



# The Parish of St. Peter, Bushey Heath May 2026



## From the vicar

Can you remember a time you wished would never end? Most of us have such thoughts periodically during our lives whether they concern an era such as schooldays or something more specific like Christmas Day or a romantic meal. If only it could last forever! Experiences of God rarely seem to last for long. There are times when God feels very close and other times when we struggle to know that he is there, wondering why he doesn't make it all a bit more obvious. When God does make himself known though the experience can be awesome.

God is there for us in the Eucharist and through it he reveals himself to us. As the great doxology is said or sung at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, the consecrated elements are raised up and Jesus is made visible to his people in his sacramental presence. God has wrought a miracle before us, an extension of the greatest miracle of all, that of the Word made flesh. This revelation leads up to the great 'Amen' at the end of the prayer which, like the Sanctus is shared with all the armies of the heavenly host. If only that moment could last forever!

On a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham the pilgrims are able to share in a service of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. In this rite the Blessed Sacrament is brought from the tabernacle to the altar in the Shrine Church so that pilgrims can be still in the presence of the Lord, worshipping in humility and with reverence and awe.

Exposition and Benediction are a gift from God to his people which perpetuates the joy of Jesus' presence at the Eucharist and heightens the awareness of his presence amongst his people. Many Christians find that devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament brings them closer to God and strengthens them for their ministry and witness in the world. In this gift God blesses his people and although Exposition can take place without Benediction the final act of blessing is a solemn sign of all that God means to us and does for us. Through the rite of Exposition and Benediction God's glory is revealed and his name is praised in earth and in highest heaven. Such praise will last through all eternity.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. (Revelation of St. John the Divine 21:3)

*Mass of Confirmation*  
*The Feast of St. Catherine of Siena*  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April, 8.00pm  
Celebrant: the Bishop of Richborough

*St Peter's Spring Fair and Plant Sale*  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 12 noon to 4.00pm

Delicious Cream Teas, Cakes, Luncheon Bites, Homemade Bread,  
Plants, Raffle, Activities and games for children.

*All proceeds in aid of the maintenance of St. Peter's Church and its activities.*

*The Ascension of the Lord*  
Sung Mass (Traditional Rite)

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 8.00pm

## PRAYER FOCUS

Please continue to pray for an end to conflict in the Holy Land, Iran, Ukraine and in all countries beset by violence. Remember the faithful suffering persecution and all those whose freedom is diminished.

## From the diary...

**Usual Sunday services: 8.00am Holy Communion; 9.30am Parish Mass**

Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April, 7.00pm	Mass (St. Mark, Evangelist)
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Third Sunday after Easter</b>
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April, 10.00am	Mass
8.00pm	Mass of Confirmation
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May, 7.00pm	Mass (SS. Philip and James, Apostles)
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday after Easter</b>

**Guild of the Servants of the Sanctuary**  
*May Devotion with Benediction*

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm  
*All are welcome*

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 10.00am      Mass

**Funeral of the late Silvio Jardella**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 10.30am at St. Peter's Church followed by committal at West Herts Crematorium.  
Arrangements by J & S Funeral Service (01923 262939)

Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May, 7.00pm	Mass
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday after Easter (Rogation Sunday)</b>
	<i>In addition to services at 8am and 9.30am: Family Service at 11.15am.</i>
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	<i>No service (Richborough Council meeting, St. Alban, Holborn)</i>
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May, 8.00pm	Sung Mass ( <b>Ascension Day</b> )
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May, 7.00pm	Mass
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	St. Peter's Spring Fair ( <i>see note below</i> )
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Sunday after Ascension Day</b>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May, 10.00am	Mass
8.00pm	Parochial Church Council
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May, 7.00pm	Mass
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Whitsunday</b>
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May, 10.00am	Mass (St. Augustine of Canterbury)
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May, 7.00pm	Mass
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Trinity Sunday</b>
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June, 10.00am	Mass
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June, 7.00pm	Mass (St. Boniface)
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Trinity 1</b>

*In addition to services at 8am and 9.30am: Family Service at 11.15am. Note change of Sunday for June..*

### Lent Boxes

If you have taken a Lent box for the Additional Curates Society please bring it in to church over Easter so that the money collected can be remitted. Thank you for your support.

### Spring Fair

The Spring Fair is on Saturday 16th May from 12 noon - 4 pm and is an important fund raising event for the Church. There will be the usual delicious Cream Teas, Cakes, Luncheon bites, Homemade Bread, and other stalls selling Plants, a Raffle, Activities and games for children.

We would very much welcome and appreciate some donations of:

- home baked cakes and cupcakes
- both indoor and outdoor plants
- items for a Luxury Hamper to Raffle - list at the back of the Church for, or monetary donation to purchase something.

*We would very much welcome help and need volunteers to assist with the stalls and other duties on the day.*

### Art Exhibition

An exhibition of works by our resident artists is planned in church for the weekend of 13<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> June. Further details will be posted soon.

### Contact details:

Priest Administrator: Fr. Andrew Burton SSC, a priest of the Society. (020 8950 1424). Usual day off Monday.  
Churchwardens: Mr. Simon Farley (020 8950 4073) and Mr. Tony Quinn (07786 332654)