

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 17th May - Easter VII

- Thy Kingdom Come: That those we pray for might find the way to follow Jesus as his disciples
- ◊ The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

Monday 18th May

- The Diocesan Advisory Committee meeting today
- ◊ Yukon - The Anglican Church of Canada
- ✦ John Ecclestone

Tuesday 19th May - Dunstan

- The church of Holy Trinity Tansley
- ◊ Zaki-Biam - The Church of Nigeria

Wednesday 20th May - Alcuin of York

- The church of Holy Trinity Yeaveley
- ◊ Zambezia - The Anglican Church of Mozambique & Angola
- ✦ Ferdie Miller; Sidney Payne

Thursday 21st May - Helena

- The church of St Bartholomew Hognaston
- ◊ Central Zambia - The Church of Central Africa
- ✦ Peggy Coulson

Friday 22nd May

- The church of St Edmund King and Martyr Fenney Bentley
- ◊ Eastern Zambia - The Church of Central Africa
- ✦ Alice Mather

Saturday 23rd May

- The church of St Giles Matlock
- ◊ Northern Zambia - The Church of Central Africa

- 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
✦ John Stevenson, RIP

Lunchtime Recitals

The next recital is at 12.15pm on Thursday 21st May, with Mike & Helen Coates (Flute/Guitar). Free entry with retiring collection for the music fund.

'Thy Kingdom Come' Global Prayer Event 2026

This event runs until Pentecost (24th May). Free copies of the Prayer Journal are available at the back of church, or visit www.thykingdomcome.global

Be a Chorister for the day!

Sunday 31st May, 3pm - 5pm. A great opportunity for ages 7-plus to discover what it is like to be a chorister, make new friends, learn new music, tour the church and play the organ. Register interest at: 01246 206506 / choir@crookedspire.org / www.crookedspire.org

Spital Arts Spectacular Fair

Saturday 6th June, 11am-4pm at St Leonard's. Free admission and refreshments.

Summer Solstice Live Music Festival 2026

Saturday 20th June, 10am - 10pm. Stewards needed for 2-hour shifts from 9am. If you can help, please contact Fiona Barrand: fionabarrand@gmail.com

Next Sunday - 24th May - Pentecost

09.30 Morning Prayer (St Leonard's, Spital)
10.30 Choral Mass
Readings: Acts 2.1-21
John 20.19-23
18.30 Choral Evensong
Readings: Psalm(s) 67 & 133
Joel 2.21-end
Acts 2.14-21

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Chesterfield Parish Church Saint Mary & All Saints

Why are you Standing There?

The disciples are asked Why are you standing there looking up to heaven?

There are shades of Jesus asking Mary Magdalene not to hold on to him after the resurrection.



The message is the same: there is work to be done, and standing still - holding the moment - is not an option.

After the resurrection the next business is not to hold on to the moment but to go and witness; after the ascension the next business is to prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit. After any great thing there is always more work to be done.

We are not to have the luxury of just enjoying the moment. It has passed - move on - nothing to see here - but there is plenty that God wants us to get up and do in the proclamation and growth of God's Kingdom. PC

EASTER VII (17th May 2026)

10.30 Sung Mass

18.30 Sung 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

Thursday 21st May

Lunchtime Recital 12.15

Friday 22nd May

Tower Tour 14.30

Saturday 23rd May

Tower Tour 14.30

Tickets for these Tower Tours are available from the Gift Shop from Monday 18th May.

Full details of events may be found at crookedspire.org, on the notices displayed in church, or from the organisers.

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 VII

SUNG MASS

Processional Hymn: 171 (*t.i*)

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 1.6-14

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

Gradual Hymn: 175

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John

Glory to you, O Lord

John 17.1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.

'And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'

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

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

Offertory Hymn: 176

Communion Motet: He shall feed his flock like a shepherd
(G F Handel)

Post-Communion Hymn: 173

Voluntary: Fugue (Sonata No.17) (Josef Rheinberger)

SUNG EVENSONG

Responses: Ferial

Psalm(s): 47

First Lesson: 2 Samuel 23.1-5

Office Hymn: 564

Canticles: Anglican Chant

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1.15-end

Hymn: 560

Voluntary: *Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele*, BWV 654

(J S Bach)