

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

H e Has Set Us Free

Strangely, the word religion means something we are bound to: a duty, or something we cannot get away without doing—quite the opposite of freedom.



The promise of God's love is on the contrary a promise of freedom: the love Jesus shares with the Father will be in us, through the same Holy Spirit they share, and who made Paul and Silas free from prison.

We are never our true selves until we have come to live in God and in God's love: this is the freedom for which we have been created.

Easter VII (1st June 2025)

08.30 Holy Communion (1662)

10.30 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 Mass 17.30

FRIDAY Mass 12.15

SATURDAY Mass 09.30

NEXT SUNDAY *See back page*

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

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Wednesday 4th June

Parochial Church Council 19.30

Thursday 5th June

Lunchtime Concert 12.15

Friday 6th June

Tower Tour 14.30

Saturday 7th June

Tower Tour 14.30

Full details of events may be found at 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.

Please respect those who wish to prepare for Mass in quiet prayer; also those who wish to listen to the closing Organ Voluntary. Refreshments are offered in the Baptistry after the 10.30 Mass.

EASTER VII - CHORAL MASS

Processional Hymn: 396

Setting: Rawsthorne

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**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles Acts 16.16.34

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.

At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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

Gradual Hymn: 408

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord

John 17.20-end

Jesus prayed, 'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

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

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

Offertory Hymn: 433

Communion Motet: The Lord Ascendeth Up on High
(Michael Praetorius)

Post-Communion Hymn: 176

Voluntary: *Fugue sur la thème du Carillon des heures
de la Cathédrale de Soissons* (Maurice Duruflé)

CHORAL EVENSONG

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| Responses: | Ferial |
| Psalms(s): | 68 |
| First Lesson: | Isaiah 44.1-8 |
| Office Hymn: | 174 |
| Canticles: | Brewer in D |
| Second Lesson: | Ephesians 4.7-16 |
| Anthem: | Ave Maria (Simon Lindley) |
| Hymn: | 550 |
| Voluntary: | <i>Fiat Lux</i> (Theodore Dubois) |

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 1st June - Easter VII

- Thy Kingdom Come: That those we pray for might find the way to follow Jesus as his disciples
- ◇ The Anglican Church of Korea
- ✦ *Walter Mather; Theo Singh-Eyley*

Monday 2nd June

- Thy Kingdom Come: For a greater awareness of God's glory in our daily lives
- ◇ Mount Kilimanjaro - Anglican Church of Tanzania
- ✦ *Joyce Lowe; George Wilson*

Tuesday 3rd June - The Martyrs of Uganda

- Thy Kingdom Come: The 24/7 prayer movement
- ◇ Mpumalanga - Anglican Church of Southern Africa
- ✦ *Arthur Davidson*

Wednesday 4th June - Petroc

- Thy Kingdom Come: For humility in our prayer life
- ◇ Mwapwa - The Anglican Church of Tanzania
- ✦ *Joyce Grant*

Thursday 5th June - Boniface

- Thy Kingdom Come: Welcoming others into faith
- ◇ Mthatha - The Anglican Church of Southern Africa
- ✦ *George Sedgwick; Kathleen Wilson;*
Nellie Flaxman; Bob Young

Friday 6th June - Ini Kopuria

- Thy Kingdom Come: Prayer day led by Bishop Malcolm at St John's, Walton
- ◇ Muhabura - The Church of Uganda
- ✦ *Keith Braddow*

Saturday 7th June

- Thy Kingdom Come: That those on the margins might come to know the joy of the risen life in Jesus
- ◇ Mukono - The Church of Uganda
- ✦ *Elizabeth Dobbs; Leonard Padmore*

- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

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

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Parish Reader: John Gascoyne

Churchwardens: John Hague
Colin McKenna

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Our prayers have been asked for:

John Robinson; Jean Madin; Colin Hutson; Jean
Morris; Wendy Layton; Ambrose Mason; Paul Bates;
Tony Ragan; Sue Hastings; Barbara Carter; David
Pedrick; Joseph Watson; Imelda Davies; Ralph
Turner; John Nickols; Terry; Les & Lynn Metcalfe;
Jackie Turner; Shirley Francis; Olivia, Sebastian &
baby Ophelia; Cathy; June Robinson; Joe Martin;
Rosemary Cain; Joan Melbourne; Trevor Crane;
Dorothy; Margaret Seddon; Greta; Joshua Wilson
✦ *Pat Russell, RIP*

Parochial Church Council

The next meeting of PCC is on Wednesday 4th June,
7.30 pm in the Saints Parish Centre.

Lunchtime Recitals

The next lunchtime recital is on Thursday 5th June at
12.15pm with Charles Warren at the organ. Free
entry, with retiring collection.

Spital Spectacular Arts & Crafts

Friday 6th June 2-6pm; Saturday 7th June 10am-4pm
at St Leonard's, Spital. Free entry and refreshments.

Newly Launched! - Occasional Adult Choir

For services during choir holidays and busy seasons.
Interested? Contact Peter at: choir@crookedspire.org

'Thy Kingdom Come' Global Prayer Event 2025

This year's event continues until Pentecost (8th
June). Free copies of the Prayer Journal are available
at the back of church. More resources available at:
www.thykingdomcome.global

Solstice Singing Festival 2025

Saturday 21st June, 11am - 10pm. A team of
stewards is needed for this event please. If you can
help in any capacity, for however long, please contact
Catherine at: cathalis1458@gmail.com

The Genius of Brahms

The Chesterfield Philharmonic Choir, Saturday 28th
June at 7.30pm. Tickets available from the Gift Shop
or from the organisers.

Next Sunday - 8th June - Pentecost

- 08.30 Holy Communion (1662)
- 09.30 Morning Prayer (St Leonard's, Spital)
- 10.30 Procession & Choral Mass
Readings: Acts 2.1-21
John 14.8-17
- 18.30 Choral Evensong & Procession
Readings: Psalm(s) 33.1-12
Exodus 33.7-20
2 Corinthians 3.4-end

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