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Our Parish during our Interregnum.

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Mo	The English Martyrs	F	9.30 a.m. at St John's, Higham	Christian Unity
Tu	Easter Feria		9.30 a.m.	Refugees
W	St John at the Latin Gate	M	7.30 p.m. at St John's, Higham	Parish Mission
Th	Easter Feria		9.30 a.m.	Faithful Departed
F	Easter Feria		9.30 a.m. at St John's, Higham	"Looked after" Children
Sa	Easter Feria		10.00 a.m. Mass for Walsingham	Walsingham
Su	6th Sunday of Easter	✠	9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer 10.00 a.m. Parish Mass	

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For Church matters contact the Churchwardens, for Spiritual matters contact Fr James, Fr Simon or Fr Lindsay. To book a Baptism or Wedding contact the Ministry Administrator.

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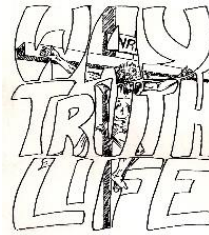
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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 3rd May 2026



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

10.00 a.m. Parish Mass

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Simon

12.00 p.m. Holy Baptism

Harper Basia Reynolds

Please take this Bulletin home with you.

Please return the Mass sheet for reuse on a future date

Hymns for Today's Mass – The way, the Truth and the Life

Mass setting: Gathering Mass

Good Christian men rejoice - *The way, the Truth and the Life*
To God be the glory - *reflecting on the Gospel*
An upper room did our Lord prepare - *The way, the Truth and the Life*
This joyful Eastertide - *The way, the Truth and the Life*



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.

Thank you for your support for this year's Lent Project Mary's Meals. The total raised is £286.55.

Thank you to everyone who donates for Votive Candles & Coffee.

Christian Aid Week takes place from **10th – 16th May**. An envelope is included with this Bulletin for your donation. 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.

You are invited to St John's, Higham at **7.30 p.m.** on **Wednesday** for their **Patronal Festival. St John at the Latin Gate.**

Mass for Walsingham, with Laying on of Hands and Anointing at **10.00 a.m.** on **Saturday**. Refreshments afterwards.

The Faculty Notice for the Dais extension is on display on the green board by the north door. If you would like to see the plans Martin will have them in the Lady Chapel after Mass this morning

Our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will take place after the Parish Mass on **Sunday 10th May**. 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. Nomination forms are in the south aisle. List of members is on the green board by the north door.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 6th May – St John at the Latin Gate
7.30 p.m. Patronal Mass at St John's, Higham

Saturday 9th May

10.00 a.m. Mass for Walsingham, with Healing Ministries

Sunday 10th May Annual Parochial Church Meeting

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

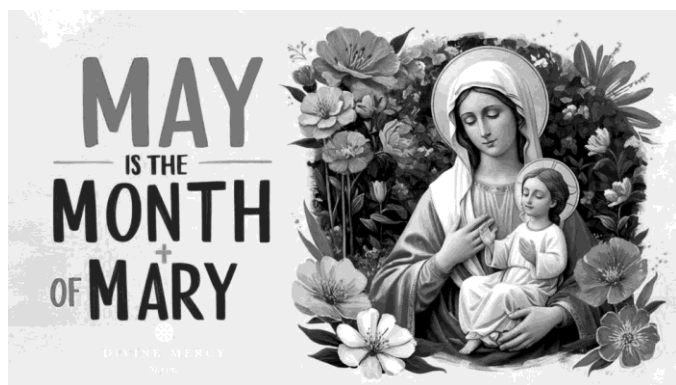
10.00 a.m. Saturday Cuppa

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

Friday 19th – Sunday 21st June Walsingham Pilgrimage



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

10th – 16th May 2026

What is Christian Aid Week?

Christian Aid Week is a powerful expression of what can happen when compassion leads to action.

It's our shared moment to come together – across churches, communities and households – to stand alongside people living in poverty around the world.

For one week each year, thousands of people across Britain and Ireland give, fundraise, pray and act together. Together, those actions make change possible.

Since 1957, Christian Aid Week has brought faith and action together to help families survive poverty and violence, and communities rebuild after crisis.

This is all thanks to the amazing support of churches, communities and individuals who

choose to walk, run, bake, dance, make, and do whatever it takes to help make lasting change.

Who will Christian Aid Week support this year?

This Christian Aid Week, your support could help mothers in Nairobi, Kenya, facing the devastating reality of urban poverty and the daily struggle to feed their children.

By funding urban farming projects alongside specialist training from our partner Beacon of Hope, we can help parents fight food insecurity, grow fresh vegetables in small city spaces and earn an income to support their families.

This May, we invite you to help mothers like Fridah and Belinda living in crowded informal settlements so they can protect their children from hunger and grow a more hopeful future.

Where hardship means hunger ...urban farmers can grow hope.

In the crowded and bustling settlements of Nairobi, most parents wake every single day knowing that they must go and earn money, otherwise their children won't eat that evening.

It's a precarious and frightening daily struggle that no family should have to face.

But with tools and training from our partner, Beacon of Hope, parents are farming vegetables in a small city plot to feed their families and earn an income.

For many years the members of All Saints Church have supported the work of Christian Aid.

Please give what you can place it in the envelope and return it next Sunday or the following Sunday.

You can further support the work of Christian Aid by coming to the Saturday Cuppa on 16th May from 10.00 a.m. in the hall and staying for Lunch. To help with the catering please complete the sheet in the refreshment area.

Thank you for your support.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year A

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 97: 1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
constantly accomplish the Paschal
Mystery within us,
that those you were pleased
to make new in Holy Baptism
may, under your protective care,
bear much fruit
and come to the joys of life eternal.
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.

First reading Acts 6:1-7

'They chose seven men full of the Holy Spirit.'

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In those days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. And the Twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, 'It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers and sisters, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.' And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the Apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Psalter page 46 Ps 33(32):1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R22

R May your merciful love be upon us,
as we hope in you, O Lord.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting from the upright.
Give thanks to the Lord up-on the harp;
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R**

The word of the Lord is upright,
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves just-ice and right,
and his merciful love fills the earth. **R**

Yes, the Lord's eyes are on those who fear him,
who hope in his mer-ci-ful love,
to rescue their soul from death,
to keep them a-live in famine. **R**

Second reading 1 Peter 2:4-9

'But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.'

A reading from the First Letter of St Peter

Beloved: Come to the Lord, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious. You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture: 'Behold, I am laying in Sion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' So the honour is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone', and 'A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence.' 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, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

The word of the Lord.

Acclamation before the Gospel Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*I am the way, and the truth,
and the life, says the Lord.*

*No one comes to the Father
ex-cept through me.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel John 14:1-12

'I am the way, and the truth, and the life.'

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, 'Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. 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, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to

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 had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? 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 authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. 'Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead, grant, we pray, that, as we have come to know your truth, we may make it ours by a worthy way of life. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Jn 15: 1, 5

I am the true vine and
you are the branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him,
bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord.

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HYMNS FOR TODAY'S MASS

OPENING HYMN

**Good Christians men, rejoice and sing!
now is the triumph of our King!
to all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Praise we in songs of victory
that love, that life which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**To God the Father, God the Son,
to God the Spirit, always One,
we sing for life in us begun:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

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OFFERTORY HYMN

SIT The Collection is taken. If you would prefer to pay by card please use the machine at the back of the Church. The Altar is prepared as we sing (AHON 522):

**To God be the glory! great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son;
who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life gate that all may go in.
*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son:
And give Him the glory! Great things He hath done!***

**O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.
*Praise the Lord . . .***

**Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.
*Praise the Lord . . .***

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The Choir Sings the Communion Meditation (105)

*Come, my way, my truth, my life:
Such a way as gives us breath;
Such a truth as ends all strife,
Such a life as killeth death.*

*Come, my light, my feast, my strength:
Such a light as shows a feast,
Such a feast as mends in length,
Such a strength as makes his guest.*

*Come, my joy, my love, my heart:
Such a joy as none can move,
Such a love as none can part,
Such a heart as joys in love.*

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After the Distribution of Communion, we sing (33):

**An upper room did our Lord prepare
For those loved until the end:
And His disciples still gather there,
To celebrate their risen Friend.**

**And after supper He washed their feet,
For service, too, is sacrament.
In Him our joy shall be made complete
Sent out to serve, as He was sent.**

**A lasting gift Jesus gave His own:
To share His bread, His loving cup.
Whatever burdens may bow us down,
He by His cross shall lift us up.**

**No end there is! we depart in peace.
He loves beyond our uttermost:
In every room in our Father's house,
He will be there, as Lord and host.**

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Final hymn (AHON 576)

**This joyful Easter-tide,
away with care and sorrow!
my Love, the Crucified,
hath sprung to life this morrow.
*Had Christ, that once was slain,
ne'er burst His three day prison,
our faith had been in vain;
but now hath Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen, arisen!***

**My flesh in hope shall rest,
and for a season slumber;
till trump from east to west,
shall wake the dead in number.
*Had Christ, that . . .***

**Death's flood hath lost his chill,
since Jesus crossed the river:
lover of souls, from ill
my passing soul deliver.
*Had Christ, that . . .***

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