



NEWSLETTER

Sunday 17th May 2026

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Please email any notices and items for this weekly newsletter to Lindsey in the parish office by Thursday for printing on Fridays. Thank you. office@stmaryskingswinford.org.uk

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION SERVICES AND EVENTS

Sunday 17th May

10 am Sung Eucharist

Monday 18th May

5 pm Evening Prayer
7.30pm Prayer and Praise at Fr Mel's

Tuesday 19th May

5 pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 20th May

10 am Midweek Eucharist
5 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 21st May

10 am Mainly Music

Friday 22nd May

9-10.30 am School Ascension Day
Service

Sunday 24th May

10 am Sung Eucharist

*All are welcome to Morning Prayer at St Mary's at
8:30 am on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week.*

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Pray for our sick and those who care for them:

Pat Hughes, Chris Hemsley, John Whitby, John Timmins, Brian and Jackie Wilson, Jayne Walker, Kerry, Brian, Rogerio Ponticelli, Sandra Mee, Julia, Robert Baker, Martin Lester and MU Members, especially the house bound.

Recently departed

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

Please also pray for those being ordained this Petertide

As Deacon: Julie Berrow, Mark Cook, Tristan Mitchell, Terry Palmer, Tracey Skidmore and Jonathan Pincher who will be our curate.

As priest: Michaël Brossard, Sue Haywood, Rob Holdsworth, Philippa Lowe, Tobias Thornes and Jon Turner.

Baptism Preparation

A prayer we pray for You as parents:

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*](#)

Notices from Fr. Adam

Licensing as Rector - Sunday 26 July at 4pm at St Mary's.

As you know I'll be licensed as your Rector at a special service of Choral Evensong on Sunday 26 July at 4pm at St Mary's. Everyone is welcome, as you are for the doo afterwards. I'm really looking forward to this and it'll be a great chance to celebrate our journey together over the last five years and that the 'living' to the parish has been restored after five years of being in abeyance.

If anyone sings SATB and would like to join in with the choir for this service, please speak to Emily as soon as possible and let her know what part you can sing. Rehearsal for the service will be at 2.15pm before the service and we'll be welcoming choirs from around the diocese.



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Pause, Pray, Ponder, Praise

This reflective service is usually held on the third Sunday of the month by Chris Knight at [Church of the Ascension](#).

Please note: **There is no service in May, the next one will be on Sunday 21st June at 4:00 pm**

It is a service when you will have time to just sit quietly with God and **everyone is welcome**.

Prayer and Praise at Fr Mel's

The next meeting is on **Monday 18th May at 7.30 pm** at 14 Beech Tree Close.
ALL welcome!

Annual Accounts

The annual accounts for the parish have now been agreed by the PCC and are available for inspection in both church porches. They will be available for inspection for two weeks and will then be received by the APCM.

Dates for the diary from Fr. Adam

- **Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Wednesday 27th May at 7.30pm at St Mary's**
- **Ordination of Jonathan Pincher - Sunday 28th June at 10 am at Worcester Cathedral.** There will be a Team Service at COA that day at 10am and **no service** at St Mary's so that people can attend the ordination. All are welcome.

Parish Safeguarding Officers

In the period between Sian leaving and a new Children, Young People and Families Minister starting the Parish Safeguarding Officers will be Fr. Adam and Mthr. Sarah. If you don't wish to raise a safeguarding concern with them then please contact the Diocesan Team on 01905 732800.

Thank you from Mary Green for all the pairs of glasses that you have donated. Could any further donations please be brought into church by Sunday 31st May.



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Sunday 17th May – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Collect

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

Acts 1: 6 -14

Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-end

1 Peter 4: 2-14, 5.6-11

John 17: 1-11

Post Communion

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Parish Development

Part of our parish development is supporting other churches in their own growth and development. A key development in this area is Fr Chris moving on to run a similar renewal to ours at Pensnett.

Please pray for Chris and the community at Pensnett in their next season.

Contact Magazine

The latest edition of our Contact Magazine is now available at the back of church.

If you would like an emailed copy, please let us know.

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Gluten Free Wafers

Whenever the Eucharist is celebrated, gluten free wafers will be available.