

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 3rd May - Easter V

- Those we pray for as part of Thy Kingdom Come
- ◊ The Church of North India (United)
- ✦ *Arthur Butt; Wendy Brackenbury*

Monday 4th May - English Saints & Martyrs of the Reformation Era

- The church of All Saints Bradley
- ◊ Yambio - The Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- ✦ *Esmé Crane*

Tuesday 5th May

- The church of All Saints Brailsford and Ednaston
- ◊ Yangon - The Church of the Myanmar (Burma)
- ✦ *Rose Brenal*

Wednesday 6th May

- The church of All Saints Elton
- ◊ Yei - The Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- ✦ *Ronald Harding; Lucy Morgan; Mary Nickols*

Thursday 7th May

- The church of All Saints Matlock Bank
- ◊ Yeri - The Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- ✦ *Arthur Short*

Friday 8th May - Julian of Norwich

- The church of Christ Church Holloway
- ◊ Yewa - The Church of Nigeria

Saturday 9th May

- The church of Christ Church Hullard
- ◊ Yiroi - The Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- ✦ *Ellen Oldfield; Elsie Stevenson; Ben Marsden*

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

Vicar: *The parish is in vacancy*

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Our prayers have been asked for:

Tony Ragan; Ralph Turner; Ian Mackenzie; John Nickols; Ambrose Mason; Cathy; Joan Melbourne; Trevor Crane; Elise Wilson; Joshua Wilson; Anthony Duce; Rose Evans; Ian Barrand; Judith Butler; Gwen Hallam

From Fr Patrick

Fr Patrick would like to thank all whose kindness and generosity meant that last weekend was a most memorable closure to his 12 years in Chesterfield. He looks forward to seeing many people again in Guildford, or wherever else God may lead.

Chairman's Report to APCM

A print copy of Fr Patrick's final Report to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting is available at the back of church.

Lunchtime Recitals

The next recital is at 12.15pm on Thursday 7th May, with Lin Xuzhang (Piano). Free entry with retiring collection for the music fund.

Dates for your diary (details to follow):

14th-24th May - 'Thy Kingdom Come'
Global Prayer Event
Saturday 16th May - Civic Service 11am
- Harlequin Brass & Rose Choir 7.30pm
Saturday 6th June - Creative Concert 1.30pm
Saturday 20th June - Solstice Festival Day



Next Sunday - 10th May - Easter VI - Rogation Sunday

09.30 Morning Prayer (St Leonard's, Spital)

10.30 Procession & Choral Mass
Readings: Acts 17.22-31
John 14.15-21

18.30 Choral Evensong
Readings: Psalm(s) 87 & 36.5-10
Zecharia 8.1-13
Revelation 21.22-22.5

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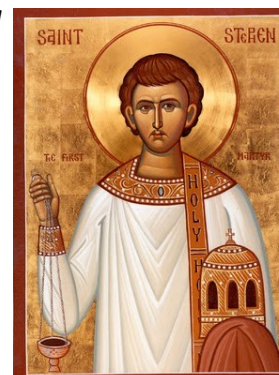
Confident Faith

Today's scripture readings speak of confidence in God. Jesus tells his followers to trust; Stephen commends his spirit into God's hands.

So often we are inclined to think that God's work in the Church depends on us, yet the growth of the early Church came from a faith and trust in God, and a confidence that God would bring the best from all that we do.

We—both here and in the wider Church—need to be reminded that we are doing God's work, and that it is God who will bring the fruit from the labour of our hands.

Today we can ask for a confident faith that God will bring about the promised future, and also that we may learn to trust in God, who knows everything that we need. PC



EASTER V (3rd May 2026)

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

POST-MASS REFRESHMENTS

Refreshments will be served in the Saints Parish Centre after Mass today. Donations to cover costs gratefully received.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Thursday 7th May

Lunchtime Recital 12.15

Friday 8th May

Tower Tour 14.30

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

EASTER V
CHORAL MASS

Processional Hymn: 595

Setting: Darke in E

Collect Prayer

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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 7.55-end

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

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

Gradual Hymn: 367

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John
Glory to you, O Lord John 14.1-14

Jesus said to the disciples, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

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

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

Offertory Hymn: 387 (*t.i*)

Communion Motet: Jesus Christ is ris'n
(German trad. arr. Charles Wood)

Post-Communion Hymn: 484

Voluntary: *Alla Marcia* (John Ireland)

CHORAL EVENSONG

Responses: Rose

Psalm(s): 147.1-12

First Lesson: Zechariah 4.1-10

Office Hymn: 351

Canticles: Watson in E

Second Lesson: Revelation 21.1-14

Anthem: The Call (Ralph Vaughan Williams)

Hymn: 578

Voluntary: *Christ ist erstanden* BWV 627
(Johann Sebastian Bach)