

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



**A**n Unknown God?

I often find myself telling my atheist friends that the god they don't believe in is not the same as the God I believe in.

People are inclined to reject a god which rejects or condemns them, a god which promises things and does not make good on its promises, a god which dominates and intimidates.

Jesus revealed his Father as a God of love, a God who longs for us to grow towards him in love and righteousness; and, as Paul tells the citizens of Athens, a God who has made good on his promises through the resurrection.

***Unless we are prepared to witness to new life in Jesus—and to LIVE that new life—people will continue to think we worship a variety of other sorts of god, and quite rightly they will reject what they think is our faith.***

**Easter VI  
Rogation Sunday  
(17th 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 VI - ROGATION**

## **Collect Prayer**

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**

## **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.'

### **John 14.15-21**

Jesus said, '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.'

**Prayer Intentions This Week:**

**Today 17th May - Easter VI - Rogation Sunday**

- All Saints, Wingerworth
- ◇ The Anglican Church of Korea

**Monday 18th May**

- St Bartholomew, Whittington
- ◇ Nakuru (Kenya); Abakaliki (Nigeria); Ilaje (Nigeria)

**Tuesday 19th May - Dunstan**

- St Barnabas, New Whittington
- ◇ Nambale (Kenya); Aberdeen & Orkney (Scotland); Ile-Oluji (Nigeria)

**Wednesday 20th May - Alcuin of York**

- St Lawrence, Great Barlow
- ◇ Namibia (S Africa); Abuja (Nigeria)
- ✦ *Ferdie Miller; Sidney Ewart Payne*

**Thursday 21st May - Ascension Day**

- 'Thy Kingdom Come' global prayer movement
- ◇ Namirembe (Uganda); Abyei (S Sudan); Accra (W Africa)
- ✦ *Peggy Coulson*

**Friday 22nd May**

- St Peter, Elmtun; St Mary Magdalene, Creswell; St Lawrence, Whitwell; All Saints, Steetley
- ◇ Nandyal (S India); Adelaide (Australia)
- ✦ *Alice Mather*

**Saturday 23rd May**

- St James, Barlborough; St John the Baptist, Clowne
- ◇ Nasik (N India); Afikpo (Nigeria); Ilesa (Nigeria); Ilesa South West (Nigeria)
- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
- Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer
- ✦ Year's Mind

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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, RIP*

✦ *Brian Hoskin, priest, RIP*

✦ *Ian Gaunt, 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](mailto:contact@crookedspire.org)**

**Next Sunday - 24th May - Easter VII**

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