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Our Parish during our Interregnum.

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Mo	<i>Easter Feria</i>		9.30 a.m. at St John's, Higham	<i>World Peace</i>
Tu	<i>Easter Feria</i>		9.30 a.m.	<i>Persecuted Christians</i>
W	<i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	M	9.30 a.m. at St John's, Higham	<i>Marian Shrines</i>
Th	Ascension of the Lord	✠	9.30 a.m. 7.30 p.m. (sung)	Joy and Hope
F	<i>Easter Feria</i>		9.30 a.m. at St John's, Higham	<i>Elderly in care</i>
Sa	<i>Saint Simon Stock</i>	M	9.30 a.m. at St John's, Higham	<i>Carmelite Friars at Aylesford</i>
Su	7th Sunday of Easter	✠	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 10.00 a.m. Parish Mass	

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 10th May 2026



The Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

10.00 a.m. Parish Mass

Celebrant: Fr Simon
Preacher: Fr Simon

Please take this Bulletin home with you.

Please return the Mass sheet for reuse on a future date

Hymns for Today's Mass – I will not leave you

Mass setting: Gathering Mass

All heaven declares - *I will not leave you*
When I needed a neighbour - *Christian Aid*
A new commandment - *I will not leave you*
We have a Gospel to proclaim - *I will not leave you*



Don't have any cash to put in the Offering? We now have a card machine in the refreshment area, or pay from home using our QR code. If you are a Taxpayer please complete a Gift Aid form.

Our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will take place after Parish Mass this morning. Meeting papers have been distributed. We have 2 vacancies for Churchwarden, 6 for PCC and 2 for Deanery Synod. Apologies and returned forms to Sue Johncock, PCC Secretary, before the meeting starts. Nomination forms are in the south aisle.

Thursday is Ascension day – A Day of Holy Obligation. There will be a said Mass at 9.30 a.m. and a sung Mass at 7.30 p.m.

Christian Aid Week takes place from 10th – 16th May. Spare envelopes are available by the collection plate by the card machine. Please return them today or next Sunday.

Monies donated at our **Saturday Cuppa** on 16th May will be given to Christian Aid. There will also be a **Lunch at 12 noon**. Please fill in the sheet in the refreshment area to help with the catering.

The Faculty Notice for the Dais extension is on display on the green board by the north door.

All the names of the Sick will be removed at Pentecost (24th May). If you would like someone renewed please let Martin know.

Pre-school children are welcome to join June and Linda for "Little Lambs at 10.00 a.m. on Wednesdays (in term time).

Dates for your Diary

10th – 16th May Christian Aid Week
Thursday 14th May – **ASCENSION DAY**
9.30 a.m. Said Mass 7.30 p.m. Sung Mass
Saturday 16th May
10.00 a.m. Saturday Cuppa
12 noon Christian Aid Lunch
1.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Messy Cathedral in Rochester Cathedral
Saturday 23rd May 10.00 a.m. Church Cleaning
Saturday 6th June
10.00 a.m. Saturday Cuppa
Sunday 7th June - Corpus Christi
5.00 p.m. Solemn Evensong and Benediction
at St James, Elmers End
Saturday 13th June
10.00 a.m. Mass for Walsingham, with Healing Ministries
Friday 19th – Sunday 21st June Walsingham Pilgrimage
Saturday 20th June 10.00 a.m. Saturday Cuppa

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Is 48: 20

Proclaim a joyful sound
and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Collect

Grant, almighty God,
that we may celebrate with heartfelt
devotion these days of joy,
which we keep in honour
of the risen Lord,
and that what we relive in remembrance
we may always hold to in what we do.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First reading Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

*'They laid their hands on them
and they received the Holy Spirit.'*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In those days: Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralysed or lame were healed. So there was much joy in that city. Now when the Apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Psalter page 47

Ps 66(65):1-3a. 4-5. 6-7a. 16, 20. R1

**Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.
Alleluia.**

*Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.*

O render him glorious praise.

*Say to God, 'How wondrous your deeds!' **R***

*'Before you all the earth shall bow down,
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'*

Come and see the works of God:

his wondrous deeds

*among the children of Adam. **R***

*He turned the sea into dry land;
they passed through the river on foot.
Let our joy, then, be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. **R***

*Come and hear, all who fear God;
I will tell what he did for my soul.
Blest be God, who did not reject my prayer,
nor withhold from me his merciful love. **R***

Second reading 1 Peter 3:15-18

*'Being put to death in the flesh
but made alive in the spirit.'*

A reading from the First Letter of St Peter

Beloved: In your hearts honour Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defence to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behaviour in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Acclamation before the Gospel Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

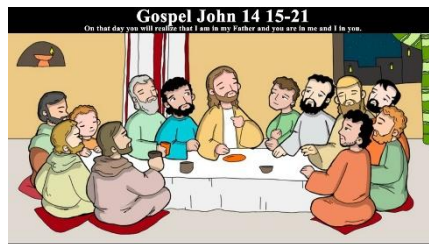
If anyone loves me, he will keep my word,

says the Lord,

and my Father will love him,

and we will come to him.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia



Gospel John 14:15-21

*'I will ask the Father,
and he will give you another Helper.'*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John

Glory ✕ to ✕ you, ✕ O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If you love me, you will keep my

commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. 'I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer over the Offerings

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord, together with the sacrificial offerings, so that, purified by your graciousness, we may be conformed

to the mysteries of your mighty love.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon Jn 14: 15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments,
says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father
and he will send you another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty ever-living God,
who restore us to eternal life
in the Resurrection of Christ,
increase in us, we pray,
the fruits of this paschal Sacrament
and pour into our hearts
the strength of this saving food.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

OPENING HYMN

All heaven declares the glory of the risen Lord
Who can compare with the beauty of the Lord?
*Forever He will be the Lamb upon the throne
I gladly bow my knee and worship Him alone*

I will proclaim the glory of the risen Lord
who once was slain to reconcile man to God
*Forever You will be the Lamb upon the throne
I gladly bow my knee and worship You alone
Forever You will be the Lamb upon the throne
I gladly bow my knee and worship You alone*

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OFFERTORY HYMN

Christian Aid hymn

When I needed a neighbour
were you there, were you there?
When I needed a neighbour were you there?
And the creed and the colour
and the name won't matter were you there?

I was hungry and thirsty
were you there, were you there?
I was hungry and thirsty were you there?
And the creed and the colour
and the name won't matter were you there?

I was cold, I was naked
were you there, were you there?
I was cold, I was naked were you there?
And the creed and the colour
and the name won't matter were you there?

When I needed a shelter
were you there, were you there?
When I needed a shelter were you there?
And the creed and the colour
and the name won't matter were you there?

When I needed a healer
were you there, were you there?
When I needed a healer were you there?
And the creed and the colour
and the name won't matter were you there?
Wherever you travel
I'll be there, I'll be there.
Wherever you travel I'll be there.
And the creed and the colour
and the name won't matter I'll be there.

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The Choir Sings the Communion Meditation

After the Distribution of Communion, we sing

*A new commandment I give unto you,
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.*

By this shall all know that you are my disciples,
if you have love one for another.

By this shall all know that you are my disciples,
if you have love one for another.

A new commandment . . .

You are my friends if you do what I command you
Without my help you can do nothing.

You are my friends if you do what I command you
Without my help you can do nothing.

A new commandment . . .

True love is patient, not arrogant, or boastful.
Love bears all things, love is eternal.

True love is patient, not arrogant, or boastful.
Love bears all things, love is eternal.

A new commandment . . .

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of his death at Calvary,
hated by those he came to save;
in lonely suffering on the cross
for all he loved, his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
empty the tomb, for he was free;
he broke the power of death and hell
that we might share his victory.

Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth;
this gospel-message we proclaim:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

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Entrance Antiphon **Acts 1: 11**

Men of Galilee,
 why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
 This Jesus whom you saw
 ascending into heaven
 will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

Collect

Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God,
 and make us rejoice
 with devout thanksgiving,
 for the Ascension of Christ your Son
 is our exaltation,
 and, where the Head has gone
 before in glory,
 the Body is called to follow in hope.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

or:

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
 that we, who believe that your Only
 Begotten Son, our Redeemer,
 ascended this day to the heavens,
 may in spirit dwell
 already in heavenly realms.
 Who lives and reigns with you
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First reading **Acts 1:1-11**
'As they were looking on, he was lifted up.'

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the Apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, 'You heard from me; for John baptised with water, but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?' He said to them, 'It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed 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 and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.' And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 47(46):2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R6

**God has gone up with shouts of joy.
 The Lord goes up with trumpet blast.**

*All peoples, clap your hands.
 Cry to God with shouts of joy!
 For the Lord, the Most High, to be feared,
 the great king over all the earth. **R***

*God has gone up with shouts of joy.
 The Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
 Sing praise for God; sing praise!
 Sing praise to our king; sing praise! **R***

*For God is king of all the earth.
 Sing praise with a hymn.
 God is reigning o-ver nations.
 God sits upon his ho-ly throne. **R***

Second reading **Ephesians 1:16-23**
*'God seated him at his right hand
 in the heavenly places.'*

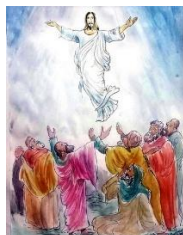
A reading from the Letter of St Paul
 to the Ephesians

Brothers and Sisters: I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power towards us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the Church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Acclamation before the Gospel
Matthew 28:19a, 20b

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
 Go, therefore, and make disciples
 of all nations, says the Lord.
 I am with you always, to the end of the age.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*



Gospel **Matthew 28:16-20**
*'All authority in heaven and on earth
 has been given to me.'*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel
 according to Matthew

Glory ✕ to ✕ you, ✕ O Lord.

At that time: The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshipped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer over the Offerings

We offer sacrifice now in supplication,
 O Lord,
 to honour the wondrous Ascension
 of your Son:
 grant, we pray,
 that through this most holy exchange
 we, too, may rise up to the heavenly realms.
 Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon **Mt 28: 20**

Behold, I am with you always,
 even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty ever-living God,
 who allow those on earth
 to celebrate divine mysteries,
 grant, we pray,
 that Christian hope may draw us onward
 to where our nature is united with you.
 Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Solemn Blessing

May almighty God bless you, for on this very day his Only Begotten Son pierced the heights of heaven and unlocked for you the way to ascend to where he is. **Amen.**

May he grant that, as Christ after his resurrection was seen plainly by his disciples, so when he comes as Judge he may show himself merciful to you for all eternity. **Amen.**

And may you, who believe he is seated with the Father in his majesty, know with joy the fulfilment of his promise to stay with you until the end of time. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✕ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

OPENING HYMN

Hail the day that sees Him rise, Alleluia!
To His throne above the skies, Alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners giv'n, Alleluia!
enters now the highest heav'n, Alleluia!

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

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

Ever upward let us move, Alleluia!
Wafted on the wings of love, Alleluia!
Looking when our Lord shall come, Alleluia!
Longing, sighing after home, Alleluia!

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OFFERTORY HYMN

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
First-begotten from the dead,
Thou alone, our strong Defender,
lifest up Thy people's head.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Jesu, true and living Bread.

Here our humblest homage pay we,
here in loving reverence bow;
here for faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know Thee now.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil Thee
as of old in Bethlehem,
here as there Thine angels hail Thee
Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
we in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, Thine offering, finished
once for all when Thou wast slain,
in its fulness undiminished
shall forever more remain,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting, heavenly Manna,
stricken Rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna
worship Thee, the Lamb who died,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
risen, ascended, glorified!

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COMMUNION HYMN

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, His the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus out of every nation
has 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,
Thou 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, heav'n 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.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.*

Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:
Yours the glory . . .

Suffering servant, scorned, ill - treated,
victim crucified!
death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:
Yours the glory . . .

**Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:**

Yours the glory . . .

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

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

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