

# ALL SAINTS, EVESHAM

## Weekly Newsletter with Readings and Notices for Sunday 17 May 2026 Seventh Sunday of Easter

Services for Today		
8.00 am	Morning prayer	Led by Lee Fisher
10.00 am	Parish Communion  Service book: Ascensiontide	<b>President &amp; Preacher:</b> Revd Peter Thomas <b>Sides:</b> Pam & Jim Osborne <b>Readers:</b> Jim Osborne, Pam Osborne. <b>Intercessor:</b> Julie Westlake, <b>Coffee:</b> Rosie Grove, Sue Lloyd-Cowley

### Hymn

Hail the day that sees him rise,  
Alleluia!  
To his throne above the skies;  
Alleluia!  
Christ, the lamb for sinners given,  
Alleluia!  
Enters now the highest heaven.  
Alleluia!

There for him high triumph waits;  
Alleluia!  
Lift your heads, eternal gates!  
Alleluia!  
He hath conquered death and sin;  
Alleluia!  
Take the King of glory in!  
Alleluia!

Lo, the heaven its Lord receives,  
Alleluia!  
Yet he loves the earth he leaves;

Alleluia!

Though returning to his throne,  
Alleluia!  
Still he calls mankind his own.  
Alleluia!

See! He lifts his hands above;  
Alleluia!  
See! He shows the prints of love;  
Alleluia!  
Hark! His gracious lips bestow,  
Alleluia!  
Blessings on his Church below.  
Alleluia!

Still for us he intercedes,  
Alleluia!  
His prevailing death he pleads;  
Alleluia!  
Near himself prepares our place,  
Alleluia!  
He the first-fruits of our race.  
Alleluia!

Lord, though parted from our sight,  
Alleluia!  
Far above the starry height,  
Alleluia!  
Grant our hearts may thither rise,  
Alleluia!  
Seeking thee above the skies.  
Alleluia!

### **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**

### **A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

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 toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward 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. *Acts 1.6-14*

### **A reading from the first letter of Peter**

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 insofar 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 in all 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 forever and ever. Amen.

*1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11*

### **Gradual hymn**

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run,  
his kingdom stretch from shore to  
shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no  
more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown his head.  
His name like sweet perfume shall  
rise  
with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song,  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns:  
the prisoners leap to lose their  
chains,  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring  
the highest honors to our King,  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud amen.

### **Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.**

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.

*John 17.1-11*

### **Offertory Hymn**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus,  
his the sceptre, his the throne;  
alleluia, his the triumph,  
his the victory alone:  
hark! The songs of peaceful Sion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation  
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
alleluia, he is near us,  
faith believes, nor questions how:  
though the cloud from sight received  
him,  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia, bread of angels,  
here on earth our food, our stay;  
alleluia, here the sinful  
come to you from day to day:  
intercessor, friend of sinners,

earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal,  
he the Lord of Lords we own;  
alleluia, born of Mary,  
earth his footstool, heaven his throne:  
he within the veil hast entered,  
robed in flesh, our great high priest;  
he on earth both priest and victim  
in the Eucharistic feast.

### **Hymn**

My Jesus, my Saviour,  
Lord, there is none like you.  
All of my days I want to praise  
the wonders of your mighty love.  
My comfort, my shelter,  
tower of refuge and strength,  
let every breath, all that I am,  
never cease to worship you.

*Shout to the Lord all the earth, let us  
sing,  
power and majesty, praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down and the seas will  
roar  
at the sound of your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of your hands,  
for ever I'll love you, for ever I'll stand.  
Nothing compares to the promise I have  
in you.*

Sung twice

## **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**

## **Hymn**

Christ triumphant, ever reigning,  
Saviour, Master, King.  
Lord of heav'n, our lives sustaining,  
hear us as we sing:

*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, th'eternal name.*

Word incarnate, truth revealing,  
Son of Man on earth!  
Power and majesty concealing  
by your humble birth:

Suff'ring servant, scorned, ill treated,  
victim crucified!  
Death is through the cross defeated,  
sinners justified:

Priestly King, enthroned for ever  
high in heav'n above!  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
stifle hymns of love:

So, our hearts and voices raising  
through the ages long,  
ceaselessly upon you gazing,  
this shall be our song:


## **Weekly Intercessions for week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> 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: Margaret Darby, Hilary Earnshaw, Gary Astley**

**Year's Mind:** Louis Munro,  
Bob Griffiths, Wolf Wahle,  
Roger Byron



## Services and Events for the week ahead

### **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

10.00 am Contemplative Worship in All Saints,  
led by Revd Dr Prajna Lad

### **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

9.30 am Stay & Play.  
10.00 am Yellow Scarf, Church House

### **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

10.00 am Service of the Word, Led by Julie Westlake

### **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

2.00 pm Tea Service in All Saints

### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

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Intercessor: Lindsay Ladbrook  
Coffee: Colette Arbuthnot, Margaret Green

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

# Notices

## **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*

## **Bank charges**

Over the past couple of months, we have been hit by bank charges for paying in cash at the bank. We do appreciate that for some, cash is the only option to make payments/donations, however, we would like to request that wherever possible, donations are made via the Parish Giving Scheme. This is the most convenient and cost-effective way for us to receive the full amount of your donation. Parish Giving offers an option for your donation to be Gift Aided (if appropriate) and donations can be made as a monthly direct debit or as a one-off. Tel: 0333 002 1260. This free service is provided by Worcester Diocese.

For alternative ways of giving, please get in touch with Katy in the church office on 01386 442213 or [katy@evesham.church](mailto:katy@evesham.church)

## **Church Inventory**

Each year we have to carry out an Inventory to keep a record of the items we have in church and church house. There are different areas of the Church that need doing, if anyone is willing to help with this please see Sara Greedy.

## **Evensong**

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May we will be holding evensong and are looking for 1 volunteer to read and 1 to do the intercessions. If you would be happy to do either please email the office.

## **Sharing a Local Initiative Supporting Adults with Reading Confidence**

Many of us take reading for granted, but for some adults, it can be a daily challenge. There are people in our local communities who struggle with reading and this can make everyday tasks such as understanding letters, filling in forms or reading instructions feel overwhelming.

Read Easy South Worcestershire is a local charity offering free, confidential, one-to-one reading coaching for adults who would like to improve their reading confidence. Each learner is supported by a fully trained and DBS-checked volunteer, meeting regularly in The Hive library in a relaxed and friendly way. There are no classrooms, no tests and no cost, simply patient support at a pace that suits the individual.

Building reading confidence can make a real difference. It can help people feel more independent, self-assured and enable them to manage everyday life more easily.

You may not know if someone struggles with reading as it is often hidden. Sometimes, a gentle conversation or simply being aware that support exists can make all the difference.

Read Easy works well as a simple signposting option and we often find that friends, family members or others in the community are aware of someone who might benefit from this kind of support.

If you, or someone you know, would like to find out more, please contact our Coordinator, Lynn, on 07749 093 207 or via email at [swcoordinator3@readeasy.org.uk](mailto:swcoordinator3@readeasy.org.uk)

Together, we can help more people in our community discover the confidence and joy that reading can bring.



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