



✠ PENTECOST ✠

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH 24th May 2026

COLLECT

God, who as at this time
 taught the hearts of your faithful people
 by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
 grant us by the same Spirit
 to have a right judgement in all things
 and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
 through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

(Acts 2:1-21)

A reading from the book of Acts:

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: 'Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs— we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!' Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, 'What does this mean?' Some, however, made fun of them and said, 'They have had too much wine.' Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: "'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'" This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING:

(1 Cor 12.3b-13)

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, 'Jesus be cursed,' and no one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines. Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptised by one Spirit so as to form one body – whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free – and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL.

(John 20.19-23)

Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus said, Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John:

Glorify to you, O Lord.

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' And with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord God, as your Son stood among his disciples and spoke peace, receive these offerings and send us out in the power of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



✠ ST GEORGE'S CHORLEY ✠
NOTICES FOR 24th MAY 2026

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****IMPORTANT NOTICE****

For one week only, the 10.00am Eucharist service on **Wednesday 10th June** will now be half an hour later at **10.30am** and will take place in the **Church Hall** next to the church.

HARROCK HILL WALK

We have planned around a 15-mile walk to Harrock Hill - and back! This is to raise some money for church, enjoy a day out and to honour the Girls Friendly Society who regularly undertook this tramp a century ago. Interested folk should contact us soonest and no later than 6th June. Donations to church welcome. We need someone who could be an on-call first aider and/or standby driver of a support vehicle. **Netta and Bill Walker (07951 079359)**

MENS FELLOWSHIP BIG QUIZ

Many Thanks to those who helped or attended. Congratulations to the winners, The Jamblers. All profits, £200, to Little Tickers and Footprint charities.

CONFIRMATION 2026 – the confirmation service is on Wednesday 22nd July at 7:30pm, at All Saints'. Classes start after half-term. Fr Jordan will contact all candidates with more details.

PRESTON ORPHEUS CHOIR - Experience Vivaldi's Gloria, on Saturday 6th June, 7:00pm in St Leonard's Church, Penwortham. Entry fee is £10. Or, if you fancy joining in the singing, come along between 2:00-6:00pm (all voices welcome) musical scores available, £15 (£8 students.) Music director: Dan Adams, Pianist: Paul Greenhalgh. www.prestonorpheuschoir.org

YOUTH CLUB, ALL SAINTS' CHURCH – meets every Friday from 5:30pm till around 7:00pm. Games, music and fun! If you're in Year Six or above, this is the place for you on a Friday evening! Hosted by Peter Gaskell our Youth Worker & Fr Jordan.

Our hymns this morning:

Processional **114** Come down, O love divine
Gradual **118** Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire
Offertory **541** O thou who camest from above
Communion *Choir Hall – Our blest Redeemer*
501 O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace
352 Jesus is Lord
Post Communion **37** Angel-voices ever singing

CASHLESS DONATIONS, ST GEORGE'S CHURCH –

One-off or regular, please use these bank account details:-

Account Name – **St Georges Parochial Church Council**
Sort Code – **160039**
Account Number – **16383850**

We also accept cashless donations via the Give A Little Platform (bank transfers do not incur fees). See the separate QR Code. If eligible, please complete a Gift Aid Declaration Form, available at the back of church, allowing us to reclaim tax on your donation. Thank you.



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Please remember in your prayers:

**Marian Crossthaite, Harold Dunseath,
Linda Eubank, Jonathan Yates, Simon Newell,
Margaret Salisbury, Dorothy Treadwell,
Marjorie Baxendale, Audrey Clark, Kanwal**

The recently departed:

Laurence (Len) Docherty

Also for those whose years' mind falls at this time:
**Harold Corbett, Mary Wallbank, Allen Baybutt,
John Haddon, Leslie Heartfield, John Silcox,
Joseph Sharples, Carol McWhinnie**