

## DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Today sees the end of Christian Aid Week. Donations can still be made via this QR code or online at <https://tinyurl.com/St-Peters-CAW-2026>.



There will be a cake sale after the 10am service. Many thanks to everyone who has baked, delivered envelopes and donated already – and a special thank you to Julia Howl who is standing down after spearheading the Christian Aid appeal for many years. There is more about the support provided for people across the world at [Christian Aid Week](#) or speak to Lucy Rabjohn, Lisa Brayshaw or Julia Howl.

The **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING** will take place after the 10am service **TODAY** (approx. 11.40am) in the church hall, with elections for **CHURCHWARDENS, DEANERY SYNOD REPS and PCC MEMBERS**. Copies of annual accounts and APCM reports are available provided. Please come to support St. Peter's and help us take our mission forward:

***Growing in Love, Deepening Faith,  
Working for God, Welcoming All***

**Wednesday - 10.00am Holy Communion** with Mother Laura

**Thursday – 1.30-3.30pm OPEN CHURCH**

Please sign up at the back of church if you can spare time to steward the church on Thursdays going forward.



**Thursday 12.30 – 4pm FLOWER FESTIVAL EXHIBITORS' MEETING** in church


### NEXT WEEK ~ MAY 24th PENTECOST

8.00am Holy Communion  
10.00am Parish Communion  
6.30pm Choral Evensong

### CHURCH HALL LIGHTING

The lights in the foyer and toilets of the hall are now LED and are operating on sensors. So, there is no need to "switch on and off". They will come on automatically and go off after a time lag. This is part of our move towards the CofE net zero.

**AUTOMATIC DOORS** - When exiting the church, please use the push pad on a stand to open the doors into the porch – do not push doors directly as this will damage the mechanisms.

 **On May 23rd at 12.00pm** Caroline White, daughter of Susan Lister will be marrying her fiancé Daniel Stewart; everyone is welcome to come and help celebrate their special day.

**Revd. Pete will be ordained** at Birmingham Cathedral on **Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup>**, 10.30am. The service will be live-streamed and there will be a limited number of tickets available to attend – speak to Revd. Pete or Revd. Kate. If you would like to donate to a collection for Revd. Pete, please do so through the office. Revd. Pete will celebrate his first mass at St. Peters' on Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup> at 10am, to be followed by a BRNG & SHARE lunch. Please look out for further information in the coming weeks.

## WELCOME TO ST. PETERS CHURCH

*To Newcomers: We are especially glad to see you. By way of introduction please fill in a **welcome slip** at the back of the church and return it to a Sidesperson or contact the Parish Office on 681 1940.*

Please take this notice sheet home.

[www.stpeterharborne.org.uk](http://www.stpeterharborne.org.uk)

Email: [parishoffice@stpeterharborne.org.uk](mailto:parishoffice@stpeterharborne.org.uk)

If not already occupied by the Boulders Group, the Side Chapel (where there is audio connection to the Service), is available to you if your **young Children or babies** want to carry on singing when everyone else has stopped (particularly during the quiet bits!)

### SERVICES FOR SUNDAY MAY 17<sup>th</sup> 2026 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.00am  
**HOLY COMMUNION**  
Green Prayer Book

10.00am  
**PARISH COMMUNION**  
Common Worship ~ HA & M  
Setting ~ Rizza

**Organ Voluntary: Chorale Prelude Gelobt sei Gott - Healey Willan**

**First Hymn: 453**

**Gradual Hymn: 769**

**Offertory Hymn: 422**

**Sermon: Revd. Canon Chris Butt**

**Anthem: Above all praise (Op.79, No 3) – Felix Mendelssohn**

**Communion Hymn: 448 (i)**

**Final Hymn: 612**

**Organ Recessional: Postlude in D – Healey Willan**

6.30pm  
**FULL CHORAL EVENSONG**  
Green Prayer Book ~ NEH

**Hymn: 352**

**Responses: John Sanders**

**Psalm: 47**

**Canticles: Noble in B minor**

**OT Lesson: 2 Samuel 23.1-5**

**NT Lesson: Ephesians 1.15-23**

**Anthem: God is gone up – Gerald Finzi**

**Homily: Revd. Canon Kate Stowe**

**Final Hymn: 271**

**Recessional voluntary: Heut' triumphieret Gottes Sohn (BWV 630) – J.S. Bach**

Please note that the **parish office is temporarily closed** due to unforeseen circumstances. It is now normally closed to visitors on Tuesdays but remains open 9am-1pm on Wednesday – Friday. Phone calls and emails will be answered as soon as possible. There is a phone number that can be called but only for emergencies - 07565 578366

## SUNDAY MAY 17<sup>th</sup> 2026 THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### 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.

### First Reading

#### Acts 1.6-14

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' <sup>7</sup>He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>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.' <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards 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.'

<sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>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[a] James. <sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers

### Gospel Reading

#### John 17.1-11

<sup>17</sup>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, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people,[a] to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>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.

### 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.

**Pilgrim places, holy lives** - A set of daily readings and reflections exploring eight places and the stories of the saints who lived there. Running from the day after Pentecost (25 May) to 21 June. Available on the Everyday Faith phone app or if you'd like a printed booklet, please speak to/email Revd Pete.

**Prayer for Harborne and our city - Wed 3 June 8.00pm**  
**All are welcome as we pray for Harborne and our city with Churches Together in Harborne at St John's, Harborne.**



### JUNE MUSIC

Some of the university chamber groups will be giving a concert in church on **SATURDAY JUNE 6<sup>th</sup>** at 2pm in support of our tower restoration appeal **PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT THEM.**

The "Towers" - themed **FLOWER FESTIVAL**, also in support of the tower appeal, will run on Thursday 25th, Friday 26th, Saturday 27th June 10 to 5pm, Sunday 28th June 11:30 to 5pm. Admission is free; programmes £5; all donations welcome. Live music in the church, hopefully at 12 noon and 4pm each day. Concert of summer music by the church choir at 4pm on Saturday 27th, followed by refreshments in the Church Hall Garden; Light refreshments in the Church Hall every day; Second-hand bookstall (gardening books); Other stalls, to include hand-made cards; Celebration Evensong at 6.30pm on the Sunday; Raffle



### A Message from Oz Osborn

At His resurrection, Jesus opened a new chapter in the story of God's relationship with humanity. We individually and corporately are part of that continuing story. Please bring a small something that you can add to the tableau in the porch as an affirmation of being part of the continuing story in this place. The tableau will be there until the Sunday after the Ascension. Articles can be reclaimed at Pentecost.