

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026**  
**THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Collect for the Week**

Risen Christ,  
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:  
help your Church to obey your command  
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,  
to the glory of God the Father.

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- 8.00 am**      **Holy Communion (BCP)**  
President and Preacher: The Vicar
- 10.00 am**      **Parish Eucharist with Baptism (CW)**  
President and Preacher: The Vicar  
Minister: Tim Harrold
- 10.00 am**      **Family Service**  
Lead: Liz Goddard      Link: Viv Littlechild
- Hymns:      As the Deer pants for the water  
Beauty for brokenness  
In Christ alone  
I the Lord of sea and sky
- Readings:    1 Peter 3. 13 – 22 (NIV page 1219)
- 6.30 pm**      **Compline with Homily (BCP)**  
Minister: The Vicar



The Altar flowers are given today  
in loving memory of Graham Mighell  
from Carole Mighell.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### **MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> May** *Rogation Day*

**10.00 am** Church Centre open for private prayer

### **TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup>** *Rogation Day. Gregory Dix, priest, monk, scholar, 1952*

Parish Office Closed

**7.45 pm** **The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will take place at Church Centre**

### **WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup>** *Rogation Day*

**9.00 am** **Morning prayer at the Church Centre – Tim Harrold**

**9.00 am** Playtime at St Paul's, Church Centre

**10.00 am** Church Centre open for private prayer

**3.00 pm** Communion at Chamberlain Court - John Bazley

### **THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup>** **ASCENSION DAY**

**10.00 am** Church Centre open for private prayer

**11.30 am** **Holy Communion at the Church Centre with the Vicar**

**12.30 pm** Lunch Club at the Church Centre

**8.00 pm** **Eucharist Service for the Ascension of our Lord – The Vicar**

### **FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup>** *Matthias the Apostle*

**10.00 am** Church Centre open for private prayer

**12.30 pm** Community Larder at the Church Centre

**6.30 pm** Junior Choir Practice

**7.30 pm** Full Choir Practice

### **SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup>** *Caroline Chisolm, social reformer, 1877*

**10.00 am – 4.00 pm** Choristers Café

### **NEXT SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

#### **The Sunday after Ascension**

**8.00 am** **Holy Communion (BCP)**  
President and Preacher: The Vicar

**10.00 am** **Parish Eucharist (CW)**  
President and Preacher: The Vicar  
Minister: Daphne Pilcher

**10.00 am** **Family Service with at the Church Centre + Zoom**  
Lead: Wendy Anderson      Link: Chris Bassett and Tommy Clamp

**10.00 am – 4.00 pm** Choristers Café

**6.30 pm** **Evensong (BCP)**  
Minister: Tim Harrold

## **NEWS AND NOTES**

### **From the Vicarage**

Easter greetings and a warm welcome to our services today, the Sixth Sunday of Easter. Special welcome to Annie, who is being baptised today at the 10.00 am service at the Parish Church and her parents, family and friends, some of whom are an integral part of the parish family.

A big thank you to Nicholas, Daphne and Tim for taking the services during my absence. As we worship together and welcome Annie into the fellowship of faith, I pray that we may all continue to grow in our knowledge of God and our acceptance of one another.

### **EUCCHARIST SERVICE FOR THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD**

Please join us at 8.00 pm at the Parish Church on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026 for our Festival Eucharist as we celebrate the ascension of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

### **Sermons**

Sermons from recent services will now be available to read on our website. They can be accessed from either the home page or under the "Worship" tab.

### **Events**

During May we have two events taking place in support of our Organ Renovation Fund. On Wednesday May 20<sup>th</sup> at 8.00 pm we are delighted to host the Bacchus Wind Orchestra. If you have not heard them before, this is a unique opportunity to do so in our own church. And on Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 pm it is the turn of our own choir who are performing their summer concert. See posters for further details or ask in the office. Would be great to see as many of you as possible support both these events.

### **Family Service**

There will be a Family Service Meeting on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00 am held at the Church Centre.

### **First Aid**

We are currently looking to add a few more First Aiders to the St Paul's team. At the moment I am the only registered person and cannot be at all events/services. It would be great to be able to cover more. If you would like to do some training or already hold a First Aid at Work (or similar) certificate, please get in touch. It is a rewarding way to help people and I am very happy to answer any questions. This applies to both Churches. Many thanks. Ginette

## **YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!**

We are looking for someone to serve as Secretary of the Parochial Church Council (PCC). The role of the Secretary is to:

1. Take the Minutes at the PCC meetings and circulate them to the PCC.
2. Prepare the agenda with the Vicar for the PCC meetings.
3. Prepare and distribute documents for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and take minutes for the meeting.
4. Act as the 'official' liaison between the Parish and The Diocese of Rochester. The PCC meets for at most two hours on a 6/7 - week cycle. Please speak to Ronnie, May or Chris Dobson if you are interested to serve as the PCC Secretary.

## **BEE NEWS**

Spring has certainly arrived and our hives are exceedingly busy. Having thought we had lost one of our hives over the winter, it would appear that our healthy colony have other ideas and have produced what we think are two new queens. All things going well we look forward to a productive summer of honey with THREE busy hives. Exciting news indeed.

## **CAN YOU HELP?**

Following a recent strategy meeting the church is looking for the following:

1. A co-ordinator to mastermind the Annual Church Fayre
2. Someone to co-ordinate our marketing strategy
3. A St. Paul's Alumni co-ordinator to reach out to St. Paul's Alumni and friends, local, national and International.

If you are interested in any of these roles, please contact either:  
Angela Culley. 07779098026 or Tim Harrold, Lay Minister, 07413805814 or [finance@stpaulsrusthall.org.uk](mailto:finance@stpaulsrusthall.org.uk)

## **EXCITING NEWS - "I am Mark" Production**

It is with great excitement and anticipation that we can announce that 2026 will see an inaugural Shirley Barter Memorial Production. On 18<sup>th</sup> July we will be presenting "I am Mark", a daring new staging of the Gospel of Mark. Re-enacted by one person, "I am Mark" takes us through all the stories and drama in Mark's Gospel and presents it in the same way that the very first Christians would have experienced it. Performed in front of sell out audiences at both Rochester Cathedral and Edinburgh Fringe Festival, this is an event not to be missed. Tickets are now on sale via our website. See posters in The Lodge, Church and Church Centre for details. We expect tickets to sell quickly so please make sure you book yours soon.

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