

## Prayer Intentions This Week:

### Today 10th May - Easter VI - Rogation Sunday

- The Carsington Deanery
- ◊ The Church of Pakistan (United)
- ✦ Sam Weller; George Hayes

### Monday 11th May

- The Bishop's Council meeting today
- ◊ Yokohama - The Nippon Sei Ko Kai
- ✦ Pat Russell

### Tuesday 12th May - Gregory Dix

- The church of Holy Trinity Clifton
- ◊ Yola - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ Brian Keast

### Wednesday 13th May

- The church of Holy Trinity Kirk Ireton
- ◊ York - The Church of England
- ✦ Ellen Thacker

### Thursday 14th May - Ascension Day

- The special services today, and the beginning of this year's Thy Kingdom Come global prayer event
- ◊ New York - The Episcopal Church
- ✦ Arthur Nickols

### Friday 15th May - Matthias the Apostle

- The church of Holy Trinity Matlock Bath
- ◊ Western New York - The Episcopal Church
- ✦ George Hopper; Stephen Pinder-Packard

### Saturday 16th May - Caroline Chisholm

- The church of Holy Trinity Middleton by Wirksworth
- ◊ Ysabel - The Anglican Church of Melanesia
- ✦ Talbot Dilworth-Harrison, priest; Gregory Moore; Harold Pickles, priest; Michael Hicks

- 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; John Nickols; Ambrose Mason; Cathy; Joan Melbourne; Trevor Crane; Elise Wilson; Joshua Wilson; Anthony Duce; Rose Evans; Ian Barrand; Judith Butler; Gwen Hallam

✦ Ian Mackenzie, RIP

## Parochial Church Council

The next meeting of PCC is on Wednesday 13th May at 6pm in the Parish Centre.

## Lunchtime Recitals

The next recital is at 12.15pm on Thursday 14th May, with Ayako Fujiki (Piano). Free entry with retiring collection for the music fund.

## Ascension Day

Thursday 14th May. Choral Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm

## 'Thy Kingdom Come' Global Prayer Event 2026

This year's event runs from Ascension (14th May) until Pentecost (24th May). Free copies of the Prayer Journal are available at the back of church, or visit [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global)

## Mayor's Civic Service

11.00 am, Saturday 16th May. If you are able to help with stewarding on this occasion, please see John Gascoyne or Colin McKenna.

## Harlequin Brass & Rose Choir

A 30th Anniversary Celebration, Saturday 16th May, 7.30pm. Tickets from the organisers.

## Summer Solstice Live Music Festival 2026

Saturday 20th June, 10am - 10pm. Stewards needed for 2-hour shifts from 9am. Please see Fiona Barrand if you can help.

## Next Sunday - 17th May - Easter VII

10.30 Sung Mass  
Readings: Acts 1.6-14  
John 17.1-11

18.30 Evensong with Hymns  
Readings: Psalm(s) 47  
2 Samuel 23.1-5  
Ephesians 1.15-end

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## Chesterfield Parish Church Saint Mary & All Saints



## An Unknown God?

I often find myself telling my atheist friends that the god they don't believe in is not the same as the God I believe in.

People are inclined to reject a god which rejects or condemns them, a god which promises things and does not make good on its promises, a god which dominates and intimidates.

Jesus revealed his Father as a God of love, a God who longs for us to grow towards him in love and righteousness; and, as Paul tells the citizens of Athens, a God who has made good on his promises through the resurrection.

***Unless we are prepared to witness to new life in Jesus - and to LIVE that new life - people will continue to think we worship a variety of other sorts of god, and quite rightly they will reject what they think is our faith.*** PC

## EASTER VI / ROGATION SUNDAY (10th May 2026)

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 - Choral Mass 19.30  
**Friday** Mass 12.15  
**Saturday** Mass 09.30  
Mayor's 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

### Wednesday 13th May

PCC, 18.00

### Thursday 14th May

Lunchtime Recital 12.15

### Friday 15th May

Tower Tour 14.30

### Saturday 16th May

Tower Tour 14.30

Harlequin Brass & Rose Choir Concert 19.30

*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 these Tower Tours are available from the Gift Shop from Monday 11th May.*

**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 Parish Centre after Sunday Mass.**

**EASTER VI / ROGATION SUNDAY**

**PROCESSION & CHORAL MASS**

Processional Hymn: 556

Setting: *Missa Princeps Pacis* (William Lloyd-Webber)

**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: 532 (*t.ii*)

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

**Glory to you, O Lord**

**John 14.15-21**

Jesus said to the disciples, "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: 168

Communion Motet: If Ye Love Me (Thomas Tallis)

Post-Communion Hymn: 385

Voluntary: Concerto II in A minor BWV 593  
(1st movt) (Antonio Vivaldi arr, Bach)

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**CHORAL EVENSONG**

Responses: Rose

Psalm(s): 87 & 36.5-10

First Lesson: Zechariah 8.1-13

Office Hymn: 502

Canticles: Byrd Short Service

Second Lesson: Revelation 21.22-22.5

Anthem: Listen, Sweet Dove (Grayston Ives)

Hymn: 455

Voluntary: Master Tallis's Testament (Six Pieces  
for Organ) (Herbert Howells)