

# ST ANDREWS CHURCH, SANDFORD ON THAMES

May 2026

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**Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup> Easter 6**

**10.0 a.m. Parish Eucharist**

Hamish will be preaching

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May ASCENSION DAY**

**7.30 p.m. Parish Eucharist**

**PENTECOST Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup>**



**10.0 a.m. Parish Eucharist**

**Preacher: Rev. Margreet Armistead**

**Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 p.m.**

**Alice sermon and Choral Evensong**

The annual commemoration of Lewis Carroll preaching his first sermon as a deacon in Sandford church on Pentecost Sunday 1862



**TRINITY SUNDAY Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup>**

**10.0 a.m. Parish Eucharist**

Teresa will be preaching

**COMMUNITY LUNCH  
at Talking Shop**

Next one 12.30 – 2.0  
**13<sup>th</sup> May**

A delicious three course lunch cooked by volunteers to save food waste. Pay what you can - no need to book.

**AFTERNOON TEAS  
in the Village Hall**

Next one  
**6<sup>th</sup> May 2.0 – 4.0 p.m.**

Cost £4.

Join us by booking  
at  
[pruereynolds96@gmail.com](mailto:pruereynolds96@gmail.com)

**PCC EASTER VESTRY**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May after 10.0 service**

All welcome

**HELP NEEDED . . . . .**

Sandford Summer Festival will be on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July from 1.0 – 7.0. A few people are needed to sell our raffle tickets from 1.0 – about 5.0. If you could manage part of that time, please could you let Liz or Prue know?

It involves sitting in a gazebo, smiling at everyone, writing ticket stubs and taking money.

**SANDFORD ARTWEEKS**

Three Sandford artists will display their work at 17 Rock Farm Lane, OX4 4YL, on the 16, 17, 23, 24, 25 May, from 11-5, and a fourth, Etain, at 3 Church Road, OX4 4XZ from 11.6 – same dates.



An amazing 64 events raising money for Dorchester Abbey and the Free Young Carers, a local carers charity (including La Bohème in The Manor House Garden on May 4th from 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm. <https://dorchesterfestival.com/>

If you have a hard copy of this pewsheet and would like to receive it by email in future, please email [robert.morgan@theology.ox.ac.uk](mailto:robert.morgan@theology.ox.ac.uk)

Among the many we know who need our prayers, please especially keep in mind **Rhona Bunce, Gwen Beaver, Jennie Tinson, Ruth Tuckwell, Gina Ashburner, Yvonne Welch, John Orr, Brian Andrews,** and **John Bardwell** and the other residents, trustees and staff of Vale House.



Thursday May 21<sup>st</sup> 6.0 -7.30pm  
In the Village Hall

(Entry charge £1 – there will be prizes!)

## SUNDAYS in May 2026 Year A

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May Easter 5

#### 10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

Acts 7.55-60 *Stephen becomes the first Christian martyr. He has a vision of Jesus, the Son of Man, standing at the right hand of God. Saul was present at the lynching.*

1 Peter 2.2-10 *In a metaphor for the church (as a building) the writer tells us to come to Jesus, be built into him, and quotes Isaiah 28.16 and 8.14, as Paul did in Romans 9, and Psalm 118.22 as Jesus does (Mt 21.42 etc.). Also Exodus 19 etc with further images of the church as a holy people. All this to encourage his readers.*

John 14.1-24 *A vital part of Jesus' farewell discourse at the Last Supper, preparing them for his departure. Thomas wants more detail, eliciting the famous verse 6. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. His promise to come and take us to himself when we die is echoed in our three-fold acclamation at the prayer of consecration.*

#### 6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May Easter 6

#### 10.0 a.m. Parish Communion.

Acts 17.22-31 *Paul's speech in Athens. The philosophers listen politely but find the resurrection of Jesus incredible. He tells them who God is, the Creator, 'in whom we live and move and have our being'.*

1 Peter 3.13-22 *We can expect to suffer, and must be ready to explain our faith and hope. Christ's suffering brings us close to God. He was made alive by God in spirit, and extended God's good news to the fallen angels. Noah's ark is symbolic of our being saved by the waters of baptism.*

John 14.15-21. *Continuation of last week's gospel. Love is key and leads us to keep the commandments of Jesus to love. God will send the Spirit, truth, the comforter helper or 'Paraclete' who will be with us and in us.*

#### 6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May ASCENSION DAY 7.30 p.m. Parish Communion

Daniel 7.9-14 *A vision of one like a Son of man ascending to God's presence and given power and glory and sovereignty (cf. Matt. 28.18). The rule or kingdom of Jesus is eternal.*

Ephesians 1.15-23 *Writing in Paul's name a generation after Paul's martyrdom the author thanks God for the faith of his addressees and prays for them, for wisdom as they come to know God better, and the hope that is part of our faith.*

Luke 24.44-53 *Jesus again explains the Old Testament scriptures to his followers, explaining that as Messiah he had to suffer and be glorified (exalted by God – see Isaiah 52.13 and 53, the suffering servant raised by God. He blesses them and is taken up into God. They return to Jerusalem and attend temple regularly to worship God.*

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May Easter 7

#### 10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

Ezekiel 36.24-28. *God promises to cleanse his people, giving them a new heart and a new spirit to enable us to live as God intends. We are his people.*

1 Peter 4.12-14 and 5.6-11 *If we are persecuted we are sharing in Christ's sufferings – a blessing! Cast all your anxieties on God who cares for us and will support and strengthen us. Praise the Lord!*

John 17.1-11 *The final prayer of Jesus is for his followers – that we may have true life in him. We know Jesus was sent by God and was glorified by God.*

#### 6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May PENTECOST (Whit Sunday)

#### 10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

Acts 2.1-21 *The disciples are given the Spirit and speak in tongues. Peter quotes Joel's prophecy about this.*

1 Corinthians 12.3-13 *We all have different gifts – but it is the same Spirit who gifts us all to use for the common good. A local church is like a body – all with different tasks, all empowered by the Spirit.*

John 7.37-39 *Jesus speaks of the Spirit they will receive after his resurrection.*

#### 6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May TRINITY SUNDAY

#### 10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

2 Corinthians 13.11-13 *Paul ends his letter, telling us to rejoice and adding the grace we know by heart.*

Matthew 28.16-20 *The Risen Lord's final command and promise of his presence according to Matthew, whose gospel contains all that Jesus commanded us (v.20). The promise of his presence recalls 1.23 (Emmanuel – God with us) and 18.20.*