



THE PARISH OF CHINGFORD

SS PETER AND PAUL WITH ALL SAINTS'

PEWS NEWS

for Sunday 3 May 2026

The Fifth Sunday of Easter



The Collect

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

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for
the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

The Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

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

There is no 10:00am Holy Eucharist at Ss Peter & Paul's this Sunday

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

Servers
Processional hymn 422
OT Reading Acts 7. 55-60 Read by *Cynthia Wenden*
NT Reading 1 Peter 2. 2-10 Read by *Anne Clayden*
Gradual hymn 327
Gospel John 14. 1-14
Sermon *Rev'd Hilary Musker*
Intercessions *led by Sue*
Hymn 473
(the collection will be taken during this hymn)
Communion hymn *Amazing Grace - 27*
Final Hymn *O Lord my God - 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 - Hadely*
Organ music: *Overture from Baroques Suite –Seth Bingham*

My beloved spake – Patrick Hadley

My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land; The fig-tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

Today's Readings for the Eucharist

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.

Psalms 31. 1-5, 15-16

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;

let me never be put to shame; ♦

deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me; ♦

make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me,

for you are my rock and my stronghold; ♦

guide me, and lead me for your name's sake.

Take me out of the net

that they have laid secretly for me, ♦

for you are my strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit, ♦

for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

'My times are in your hand; ♦

deliver me from the hand of my enemies,

and from those who persecute me.

'Make your face to shine upon your servant, ♦

and save me for your mercy's sake.'

1 Peter 2. 2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone,

a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.’
To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,
‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner’,
and ‘A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.’
They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people;
once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

John 14. 1-14

Jesus said to his 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 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

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*

Sunday 10th May. The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 17.22-31; Psalm 66.7-18; 1 Peter 3.13-end; John 14.15-21

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

10.00 am Holy Eucharist *at All Saints Church*

Preacher: *The Rector*

Hymns;

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

Preacher: *Mother Marilyn*

Setting: *Palestrina Missa Aeterna Christi Munera*

Communion: *Cantate Domino - Pitoni*

Hymns: 390, 139, 305, 342.

6.30 pm Said Evening prayer cancelled *at Ss Peter & Paul's church*

For Your Devotions this Week

Monday Luke 4. 38-end

Tuesday Luke 5. 1-11

Wednesday Luke 5. 12-26

Thursday Luke 5. 27-end

Friday Luke 6. 1-11

Saturday Luke 6. 12-26

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 6th May

Theme for the week: Stewardship and finance

This week, we give thanks...

- for God's of generosity and abundance to us
- for all who give financially to the church and for all who manage our finances
- for parish treasurers and gift aid officers, for the DBF and parish giving advisors

We pray that...

- God will give us wisdom in how we use money and for the spirit of generosity as we assess what we can give of our own resources
- God will stir us up to be wise stewards and generous disciples, giving us enlarged hearts for compassion and service

Almighty God

who alone is the creator of all things,
and the source of all goodness,
give us the heart of the widow who gave the mite;
that we too may give all we have in your service
for the glory of your son our Lord,
Jesus Christ, who gave his all for us. Amen.

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, Darren Wilkins.

Year's mind this week:

Enid Alexander, Iris Ponsford, Sylvia Hibbert, Michael Durkin

PEWS NEWS

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

Retirement – On Sunday 3 May we will say 'thank you' and 'farewell' to The Revd Hilary after her almost eight years of faithful service in the parish. With a particular focus on the congregation at All Saints', Hilary brought her wonderful gifts of good humour, hard work, humility and love of the Lord to her ministry among us. We ask God's blessing on her and wish her many years of good health and happiness in her well-earned retirement.

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 21st June. Time will be 11.45am at the Parish church. If you are not sure, please just come and see on 10th May at 11.45am.

Please contact Kirsty at office@parishofchingford.org.uk if you wish your child to participate in this course.

Sunday May 10th Visit to Christchurch, Esher, Surrey. Members of our choir will be joining with the Esher Choir for Evensong there at 6pm and anyone is welcome to come and attend the service. This is Fr Darren's previous parish: their choir came and joined us for Evensong recently so this is a return visit. There will be no Choral Evensong at Chingford that evening.

The APCM and Annual Election of Churchwardens will take place at the Parish Church on Tuesday 12th May at 7.30pm. At the meeting, we will be electing two Churchwardens, three Deanery Synod Representatives and four members of the PCC (two from All Saints and two from Ss Peter and Paul). Nomination forms for all of these positions can be found at the entrance to the churches and should be handed to the Rector, the Churchwardens or the PCC Secretary prior to the meeting. Anyone on the church Electoral Roll can stand for any of these positions and vote at the APCM. If you would like more information about any of the roles, please speak to Fr Darren, Richard, Jacqui or any of the current PCC members or email the Secretary of the PCC 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'.

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.

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

Christmas bazaar at the Parish church. I can't believe we're nearly in the middle of the year already, so it's time to start thinking about the Christmas Bazaar! There will be a brief meeting after the 10.00am service at the Parish Church on the 31st May to make some initial plans. Anyone who is (even slightly) interested would be very welcome to pop along. I look forward to seeing you all there. Claire C

News from Eco Church. This is the first of a regular series of tips and reminders from the Eco Church group. Our first tip is to remember to recycle the blister packs that come with pills and medication. These cannot be put in regular recycling, but the Council will recycle them and has a bin for collecting them at Chingford Library. Alternatively, we have a bin for this purpose at All Saints, at the back of the church, and these will be delivered to the Council when the bin is full. Ideas for future tips very welcome to janburnell@gmail.com.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.