

ALL SAINTS, EVESHAM

Weekly Newsletter with Readings and Notices for Sunday 3 May 2026 8am service The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Services for Today

8.00 am

Holy Communion

President & Preacher:
Revd Caroline Green

Collect

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son
Jesus Christ have overcome death
and opened to us the gate of
everlasting life: grant that, as by your
grace going before us you put into
our minds good desires, so by your
continual help we may bring them to
good effect; through Jesus Christ our
risen Lord, who is alive and reigns
with you, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever..

Amen

First reading – a reading from the Acts of the Apostles

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he
gazed into heaven and saw the glory
of God and Jesus standing at the right
hand of God. “Look,” he said, “I see
the heavens opened and the Son of
Man standing at the right hand of
God!” But they covered their ears,
and with a loud shout all rushed
together against him. Then they
dragged him out of the city and began
to stone him, and the witnesses laid
their coats at the feet of a young man

named Saul. While they were stoning
Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus,
receive my spirit.” Then he knelt
down and cried out in a loud voice,
“Lord, do not hold this sin against
them.” When he had said this, he
died. *Acts 7. 55-60*

A reading from the first letter of Peter

Like newborn infants, long for the
pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you
may grow into salvation— if indeed
you have tasted that the Lord is good.
Come to him, a living stone, though
rejected by mortals yet chosen and
precious in God’s sight, and like living
stones let yourselves be built into a
spiritual house, to be a holy
priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices
acceptable to God through Jesus
Christ. For it stands in scripture:
“See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a
cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not
be put to shame.”

This honour, then, is for you who
believe, but for those who do not
believe, “The stone that the builders

rejected has become the very head of the corner,” and “A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. *1 Peter 2.2-10*

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus

said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

John 14.1-14

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Notices

Christian Aid Bring and Share

On Sunday 10 May we will be holding a bring and share lunch in aid of Christian Aid. A list is at the back of church to sign up if you are coming.

Weekly Intercessions for week beginning 3rd May 2026

Those who are sick, particularly this week we mention:

Pippa Hodges, Ann Linehan, Marjorie Testar, Morris Hall, Frank Hillebrand, Patricia Millard

Those who have recently died: Peggy Greedy, Phyllis Andrew, Margaret Darby, Hilary Earnshaw

Year's Mind: Hugh Cattell, Margaret Bird, Sydney Jobson, Mary Rowland

Notices

Parking in the Churchyard 15-17th May 2026

The Medieval Fair takes place from 16-17th May, with set up on Friday 15th May. Over the weekend, parking in the churchyard will NOT be available, except to those with very limited mobility who wish to attend services. Where possible, please park in the local car parks during this time. If you are unable to walk more than a few yards and wish to attend either the Tea Service, Sunday 8am or Sunday 10am service, please ring Katy in the Church Office who will issue you with a parking permit. Tel: 01386 442213. You will need to come and collect the permit, so please ring by lunchtime on Tuesday 12th May at the very latest. Thank you.

Food Bank

Over the past few years, we have been fortunate to receive a government-issued grant to help with the cost of providing food bank parcels. We have been informed that these grants may no longer be available or, at best, will be at a significantly reduced amount. If you feel able to donate, either on a regular basis or with one-off donations, please contact the office and we'll let you know how best to do this. Alternatively, we are always happy to accept donations of goods and at this time, we particularly need the following toiletries: shampoo, shower gel, toothpaste and toothbrushes.

Many thanks, John Ellis, Churchwarden

Services and Events for the week ahead

Wednesday 6th May

- 9.30 Stay & Play
10.00 am Yelow Scarf, Church House
10.30 am Holy Communion, Greenhill Park Care Home
Revd Caroline Green

Thursday 7th May

- 10.00 am Service of Worship led by Julie Westlake.
12.30 pm Funeral of Hilary Earnshaw.

Friday 8th May

- 11.00 am Service of remembrance for VE day.
War memorial, Abbey Park.
Led by Revd Andy Green
2.00 pm Tea Service

Sunday 10th May

- 8.00 am Holy Communion,
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Sides: Colette Arbuthnot, Sue Lloyd-Cowley
Readers: Sue Lloyd-Cowley, Colette Arbuthnot
Intercessions: Rosie Grove
Coffee: Pam & Jim Osborne
12.00 Bring and Share lunch for Christian Aid.

All events/services in All Saints' Church unless otherwise stated



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