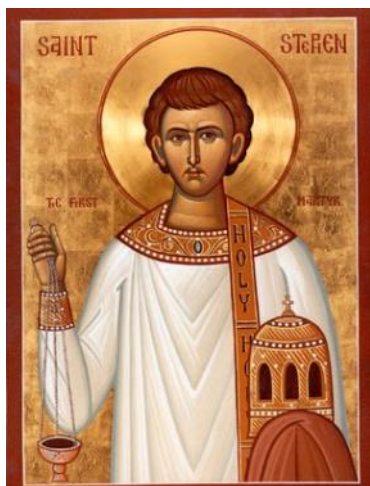


**Chesterfield Parish Church
Saint Mary & All Saints**



Confident Faith

Today's scripture readings speak of confidence in God. Jesus tells his followers to trust; Stephen commends his spirit into God's hands.

So often we are inclined to think that God's work in the Church depends on us, yet the growth of the early Church came from a faith and trust in God, and a confidence that God would bring the best from all that we do.

We—both here and in the wider Church—need to be reminded that we are doing God's work, and that it is God, not we, who will bring the fruit from the labour of our hands.

Today we can ask for a confident faith that God will bring about among us the promised future, and also that we may learn to trust in God, who knows everything that we need.

**Easter V
(10th 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 V

Collect Prayer

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us
the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Acts 7.55-end

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

John 14.1-14

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 10th May - Easter V

- Christian Aid Week
- ◊ The Anglican Church of Kenya
- ✦ *Sam Weller*

Monday 11th May

- Ss Augustine, Chesterfield
- ◊ Muranga S (Kenya); Zaki-Biam (Nigeria); Ikwerre (Nigeria)

Tuesday 12th May - Gregory Dix

- Holy Trinity & Christ Church, Chesterfield
- ◊ Muyinga (Burundi); Zanzibar (Tanzania); Ikwo (Nigeria)
- ✦ *Brian Samuel Keast*

Wednesday 13th May

- St Giles, Killamarsh; St Matthew, Renishaw
- ◊ Zaria (Nigeria)
- ✦ *Ellen Thacker*

Thursday 14th May - Matthias the Apostle

- St John, Walton
- ◊ Mytikyina (Myanmar); Zonkwa (Nigeria); Zululand (Sn Africa)
- ✦ *Arthur Charles Nickols*

Friday 15th May

- St John the Baptist, Staveley; St Andrew, Barrow Hill; St Columba, Inkersall
- ◊ Nagpur (N India); Aba (Nigeria)
- ✦ *George Hopper*

Saturday 16th May - Caroline Chisholm

- St John the Evangelist, Newbold
- ◊ Nairobi (Kenya); Aba Ngwa North (Nigeria); Ikwuano (Nigeria)
- ✦ *Talbot Dilworth-Harrison, Priest; Michael Hicks; Harold Pickles, Priest; Gregory Moore*

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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; Jane Stretton; Paul Taylor; John Urruty

✦ *Eileen Marriott, RIP*

✦ *Shirley Palmer, RIP*

✦ *Anthony Justin Stretton, RIP*

✦ *Carol Denman, RIP*

✦ *Jenny Urruty*

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

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 - 17th May - Easter VI
Rogation Sunday**

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