



THE PARISH OF CHINGFORD

SS PETER AND PAUL WITH ALL SAINTS'

PEWS NEWS

for Sunday 17 May 2026

The Seventh Sunday of Easter



The Collect

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

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power
and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your
peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

The Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
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 46a
OT Reading Acts 1. 6-14 Read by
NT Reading 1 Peter 4. 12-14, 5.6-11 Read by
Gradual hymn 69
Gospel John 17. 1-11
Sermon *Mother Marilyn*
Intercessions *led by Chris*
Hymn 480
(the collection will be taken during this hymn)
Communion hymn God forgave my sin - 167
Final Hymn Rejoice the Lord is King - 432

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

Servers Teresa, Kristian, Rufus, Jenny & Ivan
Setting *Ireland in C*
Processional hymn 332
OT Reading Acts 1. 6-14 Read by *Margaret Vincent*
NT Reading 1 Peter 4. 12-14, 5.6-11 Read by *Chris Rampton*
Gospel John 17. 1-11
Sermon *The Rector*
Offertory Christ Triumphant
(the collection will be taken during this hymn)
Communion We shall walk through the valley – *Undine Smith Moore*
Final Hymn 349
Organ Music Fugue in G minor BWV 542 – *J. S. Bach*

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*

Let all the world in every corner sing – Vaughan Williams

Let all the world in every corner sing,

my God and king! The heavens are not too high,

His praise may thither fly, The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow. Let all the world in every corner sing,

my God and king!

Let all the world in every corner sing,

my God and king! The church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out; But, above all, the heart must bear the longest part. Let all the world in every corner sing,

my God and king!

Today's Readings for the Eucharist

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.

Psalms 68. 1-10, 32-35

Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered; ♦

let those that hate him flee before him.

As the smoke vanishes, so may they vanish away; ♦

as wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; ♦

let them make merry with gladness. Sing to God, sing praises to his name;

exalt him who rides on the clouds. ♦

The Lord is his name; rejoice before him.

Father of the fatherless, defender of widows, ♦
God in his holy habitation! God gives the solitary a home
and brings forth prisoners to songs of welcome, ♦
but the rebellious inhabit a burning desert.
O God, when you went forth before your people, ♦
when you marched through the wilderness,
The earth shook and the heavens dropped down rain,
at the presence of God, the Lord of Sinai, ♦
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
You sent down a gracious rain, O God; ♦
you refreshed your inheritance when it was weary.
Your people came to dwell there; ♦
in your goodness, O God, you provide for the poor.
Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth; ♦
make music in praise of the Lord;
He rides on the ancient heaven of heavens ♦
and sends forth his voice, a mighty voice.
Ascribe power to God, whose splendour is over Israel, ♦
whose power is above the clouds.
How terrible is God in his holy sanctuary, ♦
the God of Israel, who gives power and strength to his people!
Blessed be God.

I Peter 4. 12-14, 5.6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

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 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 20th 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*

Sunday 24th May. Pentecost

Readings: Acts 2.1-21; Psalm 104.26-36,37b; 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13;

John 20.19-23

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

10.00 am Holy Eucharist *at All Saints Church*

Preacher: *Canon Rodney Matthews*

Hymns; 503, 454, 60, 483, 317.

10.00 am Holy Eucharist at Ss Peter & Paul's church
Preacher: *The Rector*
Setting: *Willian* in D
Communion: *Come holy ghost - Attwood*
Hymns: 137, 409, 419, 140.

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

For Your Devotions this Week

Monday	Luke 7. 36-end
Tuesday	Luke 8. 1-15
Wednesday	Luke 8. 16-25
Thursday	Luke 8. 26-39
Friday	Luke 8. 40-end
Saturday	Luke 9. 1-17

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 20th May

Theme for the week: our readiness for change

This week, we give thanks...

- that we can offer our prayers to God, in thanksgiving, in naming the reality of our challenges, in giving voice to our hopes
- that we enjoy the freedom of praying together, deepening our relationships and connections to God and to each other, across and within our diocese
- for the power and presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the life of God's church

We pray that...

- we may be expectant for change and ready to meet it as God's church
- that we would be open to what God-intended change may require of us
- that we would trust in God to guide us and challenge us in all that lies ahead of us as a diocese Spirit of God, come to us, ignite in us your holy desire, and visit the peoples of the earth with faith and hope and love. Revive your Church so it can serve your purposes in your world and share in your work to renew the face of the earth. Amen.

Please pray for:

Jill Bell, 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:

Rodeny Gould.

You are invited to take this sheet home with you for your reference during the coming week.

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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.

200 Club May winners. 1st prize - £20 - D. Torrie, 2nd prize £14 - N. Taylor 3rd prize £10 - M. Hill. Congratulations

<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 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 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.

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

Fundraising Litter pick. I am organising a sponsored fundraising litter pick on Sunday June 7th. We will be meeting at the car park at Chingford plains at 12pm and we'll be litter picking this area of Epping Forest.

I would love for as many of you as possible to join us (adults and children - all are welcome). All money raised will go directly to the Chingford Parish Church

Choir. Plus, by organising this community event we qualify for a grant from the Jack Petchey Environmental Award Scheme, and I hope to use the award money towards leaf mulch bins and vegetable beds for the local community to plant up in the church grounds.

If you can't take part but would like to donate, please donate to Chingford Parish Church Choir

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Reference: family name and litter pick.

Help the Forest, support our amazing choir and our local community too. Last year the choir benefitted from almost £300 of sponsorship money raised let's see if we can beat that record. As you know, all the funds are ploughed straight back into helping the choir to continue to thrive!

Please sign up by the end of May to participate the sign-up form is in the Vestry. Thank you, Henry Huggins

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

The Old Church social Club. We meet on the 1st and the 3rd Thursday' of each month in the Hall from 1pm until 3pm. The cost of this is only £3 including refreshments. A raffle is also held and there is also entertainment which may include a speaker or a singer or a quiz or Bingo We are a friendly mixed group of people who loves getting together for an afternoon of fun.

New members are also welcome to join us so why not come along and have a good time, make friends and you may even see people you already know.

Contact Karon Fordham on 07956 236 517 if you require any further information.

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.