

17 May, 2026, Sunday after Ascension



Some of the blooms on my Snowball Tree are huge this year!

Services today

8am – Holy Communion, (Revd Chris Collinge)
10am – Holy Communion, (Revd Chris Collinge)
Young Church in the hall

Hymns for 10am today :- 277, 111, 309, 571.

Next Sunday, 24 May, Pentecost

8am – Holy Communion
10am – Holy Communion
10am – Young Church in the hall.

INTERCESSIONS - Our prayers have been asked for Lorna and Charles, Hazel and Elle, Jane, Janine, Julie.

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.

READINGS

1 Peter 4: 12-14+ 5: 6-11 Suffering for Being a Christian

4 ¹² Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

¹³ But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.

¹⁴ If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you

5 ⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

¹⁰ And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ,
after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.

¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

John 17: 1-11 The High Priestly Prayer

17 When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.

³ And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

⁴ I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do.

⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

⁶ "I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

⁷ Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you.

⁸ For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.

⁹ I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours.

¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them.

¹¹ And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even 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.

YOUNG CHURCH - This Sunday we will hear the story about Jesus praying for his Disciples with a maze activity. We will talk about life can be like a maze at times but God looks after us. We will play a soccer maze game and make individual prayer and worry boxes.

NOTICES

.Monday, 18 May - BINGO, 7.30pm for 7.45pm start.

Tuesday 10am. The Bible Study group will meet at Chris'. This coming week we will continue to be surprised by David. Everyone is very welcome. My phone number is 07790366241.

Friday, 22 May – New Bible Course, Session 3 in hall from 5pm to 6.30pm.

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CHRISTIAN AID – today is the last day for donations.

At Churchyard Care from 10.00 a.m. on Saturday 6th June (with free refreshments in the hall at 11.00) we will continue to trim grass, edge paths, chat and generally give some tlc to our lovely church grounds. It's an enjoyable, sociable time and if you, or someone you know, can spare a little time **between 10.00 a.m. and mid-day** we'd welcome some help and company. No gardening experience is needed but please wear gloves and stout shoes or boots.