

3 May 2026—Fifth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to our services today

Keble College Corporate Communion

Next Sunday (10th May) at 5.30pm

Keble College, Oxford, as Patrons of Hawley Parish, invite us to their annual Corporate Communion for all Keble livings. This is a Sung Eucharist in Chapel sung by the renowned Keble Choir, and followed by a drinks 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** (Sunday) if you’d like to attend, together with any dietary requirements.

Parochial Church Council

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

Hawley Anglican Men’s Society

HAMS’s next event will be a day out on Monday week (11th). Meet at Farnborough Main station at 9.15 am.

Annual Meetings

The Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held **in two weeks’ time** (17th May). Nomination forms for the various elections will be 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.

Please remember in your prayers this week:

Those to be baptised and their family:

Rosie Meredith

The sick and infirm: June Anderton, Yanthy Clerk, Janet Dadson, John Darcy, Peter Gardner, Ian McRea, Janet Murton, Darren Neve, Dave Powers, Pat Rorison, Lauren Scammell, Shirley Whiteley, Jack & Rosemary, Jill, John, Kirk & Karen, Mark, Pete
and the needs of the peoples of the Middle East

The recently departed & their family: Harry Neale

Anniversary of death: Mary Allcock, Gladys Booker, 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 5 of Easter

Today

12.30 pm: Holy Baptism

Wednesday

6.30 pm: Mass (6.00: Exposition of Bl. Sacrament)
 Psalm R. *I rejoiced when I heard them say, "Let us go to God's house."*

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. *I will thank you, Lord, among the peoples.*

2–4 pm: Tea at Two—*All Saints Hall*

Next Sunday—Sixth 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*

Harry Neale

Many members of our congregations will remember Harry, the father of our late vicar Fr Martyn. Harry died last Sunday. Please pray for his soul. Funeral details will be announced in due course.

Trinity Weekend: 30th/31st May

We will be celebrating our parish’s Feast of Title on the weekend of Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st May. For the Saturday Fair, there are boxes at the back of both churches for donations for the Bottle Stall and Raffle. (N.B. No used electrical goods, please.)

‘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 St Maximus of Turin

The light of Christ is an endless day that knows no night. Christ is this day, says the Apostle; such is the meaning of his words: Night is almost over; day is at hand! He tells us that night is almost over, not that it is about to fall. By this we are meant to understand that the coming of Christ's light puts Satan's darkness to flight, leaving no place for any shadow of sin. His everlasting radiance dispels the dark clouds of the past and checks the hidden growth of vice. The Son is that day to whom the Father communicates the mystery of his divinity. He is the day who says through the mouth of Solomon: I have caused an unfailing light to rise in heaven. And as in heaven no night can follow day, so no sin can overshadow the justice of Christ. The celestial day is perpetually bright and shining with brilliant light; clouds can never darken its skies. In the same way, the light of Christ is eternally glowing with luminous radiance and can never be extinguished by the darkness of sin. This is why John says: the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never been able to overpower it. And so, my brothers, each of us ought surely to rejoice on this holy day!

The Paschal Candle

The Paschal Candle represents the light of Christ through the year. It is used to bless the font and at all baptisms, representing Christ's presence among us and acting as a reminder of the resurrection. It is for this reason that the candle is also present at funerals in church. Please take a look at your church's Paschal Candle this Eastertide and give thanks for all God does for us.

Sunday 3rd May 2026 Fifth Sunday of Easter Gospel: John 14: 1 – 12



Today's Gospel reading is often heard at funerals with its reassuring message that 'my Father's house has many rooms'. The translation is important.

People will recognise 'many mansions' (giving an idea of vast accommodation) but 'dwelling places' takes us closer to the original Greek, and the idea of 'dwelling' is central to John's Gospel.

When the disciples first meet Jesus, they ask 'Teacher, where do you dwell?' (John 1: 38) for which some versions have 'stay', and others have 'abide'. The point is being with the Lord: being in his company, part of his family and household. This is not spending a little time with him but being forever in his presence.

And that is why 'the way, the truth, and the life' (one of the seven 'I am' sayings) is made crystal clear. Believing in God – and coming to know him through the Son – is about that intimate relationship, which in this life gives us a foretaste of the next.

Coming into the presence is the beginning of a lifelong journey to fullness, salvation and truth.