



**Welcome to St Edburgha's Church**  
**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025, the Fifth Sunday of Easter**

*During the distribution of Holy Communion, you are most welcome to take time to pray and light a candle in the Gilby Chapel.*

**Collect**

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.

**Acts 11.1-18 pg. 126**

11Now the apostles and the  
believers who were in Judea heard  
that the Gentiles had also  
accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So  
when Peter went up to Jerusalem,  
the circumcised believers criticized  
him, <sup>3</sup>saying, 'Why did you go to  
uncircumcised men and eat with  
them?' <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to  
explain it to them, step by step,  
saying, <sup>5</sup>'I was in the city of Joppa  
praying, and in a trance I saw a  
vision. There was something like a  
large sheet coming down from  
heaven, being lowered by its four  
corners; and it came close to me.  
<sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-  
footed animals, beasts of prey,

reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also  
heard a voice saying to me, "Get  
up, Peter; kill and eat." <sup>8</sup>But I  
replied, "By no means, Lord; for  
nothing profane or unclean has  
ever entered my mouth." <sup>9</sup>But a  
second time the voice answered  
from heaven, "What God has made  
clean, you must not call profane."  
<sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then  
everything was pulled up again to  
heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment  
three men, sent to me from  
Caesarea, arrived at the house  
where we were. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me  
to go with them and not to make a  
distinction between them and us.  
These six brothers also  
accompanied me, and we entered  
the man's house. <sup>13</sup>He told us how  
he had seen the angel standing in  
his house and saying, "Send to  
Joppa and bring Simon, who is  
called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a  
message by which you and your  
entire household will be saved."  
<sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy

Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, “John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” <sup>17</sup>If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?’ <sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, ‘Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.’

**Revelation 21.1-6** *pg. 257*

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; <sup>4</sup> he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will

be no more, for the first things have passed away.’

5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

**John 13.31-35** *pg. 105*

<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, ‘Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, “Where I am going, you cannot come.”

<sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’

### For Your Prayers

Jackie, Christine, Liz, Andrew,  
Glenys, Bill and Jo

And the families of the recently  
deceased: Gladys Farmer

*\*\*Please contact the parish office if  
you would like to include someone  
on the prayer list\*\**

*Children's activities and toys are  
available to use at any time during  
the service at the top of the north  
aisle.*

### Monthly Charity



*Formerly St Mary's Hospice*

### Supporting our Community



**Your donations** of tins  
of meat, fish, fruit, rice  
pudding, and monetary donations  
are always gratefully received.

### Christian Aid

We will be holding a **church collection TODAY**. Donations may be made using the envelopes provided or by card. I will be taking part in the '**70K in May**' challenge, including a walk of approx. 40 miles from **St Chad's Well, Lichfield** to **Stone** in **Staffordshire** from **26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> May**. Any offers of sponsorship gratefully received!

Visit: [fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/challenge-2025/sylvias-walking-challenge-2025](https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/challenge-2025/sylvias-walking-challenge-2025) or speak with Sylvia Roberts on 07771 655 789

### **Children and Families Work:**

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**Safeguarding:** If you have any concerns about a vulnerable child, young person or an adult, please contact Julie Bridges (children) 07814 023913 Sylvia Roberts (adults) 07771 655 789

### Summer Opening

As is tradition St Edburgha's will be open on the second and fourth Sunday afternoons from 2:00pm-4:30pm. Drop in for a visit! Tea and refreshments will be available to purchase. History tours are available on request by ringing Enid on 0121 291 0401.

**Electronic Order of Service:**



**SPECIAL GIFT DAY**

There is going to be a **special gift day**, in church, for St Edburgha's on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June from 12noon to 4pm.**

**Why?** The church recently agreed to go ahead and build an extension to house two toilets. This will provide necessary facilities on site for weddings, funerals, school visits, community events and church services.

**The cost** is £350,000 which we need to raise by donations and grants.

**Can you help?** by making a donation to St Edburgha's? You can do this online at [www.stedburghasyardley.com](http://www.stedburghasyardley.com), at any 10:30am Sunday service or on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June at our Gift Day from 12noon to 4pm.

**Come** on the 7<sup>th</sup> June, have a look around, see the extension plans and enjoy tea and cake. To enable

donations, we will have a card machine, gift aid envelopes and details for bank transfers and will be happy to answer any questions you might have. Looking forward to seeing you then.

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\*We now have **Gift Day leaflets** available to deliver to each home in the Parish.

**Could you help us deliver them?**

If you live in the Parish, could you deliver to the homes in your street?

If you would like to **deliver leaflets as part of a group**, we are meeting at 9:30 am at the Trust School on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May and Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May** and will finish around 12 noon.

Packs of leaflets labelled with the name of the street are ready in church for you to collect. **Please deliver them during the last two weeks of May.**

**Thank you**

***Details of all our fundraising activities can be found on our website:*** [stedburghasyardley.com](http://stedburghasyardley.com)