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All Saints' Parish Church

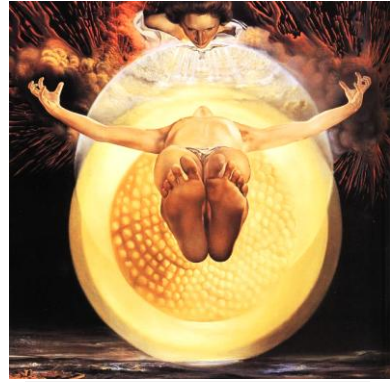
With St Wilfrid's, St Ann and St Cuthbert's

17<sup>th</sup> May 2026, The Sixth Sunday of Easter (Sunday after the Ascension)

**10.00 am Parish Sung Eucharist**  
**PLEASE TAKE THIS AWAY WITH YOU**

## God is gone up

“Jesus’ friends lived through the pain of parting not once but twice: the farewell discourses in St John’s Gospel tell of how Jesus prepared them for his coming death, and for his ascension back to heaven. Here he prays aloud , for their benefit, in words that are full of mystery and poetry, hope and comfort, reassuring them that they are already being drawn into the very love of God, and the closer they come to God, the closer they become to each other. To be at one with God is to be at one with one another.”



*The Ascension Salvador Dali*

*Sunday by Sunday* The Royal School of Church Music

All very helpful, and sound theology, which needs to be tempered, if I may say, with I Peter’s cautions about the tribulations we will face. The tone and vocabulary of John 17, today’s Gospel, is as if the Ascension has already take place, but it’s not even Holy Week! The point is, that if we love one another, as Jesus commands, then we are risen with Him, and it is not so much that we ascend with him – as we think we may ascend ‘to heaven’ when we die, but that we have Heaven on earth. Fr A

All every

**Welcome to the Eucharist**, also known as  
Holy Communion or The Mass

This act of worship is a partnership between the priest and the people who:

- greet each other in the Lord's name
- confess their sins and, if repentant, are assured of God's forgiveness
- keep silence and pray a Collect  
( a special prayer or collection of thoughts for that day)
- proclaim and respond to the word of God in scripture and reflect on it
- pray for the Church, the world and those in need
- exchange the Peace (this should be a simple gesture, not a major interruption to the flow of the service)
- prepare the table (it is only a table, but it becomes an altar)
- pray the Eucharistic Prayer (listen along and pray, and over time these words will become more familiar to you.
- break the bread (which recalls Christ's body, broken on the Cross)
- receive communion (or a blessing instead)
- depart with God's blessing, to go in peace to love and serve the Lord

If you have arrived very late, relax! Sit still and make your confession knowing God understands and loves you. Then read the Gospel, and join us in full when you are ready.

**Safeguarding**



Six Organ Pieces No 1.

Frank Bridge

**THE GATHERING**

*We stand to sing*

Praise to the Lord,  
the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him,  
for he is thy health and salvation:  
all ye who hear,  
now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord,  
who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shieldeth thee gently from harm,  
or when fainting sustaineth:  
hast thou not seen  
how thy heart's wishes have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord,  
who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy  
shall daily attend thee:  
ponder anew  
what the Almighty can do,  
if to the end he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord!  
O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath,  
come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen  
sound from his people again:  
gladly for aye we adore him!

*Joachim Neander (1650-1680), translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), adapted by the compilers of Hymns Ancient and Modern. (Public Domain)*

In the name of the +Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
He is risen indeed. Alleluia**

### **The Greeting**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**and also with you**

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. Trusting in his reign over all creation, and submitting to his kingly yet loving rule, let us hear the story of his parting.

### **Prayer of Preparation**

*Please sit or kneel.*

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Prayers of Penitence**

*Invitation to confession:*

Christ our Passover lamb  
has been sacrificed for us.  
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all  
malice and evil and confessing our sins with a  
sincere and true heart.

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy, forgive what we have been  
help us to amend what we are  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly, love mercy  
and walk humbly with you, our God  
Amen**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
+pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Gloria in Excelsis**

*Please stand  
(Mass of Sr Cedd, Nadone)*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
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.**

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.

**Liturgy of the Word**

**Acts 1.6-14**

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' <sup>7</sup> He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> 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.' <sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> 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.'

<sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup> 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 <sup>[a]</sup> James. <sup>14</sup> All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11**

<sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup> Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Reading**

*As you are able, please stand*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord.  
Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

**Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**John 17.1-11**

17 After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> 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.

*At the end:*

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

**The Sermon**

**The 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,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the  
Virgin Mary and was made man.  
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 world to come.  
Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*Please sit or kneel*

Let us join our prayers with those of our Saviour Christ, seeking the Father's blessing and the gifts of the Spirit.

### **Cycle of Prayer**

**Our bishops:** David, Mark and Matthew

### **The Anglican Communion**

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

### **Porvoo Communion**

The Diocese of Guildford

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark: Diocese of Viborg.

### **Schools and Colleges**

All Saints; St Wilfrid's; Briscoe Lane Academy; Christ the King; Co-op Academy Broadhurst;

Oldham Blue Coat; Trinity High School; Bowdoin College, Maine; Churchill College, Cambridge; University of Coventry; Edge Hill University; University of Leeds; Loretto Sixth Form College; Oldham Sixth Form College.

### **Parish**

Hindhead Walk, Holt Street Holyoak Street, Holyrood Street, Homerton Road, Hopgarth Walk.

### **The Departed**

Peter Burke

### **Book of Remembrance**

Percy Rogers; Elsie Stott; Norman Booth; Bella Caunt; Elizabeth Owen; Ethel

Waly; Kenneth Gabbadon; Gwendoline Hughes; Delinah Fitton; Joseph Ogden;  
Charlotte Pomfret.

### **The Peace**

*Please stand*

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you;  
my peace I give to you.

If you love me, rejoice because  
I am going to the Father'. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

### **THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

#### **Preparation of the Table**

Blessed be God  
by whose grace creation is renewed,  
by whose love heaven is opened,  
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

Be present, be present,  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
our risen high priest;  
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.  
**Amen.**

#### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

*Please sit or kneel*

The Lord is here.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

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.**

*The president recites the Preface as far as*  
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the  
hymn of your glory:

*(Mass of St. Cedd, Nadone)*

**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 president continues with the institution narrative as far as*  
Praise to you Lord Jesus  
**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

*The Eucharistic prayer continues to its conclusion in the Doxology*

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours,  
almighty Father, for ever and ever  
**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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.**

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

## **Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many we are one body  
because we all share in one bread.**

## **The Agnus Dei**

**Jesus, Lamb of God:  
have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins:  
have mercy on us.  
Jesus, Redeemer of the world:  
give us your peace.**

## **Giving of Communion**

Behold the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world  
**Lord I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word and I am healed.**

*We join in Communion.*

*Communicant members of other Christian Churches are welcome to join us for  
Communion or if you wish to come forward for a Blessing please bring this  
booklet with you or keep your arms folded.*

## **Music after Communion**

*(Remain seated)*

*Viri Galilaei, quid statis aspicientes in coelum?  
Hic Jesus, qui assumptus est a vobis in coelum  
Sic veniet, quemadmodum vidistis eum euntem in coelum. Alleluja*

Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up into heaven?  
This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven  
will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven. Alleluia

Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

*Silence is kept*

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.

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son  
Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls  
and bodies to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

**Hymn**

1 Christ triumphant, ever reigning,  
Saviour, Master, King!  
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,  
hear us as we sing:  
Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name.

2 Word incarnate, truth revealing,  
Son of Man on earth!  
power and majesty concealing  
by your humble birth:  
Yours the glory...

3 Suffering servant, scorned, ill - treated,  
victim crucified!  
death is through the cross defeated,  
sinners justified:  
Yours the glory...

4 Priestly king, enthroned for ever  
high in heaven above!

sin and death and hell shall never  
stifle hymns of love:  
Yours the glory...

5 So, our hearts and voices raising  
through the ages long,  
ceaselessly upon you gazing,  
this shall be our song:  
Yours the glory...

Michael Saward (born 1932)  
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*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (1.12,13a,14)*

Then the disciples 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. They were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

### **The Blessing**

May the Spirit,  
who set the Church on fire  
upon the day of Pentecost,  
bring the world alive with  
the love of the risen Christ.  
and the blessing of God almighty  
the +Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

### **The Dismissal**

Waiting expectantly for the promised Holy Spirit,  
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*Little Fugue BWV 578*

**Voluntary**

J.S. Bach

**Please take this away with you**

**Annual Meeting of Parishioners and APCM,  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026 immediately after the  
10.00 service.**

As a charitable body, we are obliged to hold a meeting annually to 'sign off' the previous year's work and accounts (to the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December) elect Church Wardens; parish officers; representatives to the PCC, if vacancies remain.

The revised Electoral Roll is presented.

We try to get the meeting completed as quickly as possible. In recent years this has usually been 15-20 minutes, start to finish.

Reports and Accounts for 2025 are be digitally, online and in hard copy.

If there is a question you would like to ask, please email it in – just in case it's a difficult one!

## Manchester and Salford Whit Walk Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2026

Honouring a tradition that began over 200 years ago, the Whit Walk processions, first held in 1801, celebrate the birthday of the Church and bring together Christians from across the



region in a joyful expression of faith and community. Each year, crowds line the streets of Manchester City Centre to support the churches as they take part in this much-loved event.

Led by brass bands, the procession makes its way from Manchester Cathedral along Deansgate to St Peter's Square. This vibrant and family-friendly event welcomes people of all ages to cheer on those walking, share in fellowship, and participate in a collective Act of Worship at St Peter's Square

We've booked our slot. Come and join us.

## About us



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