



ST EDWARD'S  
CHEDDLETON

# Pew Sheet

Sunday 10 May 2026

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11am Joint Eucharist  
The Sixth Sunday of Easter

It's wonderful to have you with us this morning, as we gather to worship together in this beautiful parish church. Don't hesitate to speak to our sidesperson if there is anything you need, and please do come and join us in the Choir House for refreshments after the service.

A loop system is installed in Church. If you wear a hearing aid, please tune it to 'T'. If you need gluten free communion wafers, please make yourself known to the vicar, a churchwarden or any church officials.

## Today's Team

President & Preacher  
Readers  
Organist  
Duty Warden  
Server  
Sidesperson  
Intercessions  
Refreshments

Revd Darren Edge  
Andy & Gaynor (All Saints)  
Ellie  
Mary W  
Agnes  
Pam & Sandie  
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Pam

*Thanks also to our wonderful bellringers.*

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# Hymns

*Mission Praise*

Thou, Whose Almighty Word

699

There is a Redeemer

673

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

449

Bread is Blessed and Broken

*See below*

I the Lord of Sea and Sky

*See separate sheet*

*Bread is blessed and broken, wine is blessed and poured*

*take this and remember Christ the Lord.*

# Thoughts & Prayers

Kindly remember in your prayers the school and their families,  
and the wider school community.

Prayers have also been asked for **Erica, Christine, Sarah, Deb, Mollie, Jean, Barbara, Andrew P, Hannah, Lyn, Andrew, Karen, Sylvia Goodliffe, and Ester Young.**

We pray, too, for **Raymond Billings, Vivien Edwards and Evelyn Stretch** who have died recently.

## Collect

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us  
to eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

# Readings

## Genesis 8.20–9.17

Noah built an altar to the Lord, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt-offerings on the altar. And when the Lord smelt the pleasing odour, the Lord said in his heart, 'I will never again curse the ground because of humankind, for the inclination of the human heart is evil from youth; nor will I ever again destroy every living creature as I have done.

As long as the earth endures,  
seedtime and harvest, cold and heat,  
summer and winter, day and night,  
shall not cease.'

God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. The fear and dread of you shall rest on every animal of the earth, and on every bird of the air, on everything that creeps on the ground, and on all the fish of the sea; into your hand they are delivered. Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you; and just as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. Only, you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. For your own lifeblood I will surely require a reckoning: from every animal I will require it and from human beings, each one for the blood of another, I will require a reckoning for human life.

Whoever sheds the blood of a human,  
by a human shall that person's blood be shed;  
for in his own image  
God made humankind.

And you, be fruitful and multiply, abound on the earth and multiply in it.'

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the

earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 66.7–end

7 Bless our God, O you peoples;  
make the voice of his praise to be heard,

**8 Who holds our souls in life  
and suffers not our feet to slip.**

9 For you, O God, have proved us;  
you have tried us as silver is tried.

**10 You brought us into the snare;  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

11 You let enemies ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and water;

but you brought us out into a place of liberty.

**12 I will come into your house with burnt offerings  
and will pay you my vows,**

**which my lips uttered  
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.**

13 I will offer you fat burnt sacrifices  
with the smoke of rams;

I will sacrifice oxen and goats.

**14 Come and listen, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell you what he has done for my soul.**

**15 I called out to him with my mouth  
and his praise was on my tongue.**

**16 If I had nursed evil in my heart,  
the Lord would not have heard me,**

**17 But in truth God has heard me;  
he has heeded the voice of my prayer.**

**18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,  
nor withheld his loving mercy from me.**

## **Acts 17.22–31**

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.”

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

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**Thanks be to God.**

## **John 14.15–21**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the disciples, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.'

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

# What's On @ St Edward's

Monday 11 May	NO Morning Prayer Community Café 10am
Tuesday 12 May	Morning Prayer 8:30am
Wednesday 13 May	Morning Prayer 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm
Thursday 14 May	Morning Prayer 8:30am [!] <b>Joint Ascension Day Eucharist 12noon</b> <i>followed by pub lunch</i>
Friday 15 May	NO Morning Prayer NO Holy Communion
Saturday 16 May	"First Voyage" for Sarah B-P (at <b>All Saints</b> ) 3:30pm
Sunday 17 May	Parish Eucharist 9:15am ( <b>St Edward's</b> ) Choral Eucharist 11am ( <b>All Saints</b> )

## LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 24 May	Parish Eucharist 11am
Sunday 31 May	Parish Eucharist 11am
Sunday 7 June	Parish Eucharist 9:15am
Sunday 14 June	Parish Eucharist 11am

# Notices

## **Funeral of Evelyn Stretch**

The funeral service for Evelyn Stretch will take place at Carmountside Crematorium on Friday 15 May at 2:30pm.

## **Choral Evensong**

We warmly invite musicians of all ages, from first-timers to seasoned performers, to join us our choir for our next service of Choral Evensong on **Wednesday, 24 June at 3:30 pm.**

Rehearsals start this week on Wednesday 13 May, followed by 21 May, 28 May, 10 June and 18 June (6:30pm).

## **Leek Show: Saturday 25 July**

We're excited to be making **bug hotels** with the children as part of the Churches Together stall at this year's Leek Show. To help us create lots of cosy homes for our little creatures, we would be very grateful for donations of:

- Clean **plastic bottles** (e.g. drinks/mayonnaise/ketchup bottles, or similar)
  - **Pine cones**
  - **Pieces of dry bark**

Please make sure all plastic items are washed and ready for the children to handle safely. Donations can be given to **Pam or Agnes** – thank you so much for your support!

## **A Walk through Creation**

We will be joining other local churches for a joint prayer initiative between 9 and 12 July. Please do put these dates into your diaries, and look out for more information in the coming weeks.

## **Ascension Day**

Next Thursday, 14 May, marks Ascension Day.

There will be a simple (joint) Eucharist here at St Edward's, including some much-loved Ascension-tide hymns, followed by lunch at the Black Lion.

Please let us know whether you would like to come for lunch so that we can book accordingly (there is a sign-up sheet at the back of church)!