

This Week's Notices

Electoral Roll

The update of the Electoral Roll in advance of the APCM on 3rd May is now complete and available for inspection in church. Please advise Gerald Wilson of any errors found.

Church Annual Meeting

Our annual Meeting will be in church following the Parish Mass on Sunday 3rd May. Elections will take place for Churchwardens, and for Parochial Church Council and Deanery Synod members. Nomination forms are available at the back of church.

Craft Group

The next meeting of the Craft Group will be next **Monday, 4th May 1pm - 3pm** Hope to see you there. **Sunday School**

Sunday School

We meet again next week, Sunday, 10th May at our usual time of 10.15am, in the Parish Rooms, when we will be welcoming our new volunteers.

Tea & Chat

The next meeting of the Tea and Chat Group will be on Monday 11th May at 10.30am in the TrawlBoat Inn (Wetherspoons) . All Welcome

Mothers Union

The Mothers Union next meets on Tuesday, 12th May at 1.45pm in the Parish Rooms. We welcome Gary Kirkland who will be telling us about his life and work in the 'Household Cavalry'. Guests are welcome to join us.

Christine Buckley

BIG DAY OUT

To mark the 100th Anniversary of Blackburn diocese there is to be a celebratory event in Blackpool on Saturday 16th May. There will be something for all the family culminating in a service outside St. John's Church.

It is free but booking is essential.

A date for your diaries: The mission weekend is 11th to 13th September - more information is on the Blackburn Diocese website, Blackburn.anglican.org

Our Mission Group would welcome some suggestions for events that would appeal to local people who do not attend church but might be interested in knowing more about who we are and our religious beliefs. If you have a suggestion please speak to John or Ann, our Churchwardens or Christine Campbell (tel: 07984004973) Our next meeting is Monday 11th May.

Walsingham Pilgrimage

This years pilgrimage will be from Monday, 14th September to Thursday, 17th September. Cost dependent on numbers £360. Please let Bill Hoskins or Gerald Wilson know of your interest. New pilgrims particularly welcome.

Shanty Crew

A date for your diary. Friday 12th June at 7.30pm. We look forward to an evening of entertainment by the Shanty Crew. Tickets £10. U18's free.

World Cup Fundraiser

We plan to hold a sweepstake for the World Cup. Teams will be £5 each, with £120 going to church funds. The holder of the winning team will receive £60, the runner up £30. The winner of the playoff will receive £20 and the fourth placed team £10.

Raffle Prizes

Between now and Christmas we have a number of concerts and social events where we will be running a raffle. If anyone has any small items that could be used as raffle prizes please pass them to Susan McMahon. Thank you.

If you are unable to go to the altar to receive your Holy Communion or a blessing, then please speak to a sidesperson who will arrange for you to receive in your pew.



NOTICES for next Sunday's Pew Sheet should be with the Parish Office by WEDNESDAY NOON at the latest. Notices handed in after this may not be included.

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Welcome



St Annes Parish Church
Sunday, 3rd May 2026
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Our Worship & Diary for this Week

Today	Parish Mass Annual Parochial Church Meeting Bell Ringing School	10.30 am 12.00 noon 2.00 pm
	<i>Royal priesthood</i>	
Monday	No Service	
	<i>King Charles & the Royal Family</i>	
Tuesday	Holy Communion (BCP) with Homily Bellringers Practice	10.30 am 7.00 pm
	<i>Mother's Union</i>	
Wednesday	Holy Communion by Extension Bill Hembrow LLM Wednesday Men	9.00 am 9.30 am
	<i>Child Nurseries</i>	
Thursday	No Service Choir Practice	7.00 pm
	<i>Spiritual Life</i>	
Friday	No Service	
	<i>The Homeless</i>	
Saturday	No Service	
	<i>All Deacons</i>	

Services & Readings for Next Sunday

Sunday, 10th May 2026
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Parish Mass - 10.30 am
Sunday School 10.15 am

Morning:

First Reading - Acts 17: 22 - 31
Second - 1 Peter 3:13 - 22
Gospel - John 14: 15 - 21

You are all very welcome to join us for tea & coffee after the service. This is served at the back of church.

Collections & Donations

A collection is taken during the service, but if you prefer you can make an offering or donation up to £20 via text
 Text SAPC (amount) to **70085**, eg SAPC05 for £5
 For cash on the Collection Plate, taxpayers please use the yellow Gift Aid envelope.

Collect & Readings for Today

Hymn 552, Praise, my soul

Kyrie and Gloria See order of Service

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.

First Reading Acts 7.55-60

Standing before the high priest and the council, Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, 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.

Second Reading 1 Peter 2.2-10

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.' To you then who believe, he is precious; 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 race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts 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.

Gradual Hymn 430, All people that on

Gospel John 14.1-14

Jesus said to his disciples: '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 me 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.

Offertory Hymn 428, All my hope

Sanctus & Agnus Dei See order of service

Communion Hymns 484, How sweet the
396, O thou, who

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.

Regina Coeli

Dismissal Hymn 528, Now thank we all

Flowers

The flowers today have been donated by Enid Roberts and Family in loving memory of David who died 2nd May 2024



We warmly welcome you all here today.

Please do introduce yourself after the service or complete the card in the pew and hand to one of our sidespersons. Please don't worry if children make a little noise, there are toy bags at the back of church for younger children and you can always use the choir vestry where there are books & toys.

FOR OLDER CHILDREN (4+), THERE ARE LITURGY BAGS. THE BAGS CONTAIN A CHILD-FRIENDLY SERVICE BOOKLET WITH ACTIVITIES LINKED TO THE DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE SERVICE

Toilets and changing facilities are available through the choir vestry at the back of church. Our churchwarden or sidepersons are here to help, so please ask.

For Our Prayers

Those who are Sick or in Particular Need

Ben Akrell, Elizabeth Arnold, Rev Mo Baldwin, Tessa Bebbington, Ashleigh Broadbridge, Gerard Butler, Alison Cross, Muriel Driscoll, Justine Eadie, Fr Michael Fish, Sharon Fountain, Harry Hardwick, Marian Hopper, Sarah Kinghorn, Margaret Lane, Cathy Picken, Sheila Pinches, Deborah Pincock, Ian Reece, Brian Rose, Rebecca Stuart, Terry Sutton, Penny Taylor, Brenda Underwood, Andrew Watson, Jayne Weaver, Jan, Paul, Thomas, Baby Josephine

Long Term Sick and Housebound:

Winston Atkinson, Margaret Coward, Rita Fletcher, Ann Hazard, Paul Hodgson, Jan Hood, Doreen Taylor, Josie Wilkinson.

Dearly Departed

David Roberts

Please also pray for:
Our Parish during the interregnum