



St John the Baptist, Cattford & Downham Team Ministry

The 7th Sunday of Easter

17th May 2026



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Hymns for today:

♪	Processional-	17
♪	Gradual-	432
♪	Offertory-	261
♪	Communion-	46
♪	- Come, my way, my truth, my life: Ralph Vaughan Williams	
♪	Recessional-	188
♪	Voluntary- Scherzo in E: Eugène Gigout	

Collect

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

1st Reading: Acts 1.6-14

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

⁶ When the apostles had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?'

⁷ He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority.

⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching,

he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.

¹¹ They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven?

This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away.

¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.

¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 68.1-10, .33

Refrain: ³³Sing unto God, O ye kingdoms of the earth: **O sing praises unto the Lord;**

¹ LET God arise, and let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him.

² Like as the smoke vanisheth, so shalt thou drive them away: and like as wax melteth at the fire, so let the ungodly perish at the presence of God. **R**

³ But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God: let them also be merry and joyful.

⁴ O sing unto God, and sing praises unto his Name: magnify him that rideth upon the heavens, as it were upon an horse; praise him in his Name JAH, and rejoice before him. **R**

⁵ He is a father of the fatherless, and defendeth the cause of the widows: even God in his holy habitation.

⁶ He is the God that maketh men to be of one mind in an house, and bringeth the prisoners out of captivity: but letteth the runagates continue in scarceness. **R**

⁷ O God, when thou wentest forth before the people: when thou wentest through the wilderness;

⁸ The earth shook, and the heavens dropped at the presence of God: even as Sinai also was moved at the presence of God, who is the God of Israel. **R**

⁹ Thou, O God, sentest a gracious rain upon thine inheritance: and refreshedst it when it was weary.

¹⁰ Thy congregation shall dwell therein: for thou, O God, hast of thy goodness prepared for the poor. **R**

2nd Reading:

1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11

A reading from the first letter of St Peter.

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.



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¹³ But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed.

¹⁴ If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

⁶ Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time.

⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

⁸ Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour.

⁹ Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering.

¹⁰ And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you.

¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: *John 17.1-11*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John.
Glory to you O, Lord.

¹ Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come;

glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you,

² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.

³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do.

⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶ I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you;

⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.

⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.

¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Prayers

For healing and protection for: Anne-Marie, Eunice, Youngson, Pelu Thomas, Alison Marrett, Dwayne, Eric, Annie, Beverley, Glyn, Drew Spikes, Ruth Bennett, Bilki, Marcel, Leila, Theresa.

For those departed this life including Elaine Phillips, and those with an anniversary of a death at this time.

We also give thanks for the lives of John and Jean Padgham

Church Diary

Prayer chapel open:
7.30-5.30pm Weekdays
9.30-5.30pm Weekends

7th Sunday of Easter (17th)
10.30am Sung Eucharist with Children's Church & Youth Church. 1pm APCM @ St B's

Monday 18th 7.30am Morning Prayer (MP). No Evensong (ES)

Tuesday 19th Dunstan, religious, 988. 7.30am MP. 8.30am Said Mass. 1.30pm Mothers' Union. 5pm ES

Wednesday 20th Alcuin, teacher, 804. 7.30am MP. 10am Said Mass followed by Bible study. 5pm ES

Thursday 21st Helena, 330
7.30am MP. 5pm ES.

Friday 22nd
7.30am MP. 10.30am Funeral

Pentecost (24th)
10.30am Sung Eucharist
1pm HMS Hood memorial day service at Bellingham Ex-serviceman's club (all welcome)

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