

Sunday 17 May 2026 Seventh Sunday of Easter

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,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

The reading from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading.

Either Acts 1:6-14

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. 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. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Or Ezekiel 36:24-28

PSALM

Psalm 68:1-10. 32-end (or 68:1-10) 

R Sing to God, sing praises to his name.

Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered;
let those that hate him flee before him.
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. R

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them make merry with gladness.
Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
exalt him who rides on the clouds.
The Lord is his name; rejoice before him. R

Father of the fatherless, defender of widows,
God in his holy habitation!
God gives the solitary a home
and brings forth prisoners to songs of welcome,
but the rebellious inhabit a burning desert. R

O God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,
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. R

You sent down a gracious rain, O God;
you refreshed your inheritance when it was weary.
Your people came to dwell there;
in your goodness, O God, you provide for the poor. R

Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth;
make music in praise of the Lord;
He rides on the ancient heaven of heavens
and sends forth his voice, a mighty voice. R

Ascribe power to God, whose splendour is over Israel,
whose power is above the clouds.
How terrible is God in his holy sanctuary,
the God of Israel, who gives power and strength to his people!
Blessed be God. R

SECOND READING

Either 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

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. 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. 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. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around,

looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. 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. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Or Acts 1:6-14

GOSPEL John 17:1-11

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. 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. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 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. 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. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. 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."

POST COMMUNION

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.





St Wilfrid's Church Brayton

Sunday 17th May 2026

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Welcome to Joint Celtic Holy Communion at St Wilfrid's

Welcome to St Wilfrid's!
Before our Service begins you are invited to join in a short time of quietness and reflection in preparation for worship. After the Service please join us for coffee and chat in the Parish Hall.



Sign up for our St Wilfrid's mailing list with the QR code!

Coffeemates

Wednesday 27th May
10am - 12pm. Join us for tea, coffee and fantastic homemade cakes! **Lynn**

CiST Quiz Night

Saturday 30th May, 6:30pm in Portholme Church. £5 per person suggested donation to Christian Aid. Tea & coffee supplied; bring and share supper. Sign up list available at the back of church. **Hilary**

Churchyard Tidying

Saturday 30th May 9:30am-12noon. St Wilfrid's Churchyard. Come and help maintain the flower borders, cut back brambles and empty the rubbish bins! Live the dream! **John**

York Minster Passes

We would like to kindly ask those who are in possession of our parish passes to return their passes should you not require them soon, so we can circulate them for other people in need. Thank you. ruthie5611@hotmail.com, or call 01757 701911. **Ruth**

Mothers' Union

Thursday 11th June from 2pm
Celebrating 150 years of the Mothers' Union, we invite you to a Cream Tea party, with a cake stall and raffles. Tickets only £5. **Lynn, Pat & Barbara**

Fairburn Singers

Present a celebration of song on Saturday 27th June at 7:30pm. Tickets £10 (including Refreshments) or Pay on the Door. For tickets or info, see www.fairburnsingers.co.uk or contact **Terry** 077690 36103 or **Pat Griffiths**. 01757 705793

Strawberry Teas

Saturday 20th June, 2pm-4pm, St Francis Church. Delicious strawberry teas will be served! Come & join us for tea of your choice with beverage. **Pat A**

Safeguarding children and adults

We will take seriously any issues that arise, notifying & seeking advice from the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor where necessary. The Parish Safeguarding Representative is Linda Bunn, telephone 07711 384003, email safeguarding@stwilfridsparish.com. **Linda**

St Wilfrid's Pastoral Care

Contact Sue Beevers 01757 229515 (susan.beevers1@btinternet.com) if you know of anyone who is sick, in hospital, in need, or who would benefit from being visited by a member of the clergy or others in the Pastoral Team. **Sue**



Services at St Wilfrid's from Monday 18th May:

Wednesday 20th May

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 24th May Pentecost Sunday

10:30am Holy Communion



Contributions. For messages to be included in the next week's Pew Sheet, send your contributions to me by 6pm on the Tuesday before the Sunday. If you have lovely photos and articles for our monthly magazine Connected, please send to me by 10th of the month to be included in the following issue. Thanks. **Ivy** (editor@stwilfridsparish.com)