



THE PARISH OF CHINGFORD

SS PETER AND PAUL WITH ALL SAINTS'

PEWS NEWS
for Sunday 31 May 2026
Trinity Sunday



The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants
grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the
eternal Trinity
and in the power of the divine
majesty to worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended
from all adversities;
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

Holy God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the
knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the
mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

The Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and eternal God,
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:
hold us firm in this faith,
that we may know you in all your ways
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,
who are three Persons yet one God,
now and for ever.

Amen

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

10.00 am Holy Eucharist at All Saints Church

Servers
Processional hymn 212
OT Reading Isaiah 40. 12-17, 27-end Read by Gill Evans
NT Reading 2 Corinthians 13. 11-13 Read by Bev Watson
Gradual hymn 125
Gospel Matthew 28. 16-20
Sermon *Mother Marilyn*
Intercessions *led by Diana*
Hymn 427
(the collection will be taken during this hymn)
Communion hymn Meekness and Majesty– Purple Praise
Final Hymn Thou whose almighty word - 514

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

Servers Sue, Teresa and Hugh
Setting *Leighton in D*
Processional hymn 146
OT Reading Isaiah 40. 12-17, 27-end Read by Fred Wall
NT Reading 2 Corinthians 13. 11-end Read by Simon Goulter
Gospel Matthew 28. 16-20
Sermon *The Rector*
Intercessions *led by Keith Wenden*
Offertory 159
(the collection will be taken during this hymn)
Communion The praise of the Trinity - Wills
Final Hymn 336
Organ Music Sonata in G: 4th movement - Elgar

6.30 pm Evensong at Ss Peter & Paul's church

Preacher: *Mrs Diana Kennedy*
Responses: *Tallis*
Canticles: *Sheppard* First Service
Anthem: *O Domine Deus - Jeffries*
Organ music: *Ciacona in C minor BuxWV 159- Buxtehude*

O Domine Deus – George Jeffreys (1610 – 1685)

O Domine Deus, O Deus meus, speravi in te. O care mi Jesu, nunc libera me! In dura catena, in misera poena, Desidero te; Languendo, gemendo et genuflectendo Adoro, imploro ut libereres me!

O Lord God, O my God, I have hoped in thee. O my beloved Jesus, now set me free! In harsh chains, in miserable punishment, I desire thee; Languishing, groaning, and kneeling, I adore, I implore that thou set me free!

Today's Readings for the Eucharist

Isaiah 40. 12-17, 27-end

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance?

Who has directed the spirit of the Lord, or as his counsellor has instructed him? Whom did he consult for his enlightenment, and who taught him the path of justice? Who taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding? Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket and are accounted as dust on the scales; see, he takes up the isles like fine dust. Lebanon would not provide fuel enough, nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering. All the nations are as nothing before him; they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,
'My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God'?
Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Psalms 8

O Lord our governor, ♦
how glorious is your name in all the world!
Your majesty above the heavens is praised ♦
out of the mouths of babes at the breast.
You have founded a stronghold against your foes, ♦
that you might still the enemy and the avenger.
When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, ♦
the moon and the stars that you have ordained,
What is man, that you should be mindful of him; ♦

the son of man, that you should seek him out?
You have made him little lower than the angels ♦
and crown him with glory and honour.
You have given him dominion over the works of your hands ♦
and put all things under his feet,
All sheep and oxen, ♦
even the wild beasts of the field,
The birds of the air, the fish of the sea ♦
and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea.
O Lord our governor, ♦
how glorious is your name in all the world!

2 Corinthians 13. 11-end

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Matthew 28. 16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

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>

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

Wednesday 3rd June

10.00 am Service of the Word *at All Saints Church*

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

Thursday 4th June

8.00 pm Corpus Christi service *at Ss Peter & Pauls church*

Please note there will be no 10.00am Eucharist on Thursday 4 June

Sunday 7th June. First Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Hosea 5.15-6.6; Psalm 50.7-15; Romans 4.13-end; Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26

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

10.00 am Holy Eucharist *at All Saints Church*

Preacher: *The Rector*

Hymns: 21a, 52, 560, 311, 354.

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

Preacher: *Canon Rodney Matthews*

Setting: *Dom Gregory Murray*

Communion: *Agnus Dei Dom Gregory Murray*

Hymns: 200, 276, 476.

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

Preacher: *The Rector*

Responses: *Smith*

Canticles: *Murrill in E*

Anthem: *Teach me thy way - Morley*

Organ music: *Psalm 150 – Toon Hagen*

For Your Devotions this Week

Monday Luke 10. 28-37

Tuesday Luke 10. 38-end

Wednesday Luke 11. 1-13

Thursday Luke 11. 14-28

Friday Luke 11. 29-36

Saturday Luke 11. 37-en

Please pray for:

Jill Bell, 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:

John Maynes, John Hill, Lionel Crockett, John Hill, Vera Mullett,

Sermon Note: Letter from Lulu

In 2011, a six-year-old Scottish girl named Lulu wrote a letter to God. It read, 'To God: How did you get invented? From Lulu xo.' Her parents sent the letter to Rowan Williams, the Archbishop of Canterbury at the time. This is the reply Rowan gave:

Dear Lulu,

Your Dad has sent on your letter and asked if I have any answers. It's a difficult one! But I think God might reply a bit like this:

'Dear Lulu,

Nobody invented me - but lots of people discovered me and were quite surprised. They discovered me when they looked round at the world and thought it was really beautiful or really mysterious and wondered where it came from. They discovered me when they were very

very quiet on their own and felt a sort of peace and love they hadn't expected.

Then they invented ideas about me - some of them sensible and some of them not very sensible. From time to time I sent them some hints - specially in the life of Jesus - to help them get closer to what I'm really like.

But there was nothing and nobody around before me to invent me. Rather like somebody who writes a story in a book, I started making up the story of the world and eventually invented human beings like you who could ask me awkward questions!

And then he'd send you lots of love and sign off.

I know he doesn't usually write letters, so I have to do the best I can on his behalf. Lots of love from me too.

+ Archbishop Rowan

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Leave – The Rector will be on leave from Monday 1 to Wednesday 3 June inclusive.

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 your 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.

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

<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.

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

Parish Magazine. The magazine is out for June. 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 magzaine@parishofchingford.org.uk

Corpus Christi – The Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion, also known as Corpus Christi, will be marked with a Holy Eucharist in the Parish Church at 8pm on Thursday 4 June. Our Honorary Assistant Deacon, The Revd Elizabeth Price will be the preacher.

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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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

PCC meeting. A meeting of the PCC will take place at 8pm at the Parish Church on Tuesday 9th June.

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

Preparation for First Communion. Mother Marilyn has been leading a preparation for First Communion course for children aged 6+years old. The children have completed the course and will be taking their first communion on 21st June.

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 love 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.

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.

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

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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.