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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND



The Diocese of Southwark

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Welcome to S. Paul's today in church or on Zoom.

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'Love one another as I have loved you', says the Lord.



Churchwardens: Ms Lavern Ford & Mr Andrew Taylor
Organist: Mr William Parkinson with S. Paul's Singers



7th SUNDAY of EASTER

Ascensiontide

17th May 2026

**THE PARISH MASS
CHORAL
10.30am**

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rector

Mass Setting: Missa O Quam Gloriosum (1583)

by Tomás Luis de VICTORIA (c.1548-c.1611)

Hymns in NEH (green book) Please join in with the Bold Type

¶ THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Choir sings the Introit, Caelos ascendit hodie

Composed (1888) for Alan Gray and the Choir of Trinity College, Cambridge; published by Boosey in 1905) by Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924) op. 38, no. 2, a double-choir motet setting of a medieval Ascension hymn, the second piece in his Three Latin Motets set.

Caelos ascendit hodie
Jesus Christus Rex gloriae,
Sedet ad Patris dexteram,
Gubernat caelum et terram. Alleluia.

*Today has gone up into glory
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
who sits on the right of the Father
and who rules heaven and earth. Alleluia.*

iam finem habent omnia,
Patris Davidis carmina,
iam Dominus cum Domino,
Sedet in Dei solio. Alleluia.

*Now all the songs of the Patriarch David
have been fulfilled.
Now the Lord sits with the Lord
on the throne of God. Alleluia.*

In hoc triumpho maximo
Benedicamus Domino.
Laudatur Sancta Trinitas.
Deo dicamus gratias. Alleluia. Amen.

*In this great triumph
let us bless the Lord.
Let the Holy Trinity be praised.
Let us give thanks to God. Alleluia. Amen.*

Stand.

Entrance Antiphon

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia! *Acts 1: 11*

Let us go forth in peace, **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

The Processional Hymn: 130

Hail the day that sees him rise (Tune: Llanfair)

Words written in 1739 by Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Tune published in 1817 by Robert Williams (1782-1818) named after his home town,

Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogoch.

In English, the name means "Church of S. Mary in the hollow of white hazel near the rapid whirlpool of the Church of S. Tysilio by the red cave."

The Greeting

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Alleluia, Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed, alleluia!**

The Introduction to the Mass

The celebrant welcomes the people and introduces the Mass.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, for forty days we have been celebrating with joyful hearts the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, his bursting from the tomb and his defeat of the power of sin and death. He appeared to his disciples many times and told them about the kingdom of God.

Today we recall how he left this earth and returned to his Father, ascending into heaven to take his throne over all dominions and powers. We trust in his reign over all creation and submit to his kingly yet loving rule.

Rite for the Blessing and Sprinkling of Water

replaces the Penitential Act

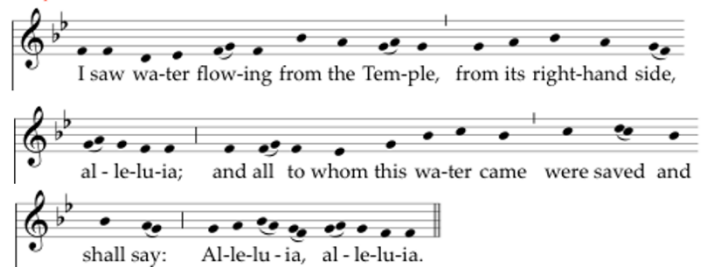
Lord our God, in your mercy be present to your people's prayers, and, for us who recall the wondrous work of our creation and the still greater work of our redemption, graciously bless ✠ this water.

For you created water to make the fields fruitful and to refresh our bodies. You also made water the instrument of your mercy: for through water you freed your people from slavery and quenched their thirst in the desert; through water the Prophets proclaimed the new covenant you were to enter upon with the human race; and last of all, through water, which Christ made holy in the Jordan, you have renewed our corrupted nature in the bath of regeneration.

Therefore, may this water be for us a memorial of the Baptism we have received, and grant that we may share in the gladness of our brothers and sisters who during Eastertide are receiving their Baptism. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Afterward taking the aspergillum, the priest sprinkles himself then the people, moving through the church, whilst we sing the Vidi Aquam.

Antiphon



The choir sings The Kyrie Eleison

Kýrie, eléison. Christe, eléison. Kýrie, eléison.

Gloria in Excelsis

Mode VIII (trih. c.)
Glo - ri - a in ex-cel - sis... De - o. / et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
/ Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
/ adoramus te, glorificamus te,

/ grátias ágimus tibi / propter magnam glóriam tuam,
/ Dómine Deus, Rex caeléstis, / Deus Pater omnipotens.
/ Dómine Fili unigénite, / Iesu Christe, / Dómine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,
/ qui tollis peccáta mundi, / miserére nobis;
/ qui tollis peccáta mundi, / súscipe deprecationem nostram.
/ Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, / miserére nobis.
/ Quóniam tu solus Sanctus, / tu solus Dóminus,
/ tu solus Altíssimus, / Iesu Christe, / cum Sancto Spírítu:
/ ✠ in glória Dei Patris. / Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,

we adore you, we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

✠ in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we in heart and mind may also ascend and with him continually dwell; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

¶ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit for the readings.

First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (1: 1-11)

¹ In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.

³ After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴ While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This,' he said, 'is what you have heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' ⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷ He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ 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.’⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.¹¹ 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.’

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: 93 is sung by the choir

Dominus regnavit

¹ THE Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel :
the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength.
² He hath made the round world so sure : that it cannot be moved.
³ Ever since the world began hath thy seat been prepared :
thou art from everlasting.
⁴ The floods are risen, O Lord, the floods have lift up their voice :
the floods lift up their waves.
⁵ The waves of the sea are mighty, and rage horribly :
but yet the Lord, who dwelleth on high, is mightier.
⁶ Thy testimonies, O Lord, are very sure :
holiness becometh thine house for ever.

Second Reading from the New Testament

A reading from the Letter of S. Paul to the Ephesians (1: 15-end)

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Stand & turn to face the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation and Reading

♪ Alleluia!

Go, make disciples of all the nations;
I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. *Cf. S. Matthew 28: 19-20*

Alleluia! ♪

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

✠ A reading from the ✠ Holy Gospel according to ✠ Luke (24: 44-end)
Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁴ Jesus said to the disciples, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.’ ⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The celebrant extinguishes the Paschal Candle, which is re-lit at Pentecost.

The Homily

Stand

Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (Genuflect) was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made human. (Rise) For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, ✠ and the life of the age to come. Amen.

Remain standing

Prayers of Intercession

Celebrant

Let us join our prayers with those of our Saviour Christ, seeking the Father’s blessing and the gifts of the Spirit. Saying, Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Intercessor 1

Jesus Christ, great high priest, living for ever to intercede for us, pray for the Church, your broken body in the world. Lord, hear us.

Intercessor 2

Jesus Christ, king of righteousness, enthroned at the right hand of the majesty on high, pray for the world, and make it subject to your just and gentle rule. Lord, hear us.

Intercessor 3

Jesus Christ, Son of Man, drawing humanity into the life of God, pray for your brothers and sisters in need, danger, sickness, distress, pain or sorrow. (*Celebrant reads the names...*) Lord, hear us.

Intercessor 4

Jesus Christ, pioneer of our salvation, bringing us to glory through your death and resurrection, surround with your saints and angels those who have died trusting your promises. Lord, hear us.

Celebrant

We pray for the recently departed, *especially...* and those whose anniversaries fall at this time *especially...* Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

and let light perpetual shine upon them.

✠ May they rest in peace **and rise in glory. Amen.**

Intercessor 5

Jesus Christ, Lord over all things, ascended far above the heavens and filling the universe, pray for us who receive the gifts you give us for work in your service. Lord, hear us.

The celebrant invites us to offer our personal intentions, and then leads us in asking for the Prayers of our Lady & the Saints.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the BVM we pray: **Hail Mary...**

S. Mary Magdalene, Apostle to the Apostles, **Pray for us.**

S. Joseph of Nazareth, S. Peter, Prince of the Apostles

S. Paul the Apostle, our Patron, S. Augustine and S. Monica

S. Benedict and S. Scholastica, S. Francis and S. Clare of Assisi

S. Felix of Spello, S. Dunstan, S. Bernardine of Siena, S. Alcuin of York

Bl. Franz Jägerstätter, S. Helena, S. Rita of Cascia, S. Julia of Corsica

All you angels and saints

Merciful God **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Remain standing.

¶ THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Altar is prepared.

The Offertory Hymn: 132

See the Conqueror mounts in triumph (Tune: Hyfrydol)

Remain standing.

Orate Fratres

Pray my sisters and brothers, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

We offer sacrifice now in supplication, O Lord, to honour the wondrous Ascension of your Son: grant, we pray, that through this most holy exchange we, too, may rise up to the heavenly realms. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Celebrant sings **the Preface** in which God is praised for his mighty acts,
& the choir sings the **Sanctus & Benedictus**:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dóminus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra glória tua. Hosánna in excélsis.

✠ **Benedíctus** qui venit in nómine Dómini. Hosánna in excélsis.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

The celebrant recalls the Last Supper, and this acclamation is said:

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

and leads into the doxology, to which all respond boldly:

AMEN.

¶ THE COMMUNION RITE

Remain standing.

The Lord's Prayer

Looking for the coming of his kingdom,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.**

The celebrant adds:

*Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day.
In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all distress
as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.*

**For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Peace

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you.
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom
where you live for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We share the peace with those immediately around us,
a sign that expresses peace, communion, and love.*

*The choir sings **Agnus Dei**
during which the president takes the host and breaks it over the paten,
placing a small piece in the chalice.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi, miserére nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi, miserére nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi, dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.*

Giving of Communion

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word,
and I shall be healed.**

Communion Antiphon

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

S. Matthew 28:20

Please follow the directions of the sidespeople.

The Body / Blood of Christ.

The communicant replies

Amen.

and then receives.

*** At home, make an Act of Spiritual Communion ***

As you imagine yourself receiving the Bread of Heaven, be still and rest in the love of God. Thank Him for entering beneath the roof of your soul.

○ Sacred Feast! Wherein Christ is received, his Passion is remembered, our souls are filled with grace and the pledge of eternal glory is received.
○ Sacrum Convivium, 13th century (attributed to S. Thomas Aquinas)

After receiving Holy Communion read & pray quietly in thanksgiving.

THE JESUS PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. (x10)

THE TRISAGION (Thrice Holy)

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, Have mercy on us. (x3)

Choir sings the **Communion Motet, ○ clap your hands together.**

Text: Psalm 47, omitting verse 9a; 1549 Book of Common Prayer.

Composed by Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625).

○ clap your hands together, all ye people;
○ sing unto God with the voice of melody.
For the Lord is high, and to be feared; he is the great king of all the earth.
He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet.
He shall choose out an heritage for us,
even the worship of Jacob, whom he loved.
God is gone up with a merry noise, and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.
○ sing praises unto our God: ○ sing praises unto the Lord our king.
For God is the king of all the earth: sing ye praises with the understanding.
God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon his holy seat.
For God, which is highly exalted, doth defend the earth, as it were with a shield.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

**No Kneeling during Eastertide
in order to commemorate
the Resurrection of our Lord.**

*"Since there are some who kneel on Sunday and during the season of Pentecost, this holy synod decrees that, so that the same observances may be maintained in every diocese, one should offer one's prayers to the Lord standing."
First Ecumenical Council of Nicea 325. Canon 20*

The Communion Hymn: 128

Eternal Monarch (Tune: Gonfalon Royal)

THE NINE DAYS FROM ASCENSION DAY TO THE EVE OF PENTECOST ARE THE ORIGINAL 'NOVENA'

i.e. nine days of prayer. Before he ascended, Jesus ordered the disciples not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there to be baptized by the Holy Spirit. After his Ascension, they returned to the upper room in Jerusalem where they devoted themselves to prayer. These last days of the Great Fifty Days of Easter can be a time for us to prepare for the celebration of Pentecost. As we anticipate the coming of the Holy Spirit, this can be a time to pray for renewal in the Spirit and a time to reflect on the gifts which the Spirit bestows on the Church. The seven gifts of the Spirit are based on the prophecy of Isaiah 11:2-3.

Let us Pray:

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sin, and have raised us to the new life of grace in your Son Jesus Christ. Sustain us, O Lord, in the gifts of your Spirit: an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Thy Kingdom Come

is a global prayer movement,
which invites Christians around the world to
pray **between Ascension and Pentecost**
for more people to come to know Jesus Christ.
It began as an invitation from the Archbishops'
of Canterbury & York in 2016 to the CofE,
& is now an international and ecumenical call to prayer.
<https://www.thykingdomcome.global>



¶ THE CONCLUDING RITE

Stand.

Postcommunion Prayer

Merciful God our Father, you have raised our humanity in Christ and have fed us with the bread of heaven: mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings, we may set our hearts in the heavenly places; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



NOTICES & ANY BANNES OF MARRIAGE.

Stand.

The Solemn Blessing

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Alleluia, Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed, alleluia!

Let us bow our heads and pray for God's blessing.

May almighty God bless you, for on this very day his Only Begotten Son pierced the heights of heaven and unlocked for you the way to ascend to where he is. **Amen.**

May he grant that, as Christ after his resurrection was seen plainly by his disciples, so when he comes as Judge, he may show himself merciful to you for all eternity. **Amen.**

And may you, who believe he is seated with the Father in his majesty, know with joy the fulfilment of his promise to stay with you until the end of time. **Amen.**

And the blessing of almighty God,
✠ the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

I-te, missa est, alle-lú-ia, alle- lú- ia. R̄. De- o grá-ti- as,
alle-lú-ia, alle- lú- ia.

The Recessional Hymn: 352

Crown him with many crowns (Tune: Diademata)

(Tune for Ascension until Pentecost: Llanfair)

**Joy to thee, O Queen of heaven, alleluia.
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia.
As he promised hath arisen, alleluia.
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.**

Rejoice and be glad O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
For the Lord hath risen indeed, alleluia.

The Bell is rung 33 times,
once for each year of the earthly life of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, his Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Organ Voluntary

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& MAKE YOUR WAY TO THE CRYPT FOR REFRESHMENTS. ∞

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THE KALENDAR

7th WEEK of EASTER: 17th to 23rd MAY 2026

MASS & Other Service Times in church

SUN, 17th, MP 9am, **PARISH MASS 10.30am**, EP 5pm
MON, 18th, S. Felix of Spello No Public Liturgies
TUES, 19th, S. Dunstan MP 9.15am, EP 5.30pm, **Mass 6.00pm**
WEDS, 20th, S. Alcuin of York MP 9.15am, EP 5.30pm, **Mass 6.00pm**
THURS, 21st, Bl. Franz Jägerstätter, S. Helena MP 9.15am, EP 5.30pm, **Mass 6.00pm**
FRI, 22nd, S. Rita of Cascia, S. Julia of Corsica MP 9.15am, EP 6.00pm
SAT, 23rd, Feria MP 9.15am, **Mass 10.00am**, EP 6pm

DAILY OFFICE: MP = Morning Prayer, EP = Evening Prayer

24th MAY 2026: FEAST OF PENTECOST

MORNING PRAYER at 9.00am

PARISH MASS CHORAL at 10.30am - Celebrant & Preacher: The Rector

EVENING PRAYER at 5.00pm

THE NOTICES

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM) After Parish Mass, 24th May (Pentecost)

Please see **the Rector** if you would like a
nomination form for the PCC or Deanery Synod.

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL (ER)

If you are not already on the ER, and if you are baptised and have been attending S. Paul's for 6 months then you are entitled to have your name entered on the **Electoral Roll (ER).**

Please see the Rector or our ER Officer, Ms Linda Pan.

Holy Confirmation at Parish Mass with Bp Rob Wickham

Asst-Bishop, CEO of the Church Urban Fund
on **Trinity Sunday, 31st May.**

For all recently baptised adults & any other adult members of the congregation who are baptised & but not yet confirmed.

Please let Fr Paul know if you are interested in
HOLY BAPTISM &/or in **HOLY CONFIRMATION**

Ω S. PAUL'S OMEGA STUDY GROUP Ω

Thursday, 18th June 8.30-10pm on Zoom.

When we will watch and discuss the film,
'The Flowers of Saint Francis' (1950)

Directed by Roberto Rossellini.

All welcome. Info & login details on Parish website
& the Rector's Weekly Email.

CHURCH CLEANING every Saturday after Mass until 12.30pm.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

'The Lord loves a cheerful giver.'

The Church, based upon biblical teaching, asks every Christian to give a Tithe, 10% of their time, talents & money to God's work, and recommends that members contribute 5% of their income to their church. **E.g. If you earn:**

£5000 a year or, £96 a week = Give £5 a week to S. Paul's.

£10000 a year, £192 a week = £10 a week. £20000 a year, £385 a week = £20 a week.

£25000 a year, £480 a week = £25 a week. £30000 a year, £577 a week = £30 a week.

Over the year our costs run to almost £1,000 a week. We receive no external subsidies, and all monies must be raised from the parishioners, through lettings, or voluntary donations. **Thank you** for all financial contributions which help to pay for: - the: Utility bills of the church, (gas, electricity, water) - Costs of maintaining the worship, (e.g. candles, wine, wafers, incense) - Maintenance, cleaning, & repair of our Grade I Listed church, (substantial costs) - Office costs (e.g. postage, printing, paper) - Monthly Diocesan Parish Share to the Diocese, (80p out of every £1 we give to the Diocese goes towards clergy stipends).

We ask everyone, who can, to please give via Direct Debit, Standing Order, or, via the Weekly Envelope Scheme.

GIVING VIA DIRECT DEBIT: Please see the **PARISH GIVING SCHEME** information leaflet and Direct Debit Form, on the Parish Website

ONLINE GIVING: Our **Give A Little** page is available on our website, via the **Donate** button, or here: <https://bit.ly/spd-giving>

✠ FURTHER INFORMATION & UPDATES ✠

On the **Parish Website, Church Noticeboard** (churchyard forecourt) & **Subscribe to the Rector's Weekly Email** directly from the link on the website or by sending an email to:

stpaulsdeptford@btinternet.com

sent every Friday via MailChimp (GDPR compliant)