

SERVICE FOR 5th May

Fifth Sunday after Easter

Rogation Sunday

***10.30am, Croughton,
Benefice Holy Communion***

Colour White

Readings

Acts 10:44-48

1John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17

Psalms 98

A common feature of Rogation days in former times was the ceremony of beating the bounds, in which a procession of parishioners, led by the minister, churchwarden, and choirboys, would proceed around the boundary of their parish and pray for its protection in the forthcoming year.

Collect

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Post Communion

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

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**ASCENSION DAY,
THURSDAY 9TH MAY**

We commemorate Jesus Christ's ascension into heaven (as per Christian belief) by celebrating Ascension Day, which occurs on the Thursday, which is 40 (or 39) days after Easter.



**SERVICES FOR 12th May
6th Sunday after Easter
(Sunday after Ascension)
9.30am, Evenley, Morning
Worship
9.30am Farthinghoe,
Morning Worship
10.00am, Aynho, Morning
Worship
11.00am Hinton, Holy
Communion**

We pray for all who live or work within the parishes of our Benefice, and for those known to us who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, at home or in hospital and who need God's loving touch at this time. --Among them are; -

- Paula, Pip & Katie, Douglas, Jackie, Suzanne, Norman, Derek, Bruce from Mixbury.
- For all those struggling with health issues, especially those in hospital & those awaiting treatment.
- Young Holly who continues to make good progress with treatment, while attending her school. We continue to hold her in our prayers.
- For the church and people of Chipping Warden.
- Wendy & Jeremy
- **For HM King Charles III as he is able to return to public duties.**
- **For HRH The Princess of Wales as she commences preventative treatment for the cancer diagnosis. Also, for William, Prince of Wales and the children,**
- For all those affected by situations worldwide & especially the conflict in the Middle East.

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We pray that a peace will be found.

Such a sad world at this time – so many need our prayers.

Our churches are always open for private prayer; all are welcome. - (Croughton - by appointment only)



A Prayer for World Peace

**Lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust.
Lead me from hate to love, from war to peace.
Let peace fill our heart, our world, our universe.**

Dates for May 2024

**5th Rogation Sunday
6th Bank Holiday UK
9th Ascension Day (Holy Thursday)**

**10th Farthinghoe 10.00am – 11.00 coffee, cake & chat in the vestry – all welcome
11th Evenley Plant Sale at the village hall 10.00 – 12.00
14th Evenley 12.00-1.15pm, Village Soup Lunch. Usual menu- everyone welcome.
19th Whit Sunday – Pentecost
19th Second of our summer services at Steane
27th Bank Holiday UK
29th Oak Apple Day**

Dates for Church fetes

***Croughton 8th June
Aynho 9th June
Farthinghoe 30th June***

Looking ahead to June

***Open Farm Sunday, 9th June 2024 is farming's annual open day giving visitors the opportunity to learn more about farming and the countryside, and farmers the chance to talk about what they're so proud of: British food and farming!
Look out for an event at your local farm.***

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Farthinghoe: Position vacant

Hinton-in-the-Hedges:

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And Finally

May Day, or the first Monday in May, only became a bank holiday in 1978 but its origins as a day of celebration go back over two thousand years! It falls roughly between the spring equinox and the summer solstice and Celts celebrated it as the first day of summer, calling it Beltane.

In the calendar of the ancient Celts, it is easy to understand the importance of the first day of summer. The 'fire of Bel', or Beltane as it was called, was celebrated with bonfires to welcome the new season. Known today as May Day, it has through the ages remained the most important day of the folklore year.



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