

Chesterfield Parish Church Saint Mary & All Saints



Why are you Standing There?

The disciples are asked *Why are you standing there looking up to heaven?* There are shades of Jesus asking Mary Magdalene not to hold on to him after the resurrection.

The message is the same: there is work to be done, and standing still—holding the moment—is not an option.

After the resurrection the next business is not to hold on to the moment but to go and witness; after the ascension the next business is to prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit. After any great thing there is always more work to be done.

We are not to have the luxury of just enjoying the moment. It has passed—move on—nothing to see here—but there is plenty that God wants us to get up and do in the proclamation and growth of God's Kingdom.

Easter VII (24th 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.

NEXT SUNDAY (PENTECOST) THERE WILL BE A CHORAL EVENSONG WHICH THE CHOIR HAS BEEN RECORDING SPECIALLY FOR THE OCCASION!

These are also uploaded to YouTube following the end of the respective services, where you can find them on the Crooked Spire 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 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 VII

Collect Prayer

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.

Amen

Acts 1.6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 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.'

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 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.' Then they 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, 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 James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

John 17.1-11

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

'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. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 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. 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. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. 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.'

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 24th May - Easter VII

- St John Baptist, Dronfield
- ◇ The Anglican Communion around the world
- ✦ *William Rosling*

Monday 25th May - The Venerable Bede

- St Andrew, Gosforth Valley
- ◇ Nasir (S Sudan); Agra (N India); Indianapolis (TEC)

**Tuesday 26th May - Augustine of Canterbury;
John Calvin; Philip Neri**

- St Philip, Holmesdale
- ◇ Natal (Sn Africa); Aguata (Nigeria)

Wednesday 27th May

- St Mary, Unstone
- ◇ Ahoada (Nigeria)
- ✦ *Lily White*

Thursday 28th May - Lanfranc

- St Swithin, Holmesfield
- ◇ Navajoland Area Mission (TEC); Aipo Rongo (Papua New Guinea); Ajayi Crowther (Nigeria)
- ✦ *William Slaney; Judith Bowler*

Friday 29th May

- St Peter & St Paul, Eckington; St Luke, Eckington; St John, Ridgeway
- ◇ Ndokwa (Nigeria); Akobo (S Sudan)
- ✦ *John Webster; Jennie Harding; Dorothy Robinson*

**Saturday 30th May - Josephine Butler;
Joan of Arc; Apolo Kivebulaya**

- St Peter, Holymoorside
- ◇ Nebbi (Uganda); Akoko (Nigeria); Akoko Edo (Nigeria); Iowa (TEC)
- 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; Jilly Jones; Jane Stretton; Paul Taylor; John Urruty; Jim Vaughan; Sarah Fields

✦ *Shirley Palmer, RIP*

✦ *Carol Denman, RIP*

✦ *Ian Gaunt, RIP*

✦ *Brian Hoskin, priest*

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 - 31st May - Pentecost

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