

PARISH OF HAWLEY

## 4 May 2025—Third Sunday of Easter

### Welcome to our services today

#### Keble College Corporate Communion

**Sunday 11th May 2025 at 5.30pm**

*Preacher: Fr Fergus Butler-Gallie (author, journalist and speaker)*

Keble College, Oxford, as Patrons of Hawley Parish, invite us to a Sung Eucharist **next Sunday** (11th) in Chapel sung by the renowned Keble Choir, followed by a prosecco reception and curry supper – a “suggested donation” of £10 (cash) towards the cost would be welcomed on the day. Please let Pauline Scott know **today** if you’d like to attend, together with any dietary requirements.

#### Hawley Anglican Men’s Society

The next HAMS event is an away day to London on Wednesday week (14th). Meet at Farnborough Main Station at 09:15. Partners are welcome to join us. More information from Derek Bangs.

### *Please remember in your prayers this week:*

#### **The sick and infirm:**

June Anderton, Margaret Coles, Janet Dadson, Ian Hasbey, Leah James, Jerold Lee, Janet Murton, Dave Powers, Pat Rorison, Christina & Geoff, Graham, Kate, Kirk & Karen, Mac, Mike, Sue, Tony

#### **and the needs of**

our Roman Catholic brothers & sisters

#### **The recently departed:**

His Holiness Pope Francis,  
Patrick Thornton, Bob Wilson

#### **Anniversary of death:**

Mary Allcock, Patricia Dallimore,  
Herbert Doswell, Matthew Kenny,  
Annie Moxon, Mary Sexton, Fanny Wyatt

### THIS WEEK

• All events at Holy Trinity—*unless shown otherwise* •  
*Weekday Readings: Week 3 of Easter*

#### **Wednesday**

6.30 pm: Mass (6.00: Exposition of Bl. Sacrament)  
Psalm R. *Alleluia*.

7.15 pm: PCC meeting—*Trinity Hall*

#### **Thursday**

11.00 am: Bible Study Group

#### **Friday**

11.00 am: Mass (10.30: Exposition of Bl. Sacrament)  
Psalm R. *Alleluia*.

2 – 4 pm: Tea at Two—*All Saints Hall*

#### **Next Sunday—Fourth Sunday of Easter**

9.15 am: Mass with hymns—*All Saints*

11.00 am: Sung Mass

5.30 pm: Corporate Communion & supper  
—*Keble College, Oxford*

#### **Parochial Church Council**

Members of the PCC are reminded that we meet on Wednesday at 7.15 pm in Trinity Hall.

#### **Trinity Fair and Open Day: Saturday 14th June**

Please put this date in your diaries now!

There are boxes at the back of both churches for any donations for this day. If you can help on the day please don’t be shy about coming forward!

#### **‘Tea at Two’**

We meet every Friday from 2 – 4 pm in All Saints Hall. Come and join us for great cake, tea/coffee and conversation. We look forward to seeing you!

#### **Weekly news sheet**

Please send any items for inclusion on the sheet to Fr William by the end of Wednesday each week.

## From the Fathers: Christ gave his own body for the life of all men

*from a commentary on the Gospel of St John by St Cyril of Alexandria*

"I am dying for all men," says the Lord. "I am dying to give them life through myself and to redeem the whole human race through my humanity. In my death, death itself will die, and man's fallen nature will rise again with me. I wanted to be like my brothers in every respect, so I became a man like you, a descendant of Abraham."

When the life-giving Word of God dwelt in human flesh, he changed it into that good thing which is distinctively his, namely, life; and by being wholly united to the flesh in a way beyond our comprehension, he gave it the life-giving power which he has by his very nature. Therefore, the body of Christ gives life to those who receive it. Its presence in mortal men expels death and drives away corruption because it contains within itself in his entirety the Word who totally abolishes corruption.

### The Easter Garden

The Easter Garden probably has its origins in the medieval custom of the Easter Sepulchre: on Good Friday the Blessed Sacrament was ceremonially 'buried' in a 'Sepulchre' and raised in triumph on Easter morning. The custom was especially popular in England, where the Sepulchre often became an architectural feature of the church: an elaborately carved stone niche, often with scenes of the Easter story, found near the church's high altar. Many such sepulchres can still be seen, especially in East Anglia. They were often identifiable by their abundance of flowers and greenery.

## Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter Gospel: John 21: 1 – 19



In today's Gospel the risen Lord Jesus shows himself to Simon Peter and six others. Seven is a significant number, associated with fulfilment or completion. Please have this in mind as you read the passage. The Apostles put out their nets but catch nothing. However, when the risen Lord stands on the seashore and directs them to cast again, a great haul of fishes is netted – as many as 153 of them. The resurrection appearances of Our Lord are always accompanied by abundance: abundance in understanding, in insight, in belief, in wonder, in forgiveness, in commissioning. Today's Gospel is the same. Christ called the Twelve to fish for men. At this resurrection appearance he reveals to them the nature of their vocation as Apostles; they are unceasingly to fish, to net souls for the Risen Christ, through a universal mission given to them, and passed on from them to us through the mission of the Church.