

## Chesterfield Parish Church Saint Mary & All Saints

### **P**lanting the Seeds

Lydia, the purple-dye merchant, would have been one of the richer citizens of Thyatira. She prevailed on Paul to stay with them and would not take no for an answer.



With weather being unpredictable, planting seeds is something easily put off until too late. Successful planting requires the same dedication and persistence that led Lydia to keep Paul in her community, where he was able to sow the seeds of new life in the Gospel.

***We need the same persistence and dedication as Lydia. It's easy to give up; it's hard to keep on: yet there is only one way forward.***

## **Easter VI / Rogation Sunday (25th May 2025)**

08.30 Holy Communion (1662)  
09.30 Morning Prayer (St Leonard's)  
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

**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 29th May**

Lunchtime Concert 12.15

#### **Friday 30th May**

Tower Tour 14.30

#### **Saturday 31st May**

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.**

## **ROGATION SUNDAY - CHORAL MASS & PROCESSION**

Processional Hymn: 162

Setting: Grayston Ives

### **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 16.9-15**

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

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

Gradual Hymn: 153

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

**Glory to you, O Lord**

**John 5.1-9**

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids - blind, lame, and paralysed.

One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, 'Do you want to be made well?' The sick man answered him, 'Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.' Jesus said to him, 'Stand up, take your mat and walk.' At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a sabbath.'

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

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

Offertory Hymn: 403

Communion Motet: If ye love me (Thomas Tallis)

Post-Communion Hymn: 605

Voluntary: *Nun danket alle Gott* (Sigfrid Karg-Elert)

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## **CHORAL EVENSONG**

Responses: Smith

Psalm(s): 126 & 127

First Lesson: Zephaniah 3.14-end

Office Hymn: 136 (*t.i*)

Canticles: Bairstow in E flat

Second Lesson: Matthew 28.1-10, 16-end

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

Hymn: 502

Voluntary: *Maestoso* (from Organ Sonata)  
(Edward Bairstow)

## Prayer Intentions This Week:

### Today 25th May - Easter VI / Rogation Sunday

- For young people taking examinations
- ◇ The Anglican Church of Kenya

### Monday 26th May - Augustine; John Calvin;

*Philip Heri*

- For the leadership of Diocesan Church House
- ◇ Port Moresby - The Anglican Church of  
Papua New Guinea
- ✦ *Ruth Moorhouse; Monica Knighton*

### Tuesday 27th May

- For the Diocesan Youth Ministry Team
- ◇ Morobo - The Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- ✦ *Lily White; Margaret Hopkinson*

### Wednesday 28th May - Lanfranc

- For the Church Buildings Team
- ◇ Morogoro - The Anglican Church of Tanzania
- ✦ *William Slaney; Judith Bowler*

### Thursday 29th May - Ascension Day

- For all Thy Kingdom Come events
- ◇ Mount Kenya Central - Anglican Church of Kenya
- ✦ *John Webster; Jennie Harding; Dorothy Robinson;*  
*Arthur Clarke; Francis Smith*

### Friday 30th May - Josephine Butler; Joan of Arc;

*Apolo Kivebulaya*

- Holding those we pray for in God's presence
- ◇ Mount Kenya South - Anglican Church of Kenya

### Saturday 31st May - Visit of Mary to Elizabeth

- That those we pray for may hear God's word
- ◇ Mount Kenya West - Anglican Church of Kenya
- ✦ *Harold Locke; Millicent Roberts*

- 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  
(a priest is available 24/7)

**Parish Reader:** John Gascoyne

**Churchwardens:** John Hague  
Colin McKenna

**Organist & Choirmaster:**

Peter Shepherd choir@crookedspire.org

## 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

✦ *Leena Barlund, RIP*

✦ *Pat Russell, RIP*

## Sunday Refreshments after 10.30 Mass

The weekly rota for volunteers to set up, serve up and  
clear up is available in the Vestry. Please sign up!

## Lunchtime Recitals

The next lunchtime recital is on Thursday 29th May at  
12.15pm with Marco Baragli on the flute. Free entry,  
with retiring collection.

## Newly Launched! - Occasional Adult Choir

For services during choir holidays and busy seasons.  
First service: 10.30 Mass on Sunday 1st June (with  
practice 7-9pm on Friday 23rd May). Interested?  
Contact Peter at: choir@crookedspire.org

## 'Thy Kingdom Come' Global Prayer Event 2025

This year's event runs from Ascension (29th May)  
until Pentecost (8th June). Free copies of the Prayer  
Journal are available at the back of church. More  
resources available at: [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://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](mailto: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 - 1st June - Easter VII

08.30 Holy Communion (1662)

10.30 Sung Mass  
Readings: Acts 16.16-34  
John 17.20-end

18.30 Evensong with Hymns  
Readings: Psalm(s) 68  
Isaiah 44.1-8  
Ephesians 4.7-16

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