



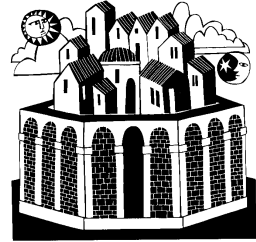
THE PARISH OF CHINGFORD

SS PETER AND PAUL WITH ALL SAINTS'

PEWS NEWS

for Sunday 26 April 2026

The Fourth Sunday of Easter



The Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the
resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of
righteousness,
that we may seek those things which
are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's
sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered
into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

The Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

8.00 am Holy Eucharist at Ss Peter & Paul's church
10.00 am Holy Eucharist at All Saints Church
Servers
Processional hymn 302
OT Reading Acts 2. 42-47 Read by *Sue Renwick*
NT Reading 1 Peter 2. 19-25 Read by *Peter Renwick*
Gradual hymn 325
Gospel John 10. 1-10
Sermon *Rev'd Hilary Musker*
Intercessions *led by Sue Renwick*
Hymn 372
(the collection will be taken during this hymn)
Communion hymn The Lord's my shepherd - 490
Final Hymn To God be the glory – 522

10.00 am Holy Eucharist at Ss Peter & Paul's church
Servers Cynthia, Keith and Sue
Setting *Darke in A*
Processional hymn 369
OT Reading Acts 2. 42- 47 Read by Keith Wenden
NT Reading 1 Peter 2. 19-25 Read by Jacqui Neophytou
Gospel John 10. 1-10
Sermon *The Rector*
Intercessions led by *Richard Vincent*
Offertory 104
(the collection will be taken during this hymn)
Communion Awake thou wintry earth – *J.S Bach*
Final Hymn 459
Organ Music Saraband for the morning of Easter - *Howells*

6.30 pm Evensong at Ss Peter & Paul's church
Preacher: Mrs Diana Kennedy
Responses: *Clucas*
Canticles: *Sumsion in A*
Anthem: The Lord is my shepherd - *Stanford*
Organ music: Postlude in G op. 105, no. 2 – *Stanford*

The Lord is my shepherd – C. V. Stanford

The Lord is my Shepherd, therefore can I lack nothing He shall feed me in a green pasture, and shall lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. He shall convert my soul, and shall bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for His Name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will

fear no evil: for Thou art with me, Thy rod and Thy staff comfort me. Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me: Thou annointest my head with oil, and my cup shall be full. But Thy loving kindness and Thy mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Today's Readings for the Eucharist

Acts 2. 42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Psalms 23

The Lord is my shepherd; ♦
therefore can I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures ♦
and leads me beside still waters.

He shall refresh my soul ♦
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil; ♦

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me

in the presence of those who trouble me; ♦

you have anointed my head with oil

and my cup shall be full.

Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life, ♦

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

I Peter 2. 19-end

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit

in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

'He committed no sin,

and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

John 10. 1-10

'Jesus said, Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

This week in the Parish Diary

Morning Prayer is usually said (but subject to change at short notice) at:

8.30am Monday *in the Parish church*

9.00am Tuesday, Thursday and Friday *in the Parish Church* and

Evening Prayer is usually said (but subject to change at short notice) at:

Holy Eucharist will be celebrated:

10.00am on Wednesdays *at All Saints'*

10.00am on Thursdays *at Ss Peter & Paul's Church*

Wednesday 29th April

10.00 am Holy Eucharist *at All Saints Church*

10.45 am Coffee and Bible Study *at All Saints Church Hall*

3.30pm Family Café *at All Saints church*

5.30pm Space2Be *at All Saints church*

Sunday 3rd May. The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 7.55-end; Psalm 31.1-5,15-16; 1 Peter 2.2-10; John 14.1-14

8.00 am Holy Eucharist *at Ss Peter & Paul's church*

10.00 am Joint Service of Holy Eucharist *at All Saints Church*

Preacher: *Rev'd Hilary Musker*

Hymns; 422, 327, 473, 27, 380.

6.30 pm Evensong *at Ss Peter & Paul's church*

Preacher: *The Rector*

Responses: *Ayleward*

Canticles: *Harwood in A flat*

Anthem: *My beloved spake - Hadley*

Organ music: *Overture from Baroques Suite – Seth Bingham*

For Your Devotions this Week

Monday Luke 2. 41-end

Tuesday Luke 3. 1-14

Wednesday Luke 3. 15-22

Thursday Luke 4. 1-13

Friday Luke 4. 14-30

Saturday Luke 4. 31-37

100 Days of prayer.

Chelmsford Diocese 100 Days of Prayer (for more information go to <https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/about-us/travelling-well-together/travelling-well-together-sustaining-ministry#Calendar>)

Week beginning Wednesday 29th April

Theme for the week: Stewardship – time, talents and gifts

This week, we give thanks...

- for all the many and varied gifts God has given his people: gifts of financial management, gifts of care and nurture, gifts of creativity and service, gifts of administration, cleaning and music, gifts of evangelism, hospitality and preaching
- for all the benefits we enjoy because of the gift and generosity of others
- for the time we do have, for moments to pause and wonder, for time to rest and restore ourselves, and for time to be purposeful

We pray that...

- God will give us the resources needed for the ministry to which we are called... the people, the time and the money
- God may help us to use them wisely and well, to be good stewards and build the Kingdom.

Please pray for:

Jill Bell, Grace Morl, Mary Robinson and her family, John Bowles, Franco Davery, Zoe Copeland, David Drapper, Tom Raven, Alison Goulter, Enid Day, Linda Lines, Claire Coan, Alexander Weston, Chris White, Geraldine Cleveland, Derek Boulind, Alice Melemendjian, Bruno, Ewa, Elisabeth Abbott, Jo Huber, Clare Daniel, Rosie Grove (11 yrs)

We also pray for those who have died:

George Spicer, Yvonne Gibbons

Year's mind this week:

Alice Painter, Mary Rampton, Kenneth Lawrence, May Tonkin, Francesca Ward, Andrew Miller.

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Receiving Communion or a Blessing. This is a reminder about Holy communion or Blessing. If you are baptized or confirmed and wish to receive communion, please come to the altar rail & hold you hands crossed palms upwards. If you wish to have Gluten free wafers (we have these separate for people who require gluten free) please hold your hands crossed palms downwards so that the priest will know without you asking. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, please come to the altar rail & have your arms at your sides head bowed.

Preparation for First Communion. Mother Marilyn will be leading preparation for First communion course for children aged 6/ 7 years old upwards. Dates will be 10th May, 17th May, 24th May and taking first communion on 24th June. Time will be 11.45am at the Parish church. Please contact Kirsty at office@parishofchingford.org.uk if you wish your child to participate in this course.

Cornerstone: Helping Our Church Grow in Generosity

Cornerstone is a free Church of England tool that helps churches understand their finances and strengthen giving. It provides:

- Insights – a clear picture of our church’s financial health, trends over time and how we compare with similar churches, to help us see our strengths and where we can grow.
- Pathways – nearly 50 simple, step-by-step actions, including templates, videos and guidance to help us make small and large improvements (at our own pace), to grow generosity and support volunteers.
- Grants Database – access to over 650 grants tailored for churches, for buildings, heritage and repairs, community projects and mission and ministry.

We’re invited to join a Cornerstone Workshop (2.5 hours), where a small team from our church can learn how to use the tool, review our strengths, and leave with a practical action plan. Other churches describe the workshop as “enlightening”, “encouraging”, and “a real step change”.

We’re looking for 2-4 volunteers to be part of that small team to join a Cornerstone Workshop. You don’t need to be part of the PCC or have a role within the church already. If you care about the future of our church and want to help us grow in generosity and financial confidence, this is a great opportunity. No expertise is needed, just a willing heart and a desire to make a difference. Please see

<https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/uploads/files/Cornerstone-Project-Pack.pdf>
for more information and speak to Jacqui Neophytou.

Parish Magazine. The magazine is out now for May. Please take one and remember to pay £1 into the money box on the wall behind the magazines or by the card machine. If you would like to set up a subscription for the magazine, please email Christine magine@parishofchingford.org.uk

West end floor of Ss Peter & Paul: The Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) has given its opinion that the flagstones surrounding the boards should be treated chemically to remove the traces of adhesive and underlay, rather than honed, but appears content otherwise with the proposal. Unfortunately, this will require the job to be repriced so that the PCC can consider how to proceed. Watch this space for further news.

Tech help Wed 29th April 10.30-12 at All Saints

A Digital Outreach Worker for Age UK Waltham Forest, will be in the All Saints Hall on Wednesday 29th April 10.30am-12, to meet anyone (particularly older people) who has tech issues or worries or just want to chat about what is available in the world of tech.

Joint Service at All Saints church. The 10:00 Eucharist on **Sunday 3 May** will be celebrated only at All Saints to mark Revd Hilary's retirement. There will be no 10:00 at Ss Peter & Paul that day.

Save the Date for in person Safeguarding training. There will be a safeguarding training course on Saturday 23rd May at 10am – 1pm in the parish church. There will be sign up sheets at the back of both churches.

Electoral Roll Revision – The annual revision of the electoral roll will take place between **Monday 13th April to Monday 27th April**. Anyone who is not already on the electoral roll and would like to be is required to complete a form and hand it to Anne Clayden or Kirsty in the office within those dates. Anyone already on the electoral roll does not need to reapply. If anyone is not sure if they are on the electoral roll, they can check with Anne.

Names of those on the revised electoral roll will be posted at the entrance to both churches on Tuesday 28th April. Although people can join the electoral roll at any time of the year, only those on the roll by the end of 27th April will be allowed to vote or stand for election at the APCM. Forms can be found at the church entrance.

Minutes of PCC meetings will be made more easily available for all to see from now on. I will leave a copy of the minutes most recently agreed by the PCC at the entrance to both churches. Hard copies of all meetings are stored in the office and online and are available to see on request. If you have any questions, feel free to email me at anne.clayden@parishofchingford.org.uk

Coffee and Plant sale. Wow! It's that time of year again where people's Flower pots and Flower beds will need 'Freshen up' after winter so why not pop along to the 'Plant sale and Coffee Morning' at the Old Church on **Saturday 16th May from 10am to 2pm** where there will be a Selection of plants available to purchase along with various stalls available to browse around including the Cake stall, Christian aid stall, raffle and more.

There will also be hot drinks, Bacon rolls and Sausage in a roll available to purchase.

This event is free entry so why not come along and have a look around and you may even 'Pick up a Bargain'.

Organ Scholarship Appeal. We welcome any donations towards the annual cost of funding our Organ Scholarship. It has been hugely successful having a good Organ Scholar assisting with our music at both the PC and OC, which provides the occupant of the post with a really worthwhile experience and pathway into the world of professional music. We are pleased to have been able to re-appoint Luke for a second year and look forward to all his continued help. The amount needed is again £5500.00 for the year and we are already well on the way, so a huge thanks to all our annual and one-off contributors! Any amount given, no matter how small, is really helpful and appreciated. If you are able to contribute towards the appeal at any time this year, it can be paid by bank transfer to Chingford parish church parochial church council, 20-52-74, a/c 40235172. Please make sure the reference is marked Organ Scholarship. Alternatively hand any donations to the Churchwardens, stewards or Director of Music. Thank you.

100 Days of Prayer – This is a Chelmsford Diocesan initiative running to May 29, 2026, focused on seeking God's guidance for the future of mission in Essex and East London. Led by Bishop Guli, it includes weekly prayer themes which you'll be able to find in the 'For Your Devotions this Week' section of Pews News. For further details see www.chelmsford.anglican.org

Sermons Online – Audio recordings of the Rector's sermons are available on the parish YouTube channel at: www.youtube.com/@parishofchingford

Officers of the PCC needed! We are in need of the following officers for the PCC: Treasurer, PCC Secretary, Electoral Roll Officer. If you are interested in finding out about any of these roles, do have a word with a member of the clergy or a churchwarden or the current PCC Secretary and Electoral Roll Officer, Anne Clayden or email her at anne.clayden@parishofchingford.org.uk

Supporting the work of Chingford Parish



It is now possible to support the work and ministry of Chingford Parish by electronic giving, through the “Give A Little” Scheme. Visit this website or use this QR code:

<https://bit.ly/ChingfordGiving>

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Safeguarding

The Parish of Chingford is wholly committed to the House of Bishops Safeguarding Policy for children, young people & adults. If you are concerned that someone you know is at risk of, or is being abused, or presents a risk to others, please seek advice from our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Teresa Law, who can be contacted on 07821 838598 or via safeguarding@parishofchingford.org.uk.