

## NOTICES : 3 May 2026

**Services this Sunday** *Uppingham* BCP Communion, 8am; Choral Eucharist, 10.45am. *Belton* BCP Eucharist, 9am. **Belton hymns** 437 Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore him; 374 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds; 443 Rejoice, the Lord is King.

**Prayer Groups** Tuesday, 8.30am; Friday, 9.30am. **Eucharist** Saturday, 9.30am. **NB: There will be no Saturday morning service on 9 May.**

**Lunchtime concert** on Wednesday at 1.20pm, with solo and ensemble performances from our Middle School String Players, performing music by Beethoven, Kreisler, Dvořák and Bartok.

**Next Sunday morning** we will welcome, to celebrate and preach at the 1045 Eucharist, Revd Capt Georgina Anson CF, Chaplain 2 Royal Anglian Regiment.

**Ascension Day** falls on Thursday 14 May. Revd Jo Saunders will celebrate our Eucharist at 6pm. Please join us!



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## ECO TEAM WORLD PRAYER for May

*contributed by Pam Stocker*

### *Countries of the North Atlantic*

We pray for the North Atlantic and all the nations that surround it. Focussing on the ocean itself, as well as the many issues for humanity in this part of the world, we offer prayer for

- scientists in marine research: understanding the processes and potential impact of the weakening of the North Atlantic Current and the melting of the Arctic icecap
- fishing and other industries: to make changes in the way they operate to protect the ocean and its ecosystems
- governments, policy makers and financiers: for the willingness to listen, and for collaboration and the courage to act decisively for the good of all
- NATO (the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation) with its 32 member states, where longstanding treaties and agreements are threatened by war and conflicts of opinion and interest
- ourselves: that we should not be complacent and selfish in the way we all live.

Lord, thank you that you are Lord of all creation. We thank you for this good earth and the rich seas which sustain all creation. There are so many challenges and threats to our ocean ecosystems, currents, marine habitats and biodiversity, and to the security of all who depend on them. We pray for the whole North Atlantic region and all the nations that surround it. We pray for peace, wisdom and courage to understand the issues in marine conservation and to act to safeguard our oceans. Amen.



### **RUTLAND FOOD BANK**

We have received the following Wish List requesting donations for the Food Bank:

- Long-life milk (blue & green)
- Tinned meats (ham, corned beef, chicken)
- Tinned veggies (peas, sweetcorn, carrots)
- Pot noodles, noodles & instant meals
- Rice (microwaveable sachets preferred)
- Juice, snacks and cereal bars for pack-ups
- Squash & cordials
- Washing pods
- Toiletries

**07582 783363 or email us [info@rutland.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@rutland.foodbank.org.uk)**

**36 Melton Road, Oakham, LE15 6AY (next to Domino's Pizza)**

**We are open to receive donations Mon-Fri 10.00 –12.00**

**APCM** Reminder – Annual Meeting, Thursday **21 May**, 7pm in church.

## Easter V: Year A: Collects (CW) & Readings for 3 May 2026

### The Collect

**Almighty God,  
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ  
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:  
grant that, as by your grace going before us  
you put into our minds good desires,  
so by your continual help  
we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

### *Meditation before service*

In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,  
thinking that never he would wake again,  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:  
*Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.*

*John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872-1958)*

### Acts 7.55-end

Standing before the high priest and the council, Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>‘Look,’ he said, ‘I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!’ <sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup>Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ <sup>60</sup>Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, ‘Lord, do not hold this sin against them.’ When he had said this, he died.

### Psalm 31

(BCP)

- 1 In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust : let me never be put to confusion, deliver me in thy righteousness.
- 2 Bow down thine ear to me : make haste to deliver me.
- 3 And be thou my strong rock, and house of defence : that thou mayest save me.
- 4 For thou art my strong rock, and my castle : be thou also my guide, and lead me for thy Name's sake.
- 5 Draw me out of the net that they have laid privily for me : for thou art my strength.
- 6 Into thy hands I commend my spirit : for thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.
- 17 My time is in thy hand; deliver me from the hand of mine enemies : and from them that persecute me.
- 18 Shew thy servant the light of thy countenance : and save me for thy mercy's sake.

### I Peter 2.2-10

**New Testament reading**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— <sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. <sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture: ‘See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.’ <sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner’, <sup>8</sup>and ‘A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.’ They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. <sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

## The Gospel Reading

### John 14.1-14

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.' <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' <sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

### Postcommunion Collect

**Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:  
grant us to walk in his way,  
to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.**



**3 May 2026**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

*Welcome to our Eucharist, 10.45am at Uppingham Parish Church*

<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	Fr Peter Holmes
<b>Reader</b>	Jenny Harris
<b>Intercessor</b>	Elaine Woodhead
<b>Organist</b>	John Wardle
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<b>Setting</b>	Rawsthorne, <i>Festive Eucharist</i>
<b>Hymns</b>	<b>365</b> Let us build a house where love can dwell <b>486</b> Christ is the King! O friends rejoice <b>475</b> Forth in the peace of Christ we go
<b>Readings</b>	Acts 7.55-end I Peter 2.2-10
<b>Gradual psalm</b>	31.1-6,17-18 <i>Ware in E flat</i>
<b>Gospel acclamation</b>	Alleluia. <b>Alleluia.</b> I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one : I was dead, and behold, I am alive for evermore. <b>Alleluia.</b>
<b>The Gospel</b>	John 14.1-14
<b>Communion anthem</b>	Brahms, <i>How lovely are thy dwellings</i>

### *Please remember in our prayers*

**The sick:** Jane Downs, Sybil Cripps Daniels, Trish Damen, Janette Coates, Jean Lattimore, John Lewis, Gail Whelband, Susan Scott, Iain, Louise and Reegan

**The departed:**

**Year's mind:** Dennis Lennon (priest), Gillian Beryl Horner, Derek Stanesby (priest), Ian Cundy (bishop), Hazel Rees, Shelly Measures, Clive & Elaine Jones