



Sunday 10 May 2026 - Easter 6

Sun 10 May	10.30am: Holy Eucharist President & Preacher: Fr Simon
Wed 13 May	9.30am: Morning Prayer at St Michael's Chapel
	10am: Holy Eucharist at St Michael's Chapel
Thur 14 May	2-4pm: Chapel Chat at St Michael's Chapel
Sun 17 May	10.30am: Holy Eucharist President & Preacher: Revd Nick Parker

WE PRAY FOR

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

The departed: Beryl d'Alton.

In memory: Rob Meridith, Margaret Fritchley, Evelyn Warrell, Maurice Dowe.

COLLECT PRAYER

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.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 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.'

GOSPEL READING: 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.'

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NOTICES

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.

On Sunday 7th June, several members of the clergy team will be at the Parish Away Weekend. Therefore, there will be a service for the whole parish at St Alphege at 11am, which will be led by Revd Roger Chamberlain.
There will not be a service at St Michael's on that day.

1. Lord, you created a world rich in splendour,

Touched with a beauty no words can express,
Able to move us to outbursts of wonder
So much to thrill us and so much to bless.

Mountains and moorlands rise up to the heavens,
Rivers and streams tumble down to the sea,
Gifts that amaze in profusion surround us,
each a reflection of your majesty.

Promise of springtime and harvest of autumn,
Cold winter mornings and warm summer days,
Season by season brings new joys to greet us,
Reason to thank you and reason to praise.

Deep in the forest, remote in the desert,
Down in the ocean or high in the air;
Life in abundance is everywhere round us,
Proof of your power and sign of your care.

Lord, you have given a world rich in splendour,
Touched with a beauty that fills us with awe;
Hear now our praises, we bring you our worship,
With all creation we kneel and adore.

2. Holy Spirit, hear us;

help us while we sing;
breathe into the music
of the praise we bring.

Holy Spirit, prompt us
when we try to pray;
nearer come, and teach us
what we ought to say.

Holy Spirit, teach us
through the words we read;
bring to life the Bible
with the light we need.

Holy Spirit, give us
each a lively mind;
make us more like Jesus,
gracious, pure and kind.

Holy Spirit, help us
daily, by your might,
what is wrong to conquer,
and to choose the right.

3. Most glorious God, for breath and birth

Receive our thankful prayer,
That we, as children born of earth,
Your life and image share.

We praise for all your grace imparts,
The human spirit's powers
To sense and know within our hearts
The love that wakens ours.

While in this fallen world we move,
A world estranged, self-willed,
Our weakness and our frailty prove
God's purpose unfulfilled.

Yet God in Jesus loves and cares,
and makes his promise known;
The Wounded Healer feels and shares
The griefs we call our own

For out of death shall life arise,
And glory spring from loss,
When all shall see with wondering eyes
The triumph of the cross.

As with the dawn the dreamer wakes
From earthbound sin and pain,
So resurrection morning breaks
On Christ's unclouded reign.

4. Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father,

There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided,
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
Great is thy faithfulness!.....

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine and ten thousand beside.
Great is thy faithfulness!.....