

1The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

Acts 11: 1-18 *Psalm 148* *Revelation 21: 1-6* John 13: 31-35

Post Communion

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.**

Baptism Preparation – Prayer for May

Lord God, thank You that You created us all with an amazing capacity for love
and compassion. We pray that when faced with injustice, You will equip this
family with the gifts of boldness, courage and discernment to bring about your
will. **Amen.**

Book: What The Ladybird Heard

***Please pray for the people that live in Wyncroft Care Home in our parish
and for the people who care for them.***

Please pray for all those being ordained in our Diocese in June:

Priests: Peter Greaves, Dean Hall, Gilly Maxim, Tim O'Leary, Prajna Pal-Lad,
Chris Smith, Sarah Tranter

Deacons: Paul Latham, Philippa Lowe, Tobias Thornes, Jon Turner

**Gluten Free Wafers - whenever the Eucharist is celebrated gluten free wafers will be
available.**

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Sunday 18th May 2025

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SERVICES AT CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION – MAY

Sunday 18 May

10am Morning Prayer
12.30pm Baptism of Loxley

Monday 19 May

5pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 20 May

5pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 21 May

10am Midweek Eucharist with Hymns and Songs
5pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 22 May

10am Mainly Music

Friday 23 May

9am Church of the Ascension School Ascension Day Service

Sunday 25 May

10am Sung Eucharist

**All are welcome to Morning Prayer at St Mary's
at 8.30am on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week.**

Pray for our sick and those who care for them: Evelyn, Pat Hughes, Bob, Carol, Steph Randall, Pam, Fran and Peter, Tim Dalloway, Anne-Marie, Chris Hemsley, Angela, Winnifred Quirke, Winston Sharpe, Reagan, Edna Barlow, Phil Mayhew, Mike, Henry, Samantha Hart, Brian Genner, Sarah, Denise, Harold, Craig Stevens, Kirsty, Harry, Janet.

MU Members, especially the house bound.

Recently Departed: Diane Smith, Thomas Smith, Kevin Cook, Geoffrey Clay, Nancy Richardson, Edgar Green.

The Funeral of Edgar Green will take place on Thursday 5 June 2025 at 1.15pm at Church of the Ascension.

Fr Mel's next Prayer Meeting will be on **Monday June 9th at 7pm** and fortnightly thereafter.

**Super exciting news - we have achieved our Bronze Eco Church Award
and we are well on the way to our Silver Award!
huge thank you to everyone involved 😊**

Have you considered being a school governor? A vacancy will arise in September for someone from our church community to be on the school board at Church of the Ascension C.E. Primary School to support and act as a "critical friend" alongside staff and parents. It involves three evening meetings each term, with training provided, and is a very rewarding activity. Please speak to Fr Adam or Chris, Sheila or Mary if you would like to know more.

Our Annual Parish Meeting will be on **Wednesday 28 May at 7.30pm** in church. Please do your best to attend this important meeting.

Ascension Day Our patronal Eucharist for Ascension Day will be at Church of the Ascension at **7pm on Thursday 29 May**. Archdeacon Nikki will be leading the service and there will be cheese and wine in the hall afterwards. The school playground will be open for people to park on. All are very welcome and please spread the word!

Fr Chris' Priesting and first Mass Everyone is welcome to attend Worcester Cathedral on **Saturday 28 June at 2pm** when Fr Chris will be ordained as a Priest by Bishop Martin. The following day on **Sunday 29 June at 11am** (note the time change) will be the first time that Fr Chris presides at the Eucharist and this service will be at St Mary's followed by a bring a share lunch in the hall. Fr Rob Jones, the former Archdeacon of Worcester, will be preaching. Please do come and support Fr Chris during these two exceptionally important days for him and the church.

On behalf of my family and I, could I thank everyone for showing such care and understanding to us after Edgar's passing with their prayers, thoughts and messages. All of these have meant a great deal to us showing how much Edgar was thought of during his lifetime. With love from Mary.

PARISH RENEWAL AND DEVELOPMENT

Do keep the memories coming – photos, memories, whatever!
Let's celebrate and honour the past – **it's how we got to the present!**

Looking to the future – there's so much going on over the next few weeks that the clergy team have decided to move the Parish Development House Groups to September.....more info in due course.

But let's not lose momentum in thinking about our future as a parish.
Because....it's a **positive future!**