

# ST. ANDREW'S, HADFIELD

TO BE A CHRIST LIKE PEOPLE...

## May 2026

### Vicar's Voice



*Photograph courtesy of Rev David Ridley*

At the end of April, we were privileged to welcome Philippa Hanna, the prominent Christian singer/songwriter, to St Andrew's Church in Hadfield. Her concert was uplifting, moving and inspirational, as she shared her personal journey to faith through her music.

Alongside the event itself, what meant a lot to me was the real sense of cooperation between all the churches in Hadfield - both in enabling the concert and in supporting it. When there seems to be so much divisiveness around, this togetherness and mutual support is a wonderful Christian witness.

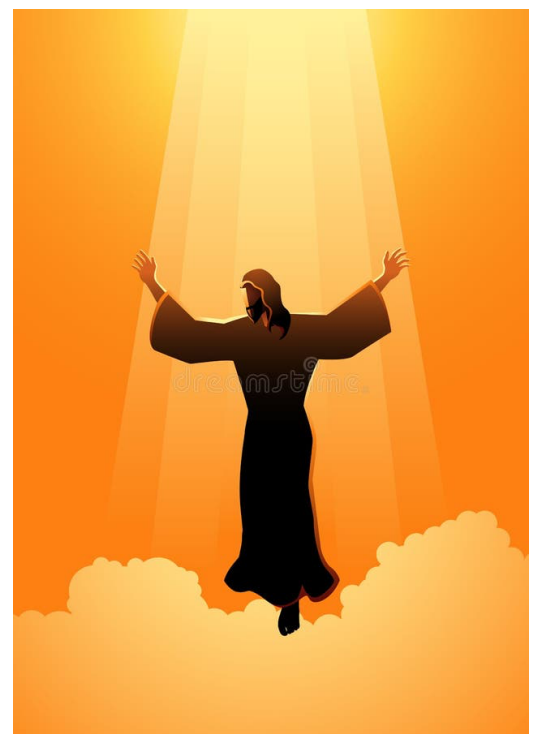
On Thursday 14 May - forty days after Easter - we mark the Ascension of Jesus. The truth for us is that when Jesus was exalted to be with his Father, he was not withdrawing, but rather placing himself at the very heart of humanity. No longer confined to one place or time, he is present in every corner of existence.

This means that Christ is not distant or removed; rather, he is intimately present.

At the same time, the ascension is a focus of unity. The ascended Christ calls humanity toward reconciliation - with God and with one another.

So if Jesus is, in a real sense, present and engaged in our world, then every part of our lives - our work, relationships, decisions, and even our quiet thoughts become places where we can discover his presence. The ascension challenges us to move beyond seeing faith as something separate from ordinary life, but instead, the lens through which everything may be understood.

On a wider scale, the ascension speaks hope into the world. In times of uncertainty, conflict, or change, we are reminded that Christ is present - deeply involved in the unfolding story of creation. His presence is marked by love, justice, and restoration; that gives us hope, but also a focus for our work and action.



**David**





**You are invited to a**  
**Christian Aid Coffee Morning**  
**at Central Methodist Church**  
**Chapel Street, Glossop**  
**Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> May**  
**10am-12noon**  
**Cakes, Books, Bric a brac**



**This Christian Aid Week help us support Christian Aid's partner organisation 'Beacon of Hope' which works in Dagoretti, Nairobi, Kenya teaching people like Fridah above to use innovative techniques that allow them to grow crops in small urban spaces near their homes. They can then feed their families and have extra produce to sell at local markets.**

# Diary of Services and Events in Church in May 2026

## Easter 5

<b>Sat 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Prayer Meeting in Church</b>	<b>Vince Ryder</b>
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> includes baptism of Isla and Teddy Doodson	<b>Rev David Ridley</b>

<b>Wed 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30 am</b> <b>11.20 am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> <b>Coffee Morning</b>	<b>Sue Leighton</b> <b>Sue Leighton</b>
---------------------------	------------------------------------	--	--

---

## Easter 6

<b>Sun 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>John Roberts</b>
----------------------------	-----------------	-----------------------	---------------------

## Rogation Day

<b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30 am</b> <b>11.20 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> <b>Coffee Morning</b>	<b>Rev David Ridley</b> <b>Ann Lucas</b>
----------------------------	------------------------------------	--	---

## Ascension Day

<b>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Rev David Ridley</b>
------------------------------	-----------------	-----------------------	-------------------------

---

## Sunday after Ascension

<b>Sun 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Vince Ryder</b>
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30 am</b> <b>11.20 am</b> <b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> <b>Coffee Morning</b> <b>PCC Meeting</b>	<b>Sue Leighton</b> <b>Ann Lucas</b> <b>Rev David Ridley (chair)</b>
<b>Thurs 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Heritage Talk</b>	<b>John Searle</b>
<b>Sat 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Church Working Party</b>	<b>Ann Lucas</b>

---

## Pentecost – Whit Sunday

<b>Sun 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Rev David Ridley</b>
<b>Wed 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30 am</b> <b>11.20 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> <b>Coffee Morning</b>	<b>Fr Norman Shaw</b> <b>Ann Lucas</b>

---

## Trinity Sunday

<b>Sun 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>John Roberts</b>
----------------------------	-----------------	-----------------------	---------------------

---