10th MAY - Saskia will be raising funds for MIND, bringing small pots of sweet peas to Sunday's service. Should you wish to buy some (cash only please) the suggested cost is £1/£1.50 per pot.

MONDAY 11TH MAY - 7.30pm KNIT & NATTER in the Leverton Room.

THURSDAY 14th MAY - 8.00pm Ascension Day Service

SATURDAY 16TH MAY - THE WOMEN'S GROUP will be meeting for a Beetle Drive. This is usually great fun and very noisy, so do come along and join us. We start at 10am with coffee and cake and end by 12 noon.

SATURDAY 16th MAY - PUB SINGALONG EVENING in the Church Hall. Tickets are now available at £10 each, to include a glass of wine, beer or soft drink.

SUNDAY 17TH MAY - ST MARY'S ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS will be held after 9.30am service. During this, elections will take place for PCC members, Churchwardens and Deanery Synod members. If you are interested in applying for any of these positions, or you can think of someone who would be a perfect fit for them, there are nomination forms at the back of the Church, with a box for completed forms. Two Baptisms after the APCM.

SUNDAY 17TH MAY - Baptisms after Annual Parochial Church Council Meetings.

SUNDAY 7TH JUNE - 9.30AM FAMILY FRIENDLY COMMUNION SERVICE led by children and young people

SUNDAY 14TH JUNE - 9.30am VOCATION SUNDAY - Special speaker **Mr Craig Holmes**, DDO of the Diocese of Guildford

SUNDAY 5TH JULY - 9.30am YOUTH SUNDAY - Special Speaker Mr Oli Deeks, Guildford Diocese Youth Worker.