

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

They Laugh at You, Do They?

Saint Paul speaks to the movers and shakers at the Areopagus in Athens, the place where the important people of the city gathered. A bit like Joe Biden or the Pope addressing Parliament.



He tells them that the God of Jesus is the unknown god to whom they have already built an altar—and that God has proved his credentials by raising Jesus from the dead.

This is too much for them, so they turn from listening to mockery.

It's just what they did to Jesus, and if we in our turn are afraid of witnessing to our faith, we make ourselves unworthy of following him.

**ALLELUIA, CHRIST IS RISEN!
HE IS RISEN INDEED, ALLELUIA!**

Please respect those who wish to prepare for Mass in quiet prayer; also those who wish to listen to the closing Organ Voluntary.

**EASTER VI
ROGATION SUNDAY
(14th May 2023)**

- 08.30 Holy Communion (1662)
- 09.30 Morning Prayer (St Leonard's)
- 10.30 Procession & Choral Mass
- 18.30 Choral Evensong

ALSO THIS WEEK:

Monday 15th May

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 12.15 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

Tuesday 16th May

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 09.30 Mass
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

Wednesday 17th May

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 09.30 Holy Communion (BCP)
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

Thursday 18th May—Ascension

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 12.15 Organ Recital
- 16.00 Evening Prayer
- 19.30 Procession & Evening Mass

Friday 19th May

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 12.15 Mass
- 14.30 Tower Tour*
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

Saturday 20th May

- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 09.30 Mass
- 14.30 Tower Tour*
- 16.00 Evening Prayer

** Tickets available from the Gift Shop*

ROGATION SUNDAY - PROCESSION & CHORAL MASS

Processional Hymn: 333
Setting: Ireland in C

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

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 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.'

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn: 206

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord

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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

Offertory Hymn: 476

Communion Motet: O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit
(Thomas Tallis)

Post-Communion Hymn: 112

Voluntary: Sonata IV Allegro maestoso e vivace
(Felix Mendelssohn)

CHORAL EVENSONG

Responses: Smith

Psalm(s): 87

First Lesson: Zechariah 8.1-13

Office Hymn: 433

Canticles: Harris in A

Second Lesson: Revelation 21.22-22.5

Anthem: O for a closer walk with God
(Charles Villiers Stanford)

Hymn: AM650 (see separate sheet)

Voluntary: Postlude in D op 105
(Charles Villiers Stanford)

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Tuesday 14th May - Easter VI / Rogation Sunday

- Children and young people in the justice system
- ◇ The Church of the Province of West Africa
- ✦ *Arthur Nickols*

Monday 15th May - Matthias the Apostle

- Benefice of Chaddesden St Philip & Derby St Mark
- ◇ Swansea & Brecon - The Church in Wales
- ✦ *George Hopper*

Tuesday 16th May - Caroline Chisholm

- Safeguarding team & Parish safeguarding officers
- ◇ Swaziland - Anglican Church of Southern Africa
- ✦ *Talbot Dilworth-Harrison, priest; Gregory Moore; Harold Pickles, priest; Michael Hicks*

Wednesday 17th May

- Benefice of Chapel-en-le-Frith
- ◇ Sydney - The Anglican Church of Australia

Thursday 18th May - Ascension

- Launch of 'Thy Kingdom Come' 2023
- ◇ Tabora - The Anglican Church of Tanzania
- ✦ *John Ecclestone*

Friday 19th May - Dunstan

- Benefice of Charlesworth and Hadfield
- ◇ Te Pihopatanga o Tai Tokerau - The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Saturday 20th May - Alcuin of York

- Benefice of Chellaston
- ◇ Te Pihopatanga o Tairarawhiti - The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
- ✦ *Ferdie Miller; Sidney Payne*

- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

- ◇ Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer
- ✦ Year's Mind

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Our prayers have been asked for:

June Frankland; Andrea Sutcliffe; John Robinson; Jean Madin; Kenneth Hughes; Valerie Alice Seeney; Colin Hutson; Susan Barber; Judith Dixon; Christopher Cain; Jean Morris; Wendy Layton; Ambrose Mason; Paul Bates; John Lockwood

✦ *Martyn Gough, priest, RIP*

TODAY - Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2023

After Mass and refreshments, at approximately 12.10 pm.

Lunchtime Organ Recitals

The next recital will be at 12.15 pm on Thursday 18th May, with Derek Grover. Entry is free, with a retiring collection for the church music fund.

'Thy Kingdom Come' Annual Global Prayer Event

This year's event runs from Ascension (18th May) until Pentecost (28th May). Information about the event and available resources can be found at: www.thykingdomcome.global

Mayor's Civic Service

11.00 am, Saturday 20th May. If you are able to help with stewarding on this occasion, please see John Gascoyne or Colin McKenna.

Return of the 'Whit Walk'

Monday 29th May, starting 9.45 am at the Town Hall with a hymn and short address. Two bands and around nineteen churches are due to participate in the procession through town. Please make every effort to come, watch or walk with others from the parish. See John Gascoyne for further details.

Next Sunday - 21st May - Easter VII

08.30 Holy Communion (1662)

10.30 Sung Mass

Readings: Acts 1.6-14
John 17.1-11

18.30 Sung Compline

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