



Sunday 3 May 2026 - Easter 5

Sun 3 May	10.30am: Holy Eucharist President & Preacher: Fr Simon.
Wed 6 May	9.30am: Morning Prayer at St Michael's Chapel
	10am: Holy Eucharist at St Michael's Chapel
Sun 10 May	10.30am: Holy Eucharist President & Preacher: Fr Simon

WE PRAY FOR

In need: Angela, Hazel, Rosie Hayler, David Yarnold, Morwenna Nicholls, baby Shae, Annette Aldridge.

The departed: Beryl d'Alton.

In memory: Kathleen Milnes, Mary Stevens, Dorothy Ward, Connie Middleton, Thelma Challans.

COLLECT PRAYER

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. .

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ecclesiastes 4.9-12

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. Again, if two lie together, they keep warm; but how can one keep warm alone? And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.



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~ Ecclesiastes 4.12

GOSPEL READING: John 15.12-17

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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NOTICES

There will be no produce table on Sun 3 May.

Chapel Chat: we are transferring our May get-together from Thurs 7 May to Thurs 14 May. From 2pm until 4pm in St Michael's Chapel.

Parish Welcome is a group that meets on a Monday afternoon from 2.00 to 3.30pm in the OBH to help those newly arrived in the country with their English. We have lots of people coming to learn but are short of helpers. The sessions are based around worksheets and most of us are not trained teachers. If you enjoy being with people from different backgrounds who are keen to learn and appreciative of what we offer, this is for you! Please just come along or speak to Deirdre Moll (07751 572046) if you would like to know more.

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Tarry no longer towards your heritage;
Hasten on your way and be of good cheer.
Each day go forward on your pilgrimage;
Think how short a time you have been here.
Your home is high above the bright stars, –
No earthly palace was so richly built.
Come on, my friend, my dearest kin!
For you I offered my blood in sacrifice!

~ From *The Testament of John Lydgate*,
by John Lydgate, ?15th century
(Translated by Fr Simon.)

1. Sing for God's glory

That colours the dawn of creation,
Racing across the sky,
Trailing bright clouds of elation;
Sun of delight succeeds
The velvet of night,
Warming the earth's exultation.

Sing for God's power
That shatters the chains that would bind us,
Searing the darkness of
fear and despair that could blind us,
Touching our shame
With love that will not blame,
Reaching out gently to find us.

Sing for God's justice
Disturbing each easy illusion,
Breaking down barriers,
And putting our pride to confusion;
Lifeblood of right,
Resisting evil and slight,
Offering freedom's transfusion.

Sing for God's saints who
Have travelled faith's journey before us,
Who in our weariness
Give us their hope to restore us;
In them we see
The new creation to be,
Spirit of love made flesh for us.

2. Jesus, be the centre,
be my source, be my light,
Jesus.

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be my hope, be my song,
Jesus.

*Be the fire in my heart,
be the wind in these sails,
be the reason that I live,
Jesus, Jesus.*

Jesus, be my vision,
be my path, be my guide,
Jesus.

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3. What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.

4. Brother, sister, let me serve you,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
Fellow travellers on the road;
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christlight for you
In the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep then you are weeping;
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,
We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony,

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