



Holy Trinity Church, Horfield, Bristol
Creating connections through the inclusive Catholic
tradition in worship, welcome and service



Sunday, 3rd May 2026
Easter V

The Collect: Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Acts 7:55-60

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Gospel: John 14:1-14

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you

will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

HYMNS & MUSIC FOR THE MASS

- 612** Christ triumphant, ever reigning
- 740** O changeless Christ, for ever new
- 207** Jesus lives thy terrors now
- 617** Come, sing the praise of Jesus

Mass Setting: *Mass of St. Thomas*, by David Thorne

Voluntary: Fanfare - William Mathias

Organist: Martin Firth

PRAYERS

Please pray for those who are unwell: Marcia, Annie, John Crocker, Sophia Vryoni-Dickson, Ray Harris, Bryan and Joan Bufton, Phillada Ware, Geraldine, Frank, Michael, Matthew, Robin, Michael Lewis, Henry Wills, Sian Pearson, Kaydee Short, Mollie Lievesley, Ann Plaister, Celia Wells, Vanessa Blundell, Wanda Prosser, Hannah Spink, Nigel de Bray, Scott Blankley, Movita Greening, Dixie and family

Please pray for those recently departed: Martin Nicholls, David Trott, Helen Hawkins, Chris Kitchener **and for those in our Year's Mind,** Joan Gibbs (3rd), Betty Mahoney (6th), Walter Stanley Palfrey, Sapper Royal Engineers 1918 (7th), Doreen Trott (9th)

If you wish to add a name to the prayer list, please contact either Fr David, Caroline Plaice or Carolyn Larcey.

The Welcome Project Prayer

Lord, our God, source of all life, you reveal your compassion and mercy in the life we share. Bless us as we respond to your Spirit's invitation to open wide our doors to Christ. May the doors of our hearts remain ever open in holy and unconditional welcome. Bless *The Welcome Project* – that our welcome may be wide enough to receive all who need love and fellowship, as we reach out to welcome the stranger and friend alike and so welcome your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Peace

Holy and gracious God, we pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia; of Israel and Palestine. We pray for all those who are afraid; for those who are suffering and traumatised; and for those who are grieving, that your everlasting arms may hold them in this time of great suffering. We pray for those who choose war; that they will turn their swords into ploughshares and seek for peace. We pray for the leaders of nations; that they may follow the wisdom and compassion of Christ. We ask this in the name of your blessed Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us! Our Lady of Kyiv, pray for your children!

PRAYER AND PASTORAL CARE NEEDS

If you need prayer support either for yourself or for someone you know do let Fr David know in confidence. Fr David is also in church most Saturday mornings to offer counselling, prayer, hear confessions or just for a chat. If you, or a member of your family, is in hospital, or housebound through illness, please let Fr David or Caroline (warden) know, and a pastoral or holy communion visit can be arranged.

Prayer and Meditation for May

*Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain.
He that for three days in the grave had lain.
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

*"Go to the others and tell them I am ascending to my Father
and your Father, to my God and your God."*

(John 20: 17)

FUNERAL FOR DAVID TROTT

The family have arranged a civil service for David on

Friday, 8th May 2026 at 11.15 am
at South Bristol Cemetery and Crematorium,
Bridgewater Road, Bedminster Down, Bristol BS13 7AS

There will be a memorial service for David at Holy Trinity on Sunday
7th June at 5pm. More details to follow.

FUNERAL FOR MARTIN NICHOLLS

Dot, Alison and family want you to know of the plans for Martin's funeral. It is 1pm on Friday 15th May at Horfield Parish Church BS7 8ST onto Canford Crematorium BS9 3PQ for 2.15pm. Then The Gloucester Old Spot (Pig) BS6 7YQ. Please join us at one, two or all of the above. Martin has asked that we celebrate his life and we wear something bright and colourful. To help the pub with their preparations if you could confirm to Caroline Plaice cjplaice@gmail.com if you'll be at the Pig and the number that would be great.

IN SEARCH OF SOME FRIDAY NIGHT FUN?

Horfield Young People's Club has been running on Friday evenings in the Church Hall for over fifty years. During that time it has given joy, friendship and fun to countless young people. It continues to thrive and is a great way for our Church to connect with the local community.

We are now in need of more adult helpers so that the Club to carry on being safe and inclusive. Could you offer your time to help with Club during term time on Fridays from 6.15 – 8pm? Any form of help will be appreciated, whether it be weekly, monthly or termly; whether you are happy to simply supervise and serve tuck or whether you'd like to run an activity. Hopefully you'll enjoy yourself almost as much as fantastic young people do.

If you'd like to volunteer or if you'd like to know more please speak to Jen Douglas.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING – 17TH MAY

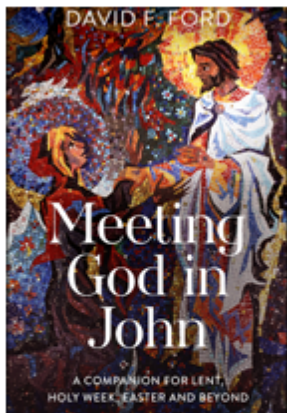
Everyone is invited to a Celebration of Parish Life and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 12 noon on Sunday, 17th May in the Church Hall.

A sandwich lunch will be provided – for catering purposes, please sign up on the sheet in the Welcome area if you will be attending.

A copy of the Annual Report (Snapshots) 2026 will be available for everyone on Sunday, 10th May, in advance of the meeting.

Meeting God in John Bible Study - 13 May to 24 June

Our 'Meeting God in John' Bible study begins soon. It will take place **in church** each week from 7.30-9.00pm. A sample copy of the book is on the welcome table to view. To purchase a copy phone St.Andrews Bookshop on 01494 862168 or buy online on The Big Church Read website by following this link. [The Big Church Read: Meeting God in John](#). It is available on Kindle as an ebook.



13 May: Chapter 1 The Big Picture

Focus: John 1:1-18 The Prologue

20 May: Chapter 2 Identity

Focus: John Chapter 4 The Samaritan Woman

3 June: Chapter 3 Desire

Focus: Chapter 6 The Feeding of a Large Crowd

10 June: Chapter 4 Home

Focus: Chapter 15:1-17

17 June: Chapter 5 Glory

Focus: Chapters 1:1-18; 2:1-12; 12:20-36; 17:20-26

24 June: Chapter 9: Being Disciples

Focus: John 21 Learning, loving, praying

Please try

to read the relevant chapter of David Ford's book, and the linked John passages before each meeting.

We will listen to David Ford's session introduction week by week and use selected questions for discussion from those provided in his book.

Each evening will begin promptly at 7.30 with prayer, and end with Night Prayer (Compline), finishing at 9.00. There will be a short refreshment pause in the middle of the evening.

If you are wondering if this is for you, please don't worry. As Jesus himself said then, he also says now: (John 1:39) 'Come and see!'

I'm happy to speak to any of you if you have questions. **If you plan to attend, please add your name to the list on the welcome table.**

The course will run again in the autumn during the daytime, so look out for details to follow nearer the time.

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Parish Contacts

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Horfield Parochial Church Council (General Account)

Sort Code: 301611 **Account Number:** 00887278

Horfield Parochial Church Council (Charity Account)

Sort Code: 306296 **Account Number:** 27658063

Horfield Parochial Church Council (Welcome Project)

Sort Code: 306232 **Account Number:** 64788960

Please make any cheques payable to 'Horfield PCC'.

Parish Office:

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Instagram Account: @holytrinityhorfield

Regular Services:

Sunday 10am Mass.

Tuesday 12 noon Mass.

Thursday 10am Mass.

Friday 6pm Mass

Next Messy Church – 17th May

Additional monthly Services in Chapel of Reconciliation & Peace at 10am

First Saturday - the Holy Rosary will be prayed for peace.

Last Saturday - a Mass for healing with anointing will be offered.

Holy Hour of prayer – Last Sunday of the month at 4pm

Live streams of Sunday Mass (10 am), Tuesday Mass (12 noon), Thursday

Mass (10 am) and any other advertised services being streamed, and

recordings of previous services are available at

<https://www.youtube.com/@HolyTrinityHorfield>

Bookings for the Hall, Helliwell and Blancharde rooms can be made via:

<https://www.sharesy.com/v/holy-trinity-horfield>



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Getting involved: 3rd May 2026

Activities

- **Our *Welcome Conversation* on May 16th at 11am** will be led by Helen Hinksman, using the beautiful icon of the Retreat Association to reflect on the meeting between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well, and the theme of Living Water as we experience it today. Everyone is very welcome. You may like to look at: www.retreats.org.uk/icon
- **Sapling Saturday**, an informal and friendly working party undertaking maintenance work in the churchyard. 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 9.30 - 11am followed by coffee and cake. Future dates – 9th and 23rd May.
- **Churchyard memorial recording project. Can you volunteer?**
Our project to record all the memorials in the churchyard is progressing well, however we're looking for a volunteer to help with adding the details into an excel spreadsheet. This will mean that information about our churchyard can be uploaded to a national database which will make the records fully searchable.
If you think you may be able to help with inputting our record sheets to a spreadsheet, or would like to know more about what this involves, we'd love to hear from you. This is a role that could be shared amongst a couple of people.
Thank you in anticipation Nick Stephenson & Andy Buchan
(andybuchan595@gmail.com)
- **Green Gym** is back! Every Monday from 2-5pm; mowing, strimming and trimming the churchyard. Training is given in using any equipment.

- **Craft Club** - "Weekly 'Craft Club' every Monday, 9.00 am to 10.30 am. Bring along your own craft work to do or have a go at the craft of the day (materials supplied). **There will be a Craft Club on Bank Holiday Monday, 4th May.**
- **OPEN DAY – CAN YOU HELP?**
 - By distributing fliers for the event on Saturday 9th May between 11am – 1pm
 - By making a cake for the event on 30th May (sign up list in the Welcome area).
 - By helping staff the event on the day. Thank you.



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Open Afternoon

Saturday 30th May 1-5 pm

Featuring...

- Bell-Ringing in the Tower**
- Organ Playing**
- Churchyard Tours**
- Kids' Crafts, Puzzles & Games**
(organised by Messy Church)
- Taster Tai Chai**
- Equality Dance Classes**
- 'Strictly' Masterclass**
- Cake, Coffee & Tea**
- ...and so much more...



Scan above for full event details and booking information

Everyone Welcome

Holy Trinity Church,
Wellington Hill, Horfield
Bristol BS7 8ST





Pianoforte

The Story of Mary Frost

By/Gan Adele Cordner

Inspired by Mary Frost, Wife, Mother, Chartist by Sylvia Mason

6 JUNE/MEHEFIN, 7:30PM

**HORFIELD PARISH
CHURCH HALL
WELLINGTON HILL
BRISTOL BS7 8ST**

Audience Feedback

"Absolutely brilliant"

"Exceeded all my expectations"

*"The best portrayal of Chartism
I have ever seen."*

"Outstanding"

"A resounding success"

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Tickets/Tocynnau:

www.herstorytheatrecompany.co.uk

£17.50 (£15 for 16yrs and under and Over 60's)