

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

**Y**ou did not Choose Me

Jesus is clear: we aren't in this by our own choice. Being a Christian isn't a lifestyle choice but a calling, and it isn't just for the ordained but for all the baptised.



*It is possible to lose sight of the privilege of being chosen by Jesus in the mists of anger and confusion at our own weakness. He has chosen us, and if we let him he will give us all we need to follow him—even to the extent of giving up our lives for him as he gave up his life for us.*

**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  
(5th May 2024)**

08.30 Holy Communion (1662)  
10.30 Procession & Choral Mass  
18.30 Choral Evensong

**THIS WEEK'S SERVICES**

**MONDAY-SATURDAY**

**MORNING PRAYER** 09.00

**EVENING PRAYER** 16.00 (Thursday 17.00)

**MONDAY** Mass 12.15

**TUESDAY** Mass 09.30

**WEDNESDAY** Holy Communion (1662) 09.30

**THURSDAY** Ascension Day—Procession  
& Choral Mass 19.30

**FRIDAY** Mass 12.15

**SATURDAY** Mass 09.30  
Civic Service 11.00

**NEXT SUNDAY** See back page

*The church is open for private prayer and visiting Monday-Saturday 09.00 - 16.00*

**THIS WEEK'S EVENTS**

**THURSDAY 9th MAY**  
Lunchtime Concert 12.15

**Friday 10th May**  
Tower Tour 14.30

**SATURDAY 11th MAY**  
Tower Tour 14.30

*Full details of events may be found at [crookedspire.org](http://crookedspire.org), on the notices displayed in church, or from the organisers.*

*Tickets for Tower Tours are available from the church Gift Shop in the week prior to the tour taking place.*

## ROGATION SUNDAY - PROCESSION & CHORAL MASS

Processional Hymn: 436

Setting: Sumsion in F

### **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 10.44-end**

While Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

Gradual Hymn: 126

### **Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John**

#### **Glory to you, O Lord John 15.9-17**

Jesus said, 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

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

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

Offertory Hymn: 351

Communion Motet: *Cantate Domino* (Giuseppe Pitoni)

Post-Communion Hymn: 490

Voluntary: Toccata in F BuxWV157  
(Dietrich Buxtehude)

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### **CHORAL EVENSONG**

Responses: Byrd

Psalm(s): 45

First Lesson: Song of Solomon 4.16-5.2; 8.6-7

Office Hymn: 459

Canticles: Statham in E

Second Lesson: Revelation 3.14-end

Anthem: Give us the wings of faith (Ernest Bullock)

Hymn: 127

Voluntary: *Praeludium* in G BuxWV147  
(Dietrich Buxtehude)

## Prayer Intentions This Week:

### **Today 5th May - Easter VI - Rogation Sunday**

- Inspiration of the Word to love one another
- ◇ The Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil
- ✦ *Rose Brenal*

### **Monday 6th May**

- Prayer Pilgrimage - Peak Deanery
- ◇ Egba - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *Ronald Harding; Lucy Morgan; Mary Nickols*

### **Tuesday 7th May**

- Prayer Pilgrimage - Derby City Deanery
- ◇ Egba West - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *Arthur Short*

### **Wednesday 8th May - Julian of Norwich**

- Prayer Pilgrimage - Hardwick Deanery
- ◇ Egba - The Church of Nigeria

### **Thursday 9th May - Ascension Day**

- For our friends to come to faith in Jesus
- ◇ Egypt - The Episcopal / Anglican Province  
of Alexandria
- ✦ *Ellen Oldfield; Elsie Stevenson; Ben Marsden*

### **Friday 10th May**

- Prayer Pilgrimage - Dove & Derwent Deanery
- ◇ Eha-Amufu - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *Sam Weller; George Hayes*

### **Saturday 11th May**

- Prayer Pilgrimage - North East Derbyshire Deanery
- ◇ Ekiti - The Church of Nigeria

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

**Vicar:** Canon Patrick Coleman  
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**Clergy Team:** Revd Mark Crowther-Alwyn; Revd  
Iain Faulkner; Venerable Karen Hamblin; Revd  
John Pinder-Packard; Revd Steven Tricklebank

**Parish Office:** 01246 206506  
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**Parish Reader:** John Gascoyne

**Churchwardens:** John Hague  
Colin McKenna

**Organist & Choirmaster:**  
Peter Shepherd choir@crookedspire.org

## Our prayers have been asked for:

Andrea Sutcliffe; John Robinson; Jean Madin; Valerie  
Alice Seeney; Colin Hutson; Christopher Cain; Jean  
Morris; Wendy Layton; Ambrose Mason; Paul Bates;  
John Lockwood; Tony Ragan; Sue Hastings; Jane  
Bushe; Fiona Solberg; Barbara Carter; Jack; Violet  
McGhie; David Pedrick; Joseph Watson; Roxanne;  
Richard Bland; Imelda Davies; Stephen; Ralph  
Turner; John Nickols; Zac; Thomas Harris; Pat  
✦ *Danny Parkes, RIP*

## Confirmations

Please pray for Janet Maclaughlin, who is to be  
confirmed this afternoon at St Peter's, Calow.

## Lunchtime Recitals

Thursday 9th May at 12.15pm with Thady Cooney  
on flute. Free entry, with a retiring collection.

## 'Thy Kingdom Come' Global Prayer Event 2024

The Bishops of Derby and Repton are making a  
prayer pilgrimage in this deanery on Saturday 11th  
May as part of 'Thy Kingdom Come'. They will  
commence by informally attending Morning Prayer  
at the Parish Church. Please do pray for them and  
those they encounter.

This year's global event runs from Ascension (9th  
May) until Pentecost (19th May). Full information  
from: [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global)

## Mayor's Civic Service

11.00 am, Saturday 11th May. If you are able to  
help with stewarding on this occasion, please see  
John Gascoyne or Colin McKenna.

## Officer Elections/Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Nomination forms for elections of churchwardens  
and to PCC vacancies are now available from the  
Sacristy or the Gift Shop.  
The APCM will follow Mass and refreshments,  
around 12.10pm, on Sunday 19th May.

## Next Sunday - 12th May - Easter VII

- 08.30 Holy Communion (1662)
- 09.30 Morning Prayer (St Leonard's, Spital)
- 10.30 Choral Mass  
Readings: Acts 1.15-17; 21-end  
John 17.6-19
- 18.30 Choral Evensong  
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Isaiah 61  
Luke 4.14-21

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