

11 May 2025—Fourth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to our services today

Annual Meetings

The Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held **next Sunday** (18th) in Trinity Hall. Nomination forms for the various elections are available in both churches.

Anyone wishing to send apologies for absence for this meeting can send them directly to the PCC Secretary, Susan Brown, at susan@allenbrown.co.uk or by text message to 07731 652055.

Hawley Anglican Men's Society (HAMS)

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

Walsingham Cell Mass

The Walsingham Cell meets this Saturday (17th) for Mass at 11 am at Holy Trinity (Eucharistic Exposition from 10.30 am), followed by a bring-and-share lunch at the Vicarage. All are welcome.

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

His Holiness Pope Leo XIV

The recently departed:

Patrick Thornton, Bob Wilson

Anniversary of death:

Fr Erik Gibbons, Colin Restell, Brian Rhys-Davies

THIS WEEK

• All events at Holy Trinity—*unless shown otherwise* •
Weekday Readings: Week 4 of Easter

Monday

10.15 am: Funeral of Patrick Thornton

Wednesday *St Matthias, Apostle*

9.15 am: HAMS trip to London
—*meet at Farnborough Main*

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

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*

2.30 pm: Holy Communion—*Camberley Woods*

Saturday

11.00 am: Walsingham Cell Mass
(10.30: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament)
Psalm R: *You are the highest honour of our race*.

Next Sunday—*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

9.15 am: Mass with hymns—*All Saints*

11.00 am: Sung Mass

3.30 pm: Annual Meetings—*Trinity Hall*

Trinity Fair and Open Day: Saturday 14th June

Please make sure this date is in your diaries!

There are boxes at the back of both churches for any donations for this day.

Volunteers to help on the day would be welcomed.

‘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.

Living the Word: Psalm 23

The intimacy of David's language is noticeable here. Not 'The Lord is a shepherd', or 'The Lord is our shepherd', but 'The Lord is my shepherd'. David knows the Lord of all creation not as a distant higher power, but as his shepherd. He knows God personally, as the one in whom he can put his trust. David can be at peace, because he can entrust every day, every step, to the one who guides his feet, and leads him along the right paths. Sometimes what lies ahead will be tranquil, and full of joy – the green pastures and the still waters; sometimes what lies ahead will be far harder – the darkest valley, even death itself. But wherever that path leads, David declares to God, 'you are with me'. We too can trust God with our lives, knowing that he is our Good Shepherd. For in Christ, he has walked our path ahead of us, and laid down his life for us, so that we might dwell in his house forever.

Saints and Heroes

St Matthias, Apostle – 14th May

He was not one of the Twelve, but after the treachery and death of Judas Iscariot, someone was needed to take his place. Two candidates were selected, and lots were drawn to see which of them should be made one of the Twelve: it fell to Matthias. Drawing lots to select a candidate for an office might sound strange to us, but it was a recognised Jewish custom: for example, the priest who was to enter the Temple sanctuary and burn incense was chosen by lot. Random events, independent of any obvious natural or human cause, were seen as an expression of God's will.

Sunday 11th May 2025

4th Sunday of Easter

Gospel: John 10: 22 – 30



In today's Gospel Jesus speaks of his intimacy with his flock; he is bound to them and they to him in closest relationship: the sheep 'belong' to him, they 'harken' to his voice, he 'knows' them, they 'follow' him. It is a relationship of such communion and closeness that 'no one will ever steal them' from him. The imagery of shepherd and sheep speaks profoundly to the Church of the in-dwelling intimacy of the Father and the Son in the love they share, which is the Holy Spirit. As the Three Persons of the Holy Trinity each live for and are in the other in the ecstasy of divine self-giving, so the Church intimately partakes of Trinitarian Love through her union with Christ, the Good Shepherd. By laying down his life for the sheep, the Good Shepherd has opened up the very heart of God to those who wish to share in the Paschal Mystery of Christ's dying and rising. What the Good Shepherd has won for his flock is fullest participation in the very life of God.