



THE PARISH OF CHINGFORD

SS PETER AND PAUL WITH ALL SAINTS'

PEWS NEWS

for Sunday 10 May 2026

The Sixth Sunday of Easter



The Collect

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

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call
to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your
command
and draw the nations to the fire of
your love,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

The Post Communion Prayer

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

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

10:00am Holy Eucharist at Ss Peter & Paul's church

10.00 am Holy Eucharist at All Saints Church

Servers

Processional hymn 26

OT Reading Acts 17. 22-31 Read by *Gary Young*

NT Reading 1 Peter 3. 13-22 Read by *Chris Bowles*

Gradual hymn 454

Gospel John 14. 15-21

Sermon *The Rector*

Intercessions *led by Larry*

Hymn 494

(the collection will be taken during this hymn)

Communion hymn Lord Jesus Christ (Living Lord) - 311

Final Hymn Great is thy faithfulness - 186

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

Servers Teresa, Sue and Ian

Setting *Palestrina Missa Aeterna Christi Munera*

Processional hymn 390

OT Reading Acts 17. 22-31 Read by *Sue Wall*

NT Reading 1 Peter 3. 13-end Read by *Fred Wall*

Gospel John 14. 15-21

Sermon *Mother Marilyn*

Intercessions led by *Mary Thorne*

Offertory 139

(the collection will be taken during this hymn)

Communion *Cantate Domino - Pitoni*

Final Hymn 342

Organ Music *Schmucke dich BWV 654 – J. S. Bach*

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

Today's Readings for the Eucharist

Acts 17. 22-31

Then 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.'

Psalms 66.7-18

Bless our God, O you peoples; ♦
make the voice of his praise to be heard,
Who holds our souls in life ♦
and suffers not our feet to slip.

For you, O God, have proved us; ♦
you have tried us as silver is tried.
You brought us into the snare; ♦
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; ♦
but you brought us out into a place of liberty. I will come into your house with
burnt offerings and will pay you my vows, ♦
which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

I will offer you fat burnt sacrifices with the smoke of rams; ♦
I will sacrifice oxen and goats.

Come and listen, all you who fear God, ♦
and I will tell you what he has done for my soul.

I called out to him with my mouth ♦

and his praise was on my tongue.
If I had nursed evil in my heart, ♦
the Lord would not have heard me,
But in truth God has heard me; ♦
he has heeded the voice of my prayer.
Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, ♦
nor withheld his loving mercy from me.

I Peter 3. 13-end

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

John 14. 15-21

'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 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 13th May

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*

Thursday 14th May

8pm Ascension Eucharist service *at Ss Peter & Paul's church*

Sunday 17th May. The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 1.6-14; Psalm 68.1-10,32-35; 1 Peter 4.12-14;5.6-11; John 17.1-11

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

10.00 am Holy Eucharist *at All Saints Church*

Preacher: *Mother Marilyn*

Hymns: 46a, 69, 480, 167, 432.

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

Preacher: *The Rector*

Setting: *Ireland in C*

Communion: *We shall walk through the valley – Undine Smith Moore*

Hymns: 332, 388, 349.

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

Preacher: *Rev'd Elizabeth Price*

Responses: *Smith*

Canticles: *Lloyd Salisbury Service*

Anthem: *Let all the world – Vaughan Williams*

Organ music: *Prelude in F major - Buxtehude*

For Your Devotions this Week

Monday Luke 6. 27-38

Tuesday Luke 6. 39-end

Wednesday Luke 7. 1-10

Thursday Luke 7. 11-15

Friday Luke 7. 16-17

Saturday Luke 7. 18-35

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 13th May

Theme for the week: our readiness for change

As we approach the Ascension and Pentecost, we give thanks...

- for Jesus' resurrected presence in God's world through the Holy Spirit
- for God's desire for us to continue Jesus' ministry on earth
- for how God equips us through the gifts of the Holy Spirit

We pray that...

- we would be open to the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the life of God's church
- we would be ready for the transformation and potential that God may intend for us, our churches and our communities

Give to us, O God,

a vision of your kingdom,

a glimpse of your glory,

an openness to your rule,

and your spirit to guide us.

Hear us, we pray, through Christ,
the risen and ascended one. 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), Liz Jewett

We also pray for those who have died:

George Spicer, Yvonne Gibbons, Darren Wilkins

Year's mind this week:

Fred Morl, Edward, Rodeny Gould.

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Retirement. Thank you to everyone who took part in the joint service on 3rd May and made it such a special day. Thank you to the clergy, servers, choirs, catering team, all who baked, and all who stayed after the service to celebrate with me. I don't think I managed to speak to everyone, but your presence was very much appreciated. Thank you for all your kind words and good wishes, cards and presents from individuals and the Parish. From both churches I received a beautiful bouquet of flowers, a pyx with fish and loaves decoration, a delicious cake, lovely card and a very generous amount of money. Thank you so much. It has been a delight and a privilege to serve in the Parish of Chingford. May God continue to guide you and watch over you. Love from Hilary

It is Christian Aid week from the 10th to the 17th of May. There are envelopes in both Churches for your donations. Please take one and bring it back within the next few weeks. Any contribution, however small will help to alleviate poverty and empower women to become self-sufficient or to even sell produce to help their families. If you pay tax, please complete the gift aid slip and add it with your donation in the envelope. If you prefer to pay online then go to Give.christianaid.org.uk. Please return envelopes to Gill Hoxby at the Old Church and Christine Rampton at the Parish. Thank you for your support.

<https://parishofchingford.org.uk/>: if you haven't yet seen our redesigned website, please take a look! It contains lots of information and gives a pretty good impression of what goes on in our Parish. Huge thanks to Parish IT Administrator Sam Kerr for the work on this.

Congratulations to choir members who were successful in the recent Royal School of Church Music exams

RSCM Gold Award: Margaret Vincent & Jenni Allen (both Highly Commended)

RSCM Silver Award: Emily Bishop-Chavasse (Commended), Jack Low (Commended), Savannah Alexander-Thomas, Robert Caicedo, Alice Corbett, Ethan Siromani.

This represents a lot of hard work and study in vocal technique, general musicianship and RE knowledge, so well done to all of them!

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

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. If you volunteer with children and/or vulnerable adults, you are required to complete Safeguarding training. You can do it online or attend our live training on Saturday 23rd May at 10am – 1pm in the parish church. There are sign up sheets at the back of both

churches. Please email Teresa if you have any questions:
safeguarding@parishofchingford.org.uk

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

St John’s Ambulance community first aid course Walthamstow. Margaret Vincent will be completing a first aid course at East Avenue E17 9NG. Booking is through sja.org.uk Community First Aid Courses. On Saturday 13th June 2026 1.30pm. The cost is £25 + VAT, so £30. If you would like to attend this course, please book online and let Margaret know so you can possibly join her. domursidiva@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 and 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.