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A Family Of Faith 

Notices May 2026

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Sunday 3rd May 10.30am
Craig Price

Sunday 10th May 10.30am
Peter Colyer

Sunday 17th May 10.30am
Own Arrangement

Sunday 24th May 10.30am
Communion Rev John Barnett

Sunday 31st May 10.30am
Deacon Ellie Griffin

In May we will celebrate Ascension Day, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday.

“Since the very beginning of the Church, the nine days between Ascension and Pentecost – the Novena – have been a time of prayer. And not just prayer as individuals, but as a community, like those first members of the Church. And that is the purpose behind **Thy Kingdom Come**, as it unites us together in prayer – over one million Christians across 172 countries and more than 85 denominations and traditions.

This year's theme is 'God with Us', and how the Holy Spirit has been at work in the world. And at its heart, as always, is the **Prayer for Five**, as we pray on behalf of five of our friends, family members, neighbours or colleagues who do not yet follow Christ, that they may come to know Him as we do.

That first Novena, the Apostles did not pray for God to take the gospel into the world. They prayed for the coming of the Holy Spirit, that it would change them and give them the power to go out and share the good news. And that is what this year's Novena will be about too. Because prayer is not simply about asking God to change the world. I've come to realise that it's as much about asking God to change us. Prayer shapes the pray-er. God reshapes us, as the potter reshapes clay, moulding us into a truer reflection of his image. **'Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand,' (Jeremiah 18:6).** And, as we will see in the readings to come, God wants to transform us into people who make the changes we want to see in the world. Because, if we truly mean them, our prayers have to be accompanied by action, just as the Apostles burst into action after Pentecost, empowered by the Holy Spirit. If we truly long for our Five to encounter God, why should it not be through us? With God's help, we hold the possibility of being the answer to our own prayer. It's as Teresa of Avila wrote:

'Christ has no body but yours, No hands, no feet on earth but yours, Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world, Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good, Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.'

We can be the hands of Christ to those who need them. And so, this Novena, we will be praying that we may be that point of encounter between our Five and God's love, and that they may come to know him through us. But we will also find, in the process, that we too will be transformed by the Holy Spirit, and moulded into a truer reflection of the image of God.”

Written by *The Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullally*

If you would like to follow the Novena please click here for a copy [Resources | Thy Kingdom Come](#)

You, Lord, as the author of the story of all of creation, down to each individual walking on Earth, sing so gently over us, pouring your adoration, peace and assurance into our hearts and minds. Lord, may the stories and songs of our circumstances, locations, relationship with you and with others find crescendo and ultimately, resolution. Lord, put songs in our hearts that are meant for being shared and alternate melodies to draw us into greater communion, fellowship and relationship with others. In the ultimate storyteller's name we ask and sing, Amen.
Rareș Călugăr, Superintendent, UMC Romania

Our District Chair, Revd Dr James Tebbutt, had a heart attack on Easter Day and has been receiving treatment in hospital. He was discharged on Thursday and is now recuperating at home. He will be off work until further notice. James, Nicola and Eleanor are very grateful for all the messages received and the prayers being offered.

Please feel free to share this information appropriately, but not on social media. If you wish to send a message of greeting to James and family, please contact his PA, Carolyn Dickinson.

Pentecost Two Cathedrals Event 2026 'Many Voices - One Faith'

The Churches of the Liverpool City Region invite you to join together to celebrate Pentecost with a march from Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral to Liverpool Anglican Cathedral. We will be welcoming people from many different cultures and backgrounds to participate in this symbol of Christian unity and togetherness.

Date: Sunday 24 May 2026, 3-5pm.

Venue: Gathering on the plaza outside the Metropolitan Cathedral before walking together along Hope Street to the Liverpool Cathedral.

A free event: BBC's Songs of Praise Sing Gospel

Join BBC Songs of Praise celebrating the joy and power of Gospel music with very special guests and plenty of opportunity to lift your voice and your spirits! There is no minimum age for entry, all ages are warmly welcomed but children aged 17 and under must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times.

Date: Tuesday 19 May 2026 - recording at 7pm (doors open from 5.30pm)

Venue: Liverpool Olympia, West Derby Road, Liverpool, L6 9BY

Get your free ticket here [Lost in TV - SING GOSPEL! A Songs of Praise Special Event](#)

Those of you who shop in Tesco regularly will be aware of their blue token voting system for charity groups. From **28 April to end of July, Hoylake Holy Trinity Primary school** (where some of our members work and attend) will be one of the boxes! It's not just the big Bidston shop but local ones too. We are looking to win £500, £1000 or £1500 towards outdoor play equipment. Please consider voting for us 😊. Thank you. Catriona and Vicky.

The Constituency Action Network, have developed a new film!

In the new film, the network is introduced through the biblical story of the Good Samaritan, drawing on Martin Luther King Jr's conviction that while we are called to play the good Samaritan on life's roadside, we must work to transform the whole Jericho Road so that people are not repeatedly mistreated and marginalised along life's journey. You can watch the film here [\(7\) The Constituency Action Network – Join us – YouTube](#) and you might catch a glimpse of St Luke's, Clare, Rasoul and I ☺

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Singing Café – 7th and 21st at 10.30am to 12 noon

Community Lunch – 28th at 12.30pm

Men's Bible Study – 7th and 21st at 7.30pm

Ladies Life Group – 5th and 19th at 19.30

Bible Study – 14th at 10.30 at St Luke's and 28th at 10.30 at West Kirby

Prayer Together – every Wednesday 10am to 10.30am

FUSS – every Wednesday 9.30am to 12pm

Coffee Morning – every Wednesday 10am to 12

Can Cook Ordering – every Wednesday 10am to 12 noon

Food and Friends – every Friday 12 noon to 2pm

Wedding of Dennis and Abby 30th May at St Luke's. Please pray for them as they prepare for their special day.

Deacon Ellie is at Convocation 4th to 8th May. Cate will be on leave 5th to 12th May inclusive.

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