

**Chesterfield Parish Church
Saint Mary & All Saints**



What Christians Do

I would be able to retire early if I had £1 for every time someone told me (about myself, or about other people): ‘That’s not very Christian’.

Of course what they usually mean is: ‘That’s not very nice’ (or possibly ‘that’s offended me’).

Yet in Acts we learn exactly what the priorities were for the first Christians: they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship; the breaking of bread and the prayers.

If you can’t recognise these four things, you don’t see a Christian—it’s as simple as that. And if you want the apostles’ teaching about Jesus, it starts something like this:

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

**Easter IV
(3rd May 2020)**

The celebration of the Resurrection carries over right up until Pentecost.

As long as the lock-down continues you can tune in to Mass at 10.00 a.m. every day, and Evening Prayer at 4.00 p.m. every day.

These are also uploaded to YouTube following the end of the respective services, where you can find them on the parish YouTube channel.

WE BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH EVERYONE WHOSE CONTACT DETAILS WE CAN FIND, BUT PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL IF YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO MAY HAVE BEEN MISSED OR WHO NEEDS EXTRA SUPPORT.

The parish office number now comes through to the Vicarage and is answered during office hours, and the message gives a number which can be contacted day or night in case of emergency.

Fr Patrick, Revd James and Revd Julie wish you again all the joy and life that comes from knowing the risen Christ.

Keep safe, and keep well.

EASTER IV

Collect Prayer

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Acts 2.42-end

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

John 10.1-10

Jesus said, 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 3rd May - Easter IV

- St Thomas, Brampton
- ◇ The Anglican Communion in Japan
- ✦ Arthur Butt

**Monday 4th May - English Saints and Martyrs
of the Reformation Era**

- Loundsley Green LEP
- ◇ Mukono (Uganda); Yewa (Nigeria); Ikara (Nigeria)
- ✦ Esme Rhoda Crane

Tuesday 5th May

- St Mark, Brampton
- ◇ Multan (Pakistan); Yirol (S Sudan); Nyang (S Sudan); Aluakluak (S Sudan); Ikeduru (Nigeria)
- ✦ Rose Aura Brenal

Wednesday 6th May

- All children and young people in the Diocese
- ◇ Mumbai (N India); Yokohama (Japan)
- ✦ Ronald Harding; Lucy Morgan; Mary Nickols

Thursday 7th May

- St Peter & St Paul, Old Brampton
- ◇ Mumias (Kenya); Yola (Nigeria); York (England)
- ✦ Arthur George Short

Friday 8th May - Julian of Norwich

- St Mary & All Saints, Chesterfield
- St Leonard, Spital
- ◇ Mundri (S Sudan); Ysabel (Melanesia)

Saturday 9th May

- St Peter, Calow
- St Mary, Sutton-cum-Duckmanton
- ◇ Mundu Area (S Sudan); Yukon (Canada); Ikka (Nigeria)
- ✦ Ellen Oldfield; Elsie Anne Stevenson

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Our prayers have been asked for:

Jane Hoskin; Charlese Cain; John Robinson; Sheila Laverick; Carol Kingham; Joan Lidgate; Teddy; June Frankland; John Herring; Michael Catton; Patricia Mitchell; Sue Hastings; Jean Madin; Jane Jackson; David Staves; Ian Mackenzie; Laura; Jean Knox; Robin Glasson; Kenneth Hughes; Jilly Jones; Jane Stretton; Paul Taylor

✦ Eileen Marriott, RIP

✦ Shirley Palmer, RIP

✦ Anthony Justin Stretton, RIP

✦ Carol Denman RIP

If you are able to access Facebook, daily Mass and Evening Prayer are being streamed each day on the parish Facebook page: [facebook.com/chesterfieldcrookedspire](https://www.facebook.com/chesterfieldcrookedspire)

If you can't hear anything, check that the audio is on, and also that the sound is turned up.

You can also find Morning and Evening Prayer on the Church of England website: <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

If you need support in prayer or any other way please contact the team on 01246 206506 or contact@crookedspire.org

Next Sunday - 10th May - Easter V

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