

St Michael and All Angels Mill Hill



Ascension Sunday

Sunday 17th May 2026

10:30 am



Welcome to St Michael's Church - especially if you are visiting us for the first time.

Everything you need to follow the service is provided in this booklet. Our church building is served by a hearing loop. Users should turn their hearing aid to setting T.

We are pleased to have Father John Wainwright as our celebrant for the festival of the Ascension.

During this special service, we will also have performances from our children's choir.

After the sermon, the children's choir will sing
"Lord of the Dance" (trad/Sydney Carter).

At the Communion, the senior choir will be singing
"A Gaelic Blessing" by John Rutter.

There will be refreshments after the service,
and the choir will perform a short concert:

The Caribbean Lord's Prayer
"When I needed a neighbour"

followed by two solo performances by members
of the senior choir.

The Processional Hymn (NEH 130)

Please stand

Hail the day that sees Him rise, Alleluia!
Glorious to his native skies; Alleluia!
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!
Enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!

There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluia!
Lift your head, eternal gates! Alleluia!
Christ hath vanquished death and sin; Alleluia!
Take the King of glory in. Alleluia!

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

There we shall with Thee remain, Alleluia!
Partners of Thine endless reign; Alleluia!
There Thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!
Find our heaven of heavens in Thee. Alleluia!



The Gathering

God has gone up with a shout,
All: the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

The Greeting

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.

The Lord be with you
All: And also with you.

Alleluia! Christ is risen
All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Introduction

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, for over forty days we have been celebrating with joyful hearts the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, his bursting from the tomb and his defeat of the power of sin and death. He appeared to his disciples many times and told them about the kingdom of God. Today we recall how he left this earth and returned to his Father, ascending into heaven to take his throne over all dominions and powers. Trusting in his reign over all creation, and submitting to his kingly yet loving rule, let us hear the story of his parting.

The Ascension Reading

Please be seated

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father.

“This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?”

⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Prayers of Penitence

In a moment of quietness, let us prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries by calling to mind the ways in which we have failed God and our neighbour, and then let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

**All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Kyrie

Cantor Lord, have mer - cy. *Choir* Lord have mer - cy. *All* Lord have mer - cy.

Cantor Christ, have mer - cy. *Choir* Christ, have mer - cy. *All* Christ, have mer - cy.

Cantor Lord have mer - cy. *Choir* Lord, have mer - cy. *All* Lord have mer - cy.

Gloria

f Glo - ry to God in the High - est and peace to his people on earth. Lord

God, hea - ven - ly King, al - migh - ty god and Fa - ther. We wor - ship

you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. *mf* Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther. Lord God, Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us; you are

seated at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. *f* For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -

lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

cresc. Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. *ff* A - men.

Collect

Let us pray that our risen and ascended Lord will lead us to eternal life.

Silence is kept.

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ
to have ascended into the heavens,
so we in heart and mind may also ascend
and with him continually dwell;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever

All: Amen.



Psalm 47

The image shows a musical score for Psalm 47. It consists of two staves. The top staff is a vocal line in 4/4 time, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by eighth notes A4, B4, and C5, then a quarter note D5, and continues with a series of eighth and quarter notes. The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in 4/4 time, starting with a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). It features a steady bass line with chords in the right hand. The score ends with a double bar line and a fermata. The initials 'GW' are visible in the bottom right corner of the piano staff.

R God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.

1. Clap your hands together, | all you | peoples;
O sing to God with | shouts of | joy.
2. For the Lord Most High is | to be | feared;
he is the great king over | all the | earth. **R**
3. He subdued the | peoples | under us,
and the nations | under · our | feet.
4. He has chosen our | heritage | for us,
the pride of Jacob | whom he | loves. **R**
5. God has gone up with a | merry | noise,
the Lord with the | sound of · the | trumpet.
6. O sing praises to | God, sing | praises;
sing praises to our | King, sing | praises. **R**
7. For God is King of | all the | earth;
sing praises with | all your | skill.
8. God reigns | over · the | nations;
God has taken his seat upon his | holy | throne. **R**
9. The nobles of the peoples are | gathered · to | together
with the people of the | God of | Abraham.
10. For the powers of the earth be | long to | God,
and he is very | highly · ex | alted. **R**

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1: 15-23

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far 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 age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all."

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn (NEH 131)

Please stand

O King most high of earth and sky
On prostrate death thou treadest,
And with thy blood dost mark the road
Whereby to heaven thou leadest.

2 O Christ, behold thine orphaned fold,
Which thou hast borne with anguish,
Steeped in the tide from thy rent side;
O leave us not to languish!

3 The glorious gain of all thy pain
Henceforth dost thou inherit;
Now comes the hour--then gently shower
On us thy promised Spirit!



The Gospel



The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 24: 44-53

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.⁵² And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy;⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Please be seated

The Creed

Please stand

**All: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right
hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is
worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Please be seated, or kneel if you prefer

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ
let us make our prayer to our heavenly Father.

Lord, in your mercy or Lord, hear us
All: Hear our prayer. Lord, graciously hear us.

Please pray for those who are sick or housebound

We remember by name:

*Anil Ameer Subryan, Anna Morison, Arlen, Ashraf Jafari, Fr Barry Wright,
Beryl, Catherine Dalglish, Chandralakha and Scott Singh, Christine,
Christopher Brown, Chris Robins, Colin Izzard, Claire, Clifford Brown,
Crystal, Daniel Ejelonu, Daniel Whittard, David Mulloy,
Fr Desmond Tillyer, Deirdre Mullooly, Devon White, Edd Heimrich,
Edna McGregor, Edward, Evelyn Semlyen, Gail Sparrow, Helen Cloke,
Iren Fabian-Toth, Janet B, Jenny Wardle, John, Johnny, Jordan,
Judi Bryant, Julian, Katherine Barker, Laura Newbury, Lauren Reeves,
Lisa Sweet, Logan, Mark, Mary, Mary Akpieyi, Mandy,
Mina and Reginald Apiafi, Muriel Doris Bloch, Nicola, Nicole,
Pamela Ashcroft, Pavol Husar, Rachel, Rahema Charles, Ray,
Rella Persaud, Remi Babatunde, Richard Johnson, Robert Winston,
Saffron Leigh, Sandra, Sarah, Sebastian, Susan and Vanessa Husarov,
Susan Paterson, Taiwo Odebode, Venita Delpino, Victoria.*

We remember those who have recently departed this life:

and all whose anniversaries of death fall at this time:
Ernest Desbois, Yvonne Johnsoth and Jack Lambeth (priest).

Rest eternal grant them, O Lord;

All: And let light perpetual shine upon them.

May they rest in peace

All: And rise in glory.

Merciful Father,

**All: Accept these prayers for the sake of your son
our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace

Please stand

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled,
neither let them be afraid.'

The Peace of the Lord be always with you
All: And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

All may exchange a sign of peace.



The Offertory Hymn (NEH 128)

Eternal Monarch, King most high,
Whose blood hath brought redemption nigh,
By whom the death of Death was wrought
And conquering grace's battle fought:

2 Ascending to the throne of might,
And seated at the Father's right,
All power in heaven is Jesu's own,
That here his manhood had not known.

3 Yea, angels tremble when they see
How changed is our humanity;
That flesh hath purged what flesh had stained,
And God, the flesh of God, hath reigned.

4 Be thou our joy and strong defence,
Who art our future recompense:
So shall the light that springs from thee
Be ours through all eternity.

5 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to thee let earth accord,
Who art, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit One. Amen.

You can make an offering online using this QR code:



The Preparation of the Altar

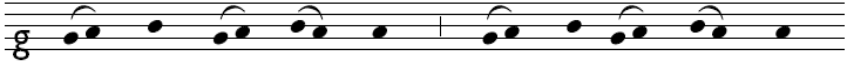
Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to offer you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life

All: Blessed be God forever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to offer you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All: Blessed be God forever.

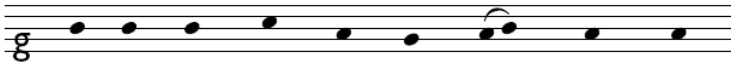
The Eucharistic Prayer



The Lord be with you **R.** and al-so with you.



Lift up your hearts. **R.** **We lift them to the Lord.**



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



R. **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ the King of glory.
Born of a woman,
he came to the rescue of our human race.
Dying for us, he trampled death and conquered sin.

By the glory of his resurrection
he opened the way to life eternal
and by his ascension,
gave us the sure hope
that where he is we may also be.
Therefore the universe resounds with Easter joy
and with choirs of angels we sing for ever to your praise:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow er and might, hea - ven and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please be seated, or kneel if you prefer

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:



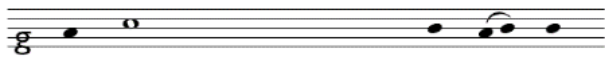
Christ has died. Christ is ri - sen. Christ will come a - gain.

Murray

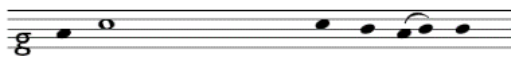
And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

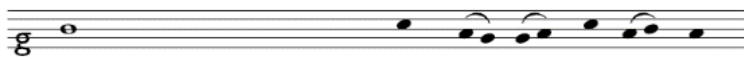
Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
St Michael and all the angels and saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;



by whom, and with whom, and in whom,



in the unity of the Ho-ly Spi-rit,



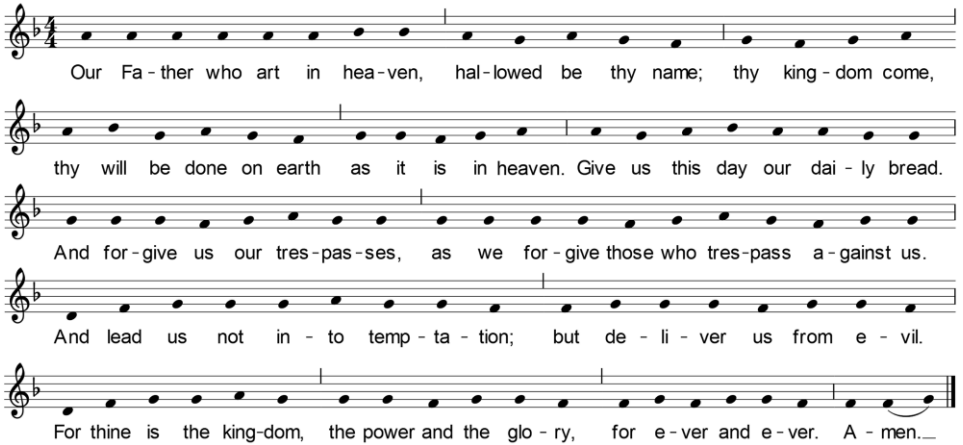
all honour and glory be yours, al-migh-ty Fa-ther,



for ev-er and ev-er. **A - men.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us so we pray:



Our Fa - ther who art in hea - ven, hal - lowed be thy name; thy king - dom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our dai - ly bread.
And for - give us our tres - pas - ses, as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us.
And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion; but de - li - ver us from e - vil.
For thine is the king - dom, the power and the glo - ry, for e - ver and e - ver. A - men...

The Breaking of the Bread

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: **Now we are raised to new life.**

We were buried in your tomb.

All: **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Live in us, that we may live in you.

Agnus Dei



Choir Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, *All* have mer - cy on us
Choir Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, *All* have mer - cy on us
Choir Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, *All* grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Communion

*Communicant members of all Christian Churches are warmly
welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

Any member of the congregation may receive a blessing.

*Those wishing to receive a blessing should please bring this
order of service with them.*

The Communion Hymns (NEH 133)

The eternal gates lift up their heads,
The doors are opened wide,
The King of glory is gone up
Unto his Father's side.

2 And ever on our earthly path
A gleam of glory lies,
A light still breaks behind the cloud
That veils thee from the eyes.

3 Lift up our hearts, lift up our minds,
And let thy grace be given,
That, while we live on earth below,
Our treasure be in heaven;

- 4 That, where thou art at God's right hand,
Our hope, our love may be:
Dwell in us now, that we may dwell
For evermore in thee.

(NEH 129)

- Christ, our hope, our hearts' desire,
Redemption's only spring;
Creator of the world art thou,
Its Saviour and its King.
- 2 How vast the mercy and the love
Which laid our sins on thee,
And led thee to a cruel death
To set thy people free.
- 3 But now the bonds of death are burst,
The ransom has been paid;
And thou art on thy Father's throne
In glorious robes arrayed.
- 4 ○ may thy mighty love prevail
Our sinful souls to spare;
○ may we come before thy throne,
And find acceptance there!
- 5 ○ Christ, be thou our present joy,
Our future great reward;
Our only glory may it be
To glory in the Lord.
- 6 All praise to thee, ascended Lord;
All glory ever be
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Through all eternity. Amen.

The Post Communion Prayer

God our Father,
you have raised our humanity in Christ
and have fed us with the bread of heaven:
mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings,
we may set our hearts in the heavenly places;
through Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen.**

**All: We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all peoples.
Amen.**

Notices

The Blessing

The Lord be with you
All: And also with you.

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

The Recessional Hymn (NEH 134)

- 1 The head that once was crowned with thorns
Is crowned with glory now:
A royal diadem adorns
The mighty victor's brow.
- 2 The highest place that heaven affords
Is his, is his by right,
The King of kings and Lord of lords,
And heaven's eternal light;
- 3 The joy of all who dwell above,
The joy of all below,
To whom he manifests his love,
And grants his name to know.
- 4 To them the cross, with all its shame.
With all its grace is given:
Their name an everlasting name,
Their joy the joy of heaven.
- 5 They suffer with their Lord below,
They reign with him above,
Their profit and their joy to know
The mystery of his love.
- 6 The cross he bore is life and health,
Though shame and death to him;
His people's hope, his people's wealth,
Their everlasting theme.

The Dismissal Reading

Acts 1: 12, 13a, 14

Then the disciples returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying. They were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

As we wait

All: make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we listen to your word,

All: make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we worship you in majesty,

All: make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we long for your refreshing,

All: make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we long for your renewing,

All: make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we long for your equipping,

All: make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we long for your empowering,

All: make us ready for your coming Spirit.

The Dismissal

Waiting expectantly for the promised Holy Spirit,
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

St Michael and All Angels Mill Hill



Services and events this week

- **Morning Prayer - Monday to Friday 10:00am**
on Zoom only
See the QR code below for the Zoom link
- **Wednesday 20th May – Community Banquet**
1:00 – 2:00pm in Hartley Hall
- **Sunday 24th May – Pentecost**
10:30am Parish Mass in the church,
also streaming on Zoom

Services on Zoom

You can join any of our services which are streamed on Zoom, including our daily Morning Prayer, using this QR code:



ANNUAL MEETING



Notice of Annual Parochial Church Meeting **Sunday 31st May 2026 at 12 noon**

This meeting is your chance to hear what God has been doing by His grace in our church during 2025 and 2026.

It is also an opportunity to offer your voice and prayers to help us discern how we might do God's will in the future, particularly through:

- election of Churchwardens
- election of members of the PCC
- election to Deanery Synod

Any member of the congregation who is on the church Electoral Roll is eligible to stand for these positions and to vote at the meeting. Nomination forms are available in church. If you are interested, you will need to be proposed and seconded.

If you are not already on the Electoral Roll and would like to be, please speak to either Daniel Ejelonu or a member of the PCC.

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families



St Michael's Mothers' Union

Summer Strawberry Tea

Hartley Hall

June 20th 2pm

Admission £5 (for charity)

Tombola, Quiz, Music