

Guest Preachers

This week we welcome **Fr Peter Allan** as our guest preacher. Fr Peter was a member of the monastic Community of the Resurrection in Mirfield, West Yorkshire for over forty years. He taught in the Theological College and was the principal for some ten years until 2019. He was also the Community Precentor, looking after the music and singing. Next week we welcome **Archdeacon Gavin Kirk** as our guest preacher.



Fifth Sunday of Easter

Interest bags for pre-school children are available

10.30am	Parish Eucharist Modern Language
Celebrant	Fr Rob
Preacher	Fr Peter
Acts 7.55-60	Annette Parker
John 14.1-14	Clergy
Intercessions	Sarah Parker-McGee

Hymns - Common Praise

Entrance Hymn	585 The church's one foundation (omit v 3)
Gradual	145 Good Christians all
Offertory	606 Thy hand O God has guided (omit vv 3 & 5)
Communion	Touch the earth lightly 439 God be in my head
Post Communion	609 To God be the glory

Please note that the whole service is livestreamed and then available on the Church's YouTube channel. If you would prefer not to appear when receiving Communion then please use the station at St George's

*Refreshments are served after the morning service.
The church shop will be open.
We have some new stock so please take a look!
There are toilet facilities in church, please just ask!*

'Celebrating Spalding' - 9th & 10th May

- The Fundraising Team is looking to collect tombola prizes and teddy bears for this event. Please drop good quality items off at the Parish Office by Friday, 8th May.
- Sign-up sheets for volunteers and baking are at the back of Church

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR 'CELEBRATING SPALDING'

This will take place on

Friday, 8 May from 9.30 am

If anyone wants to do a display but cannot make that morning, we are happy to be around any time that day.

As we will be spending more on flowers for this occasion any donations would be greatly appreciated.

We are also in need of foliage which can be left in church on Thursday afternoon or Friday morning.

THANK YOU!

The Week Ahead

The Church is open throughout the week for Morning and Evening Prayer at 8.30am and 5.00pm in St Thomas' Chapel.

5.00pm Friday - Holy Half Hour with Silent Meditation

It is usually led but there are resources available in St Thomas' Chapel to use if a member of clergy is not present.

Wednesday 6 May

10.00am	Communion Service
10.30am	Morning Coffee
4.15 - 5.30pm	Junior Choir practice
7.00 - 8.30pm	Ringling practice

Friday 8 May

From 9.30am	Decorating the Church
2.30pm	Church Cleaning
7.00-8.00pm	Full Choir practice

Saturday 9 May

10am - 4pm	'Celebrating Spalding'
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Sunday 10 May

10.30am	Parish Eucharist Traditional Language with First Communion
	Readings: Acts 17.22-31 John 14.15-21
12pm - 3pm	'Celebrating Spalding'
6.30pm	Sung Evensong
	Readings: Zechariah 8.1-13 Revelation 21.22-22.5

6.30pm Evensong

Officiant & Preacher	Fr Rob
Zechariah 4.1-10	Paul Coleman
Revelation 21.1-14	Clergy
Entry	140 Christ is alive!
Responses	Ferial
Psalm	97 Chant 164 (vv 1-6)
Office Hymn	151 Most glorious Lord of life
Magnificat	Chant 266
Nunc Dimittis	Chant 22
Anthem	Touch the earth lightly
Hymn	145 Good Christians all

No collections are taken in church during services. There is a collection bowl at the back of church and a 'donation station' for cards.

If you are a UK taxpayer, please take a few moments to complete a yellow Gift Aid envelope or select this option when giving by card. This increases the value of your gift by 25%.

THANK YOU!

Please take this notice sheet home with you.

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Churchwardens: Jean Hill and Valerie Fairbanks

Parish Office

open Tuesday to Friday 9.30am to 12.30pm
closed on Monday to coincide with Fr Rob's rest day

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Collect

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus
Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate
of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

Acts 7.55-60

Standing before the high priest and the council,
Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, 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.

John 14.1-14

Jesus said to his disciples: '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.'

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth,
and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

For your prayers

We hold before God all those who are ill, amongst them
**Michael Blackshaw, Susan Lawton, Marko Kala, Mateu
Kala, Chris Thompson, Roxas Strife, Anthony Downes,
Peter Fitzpatrick, Chris Dyke, Alison and Baby Alex**

We hold before God those who have died, amongst them
Andrew Thirkell, Pat White and Phyllis Harrison

Psalm 97 vv 1-6

1 THE Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof : yea,
the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof.
2 Clouds and darkness are round about him :
righteousness and judgement are the habitation of his
seat.
3 There shall go a fire before him : and burn up his
enemies on every side.
4 His lightnings gave shine unto the world : the earth
saw it, and was afraid.
5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord : at
the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
6 The heavens have declared his righteousness : and all
the people have seen his glory.

Parish Notes and News continues overleaf

'Celebrating Spalding'

**At St Mary & St Nicolas Church
10am to 4 pm on Saturday 9th May
12 pm to 3pm Sunday 10th May**

A Community event celebrating the town with.....

Floral displays ☼ Live Music ☼ Stalls ☼

Teddies Parachuting from the Tower ☼

Children's activities ☼ Refreshments

Bring your friends & family

ALL WELCOME!

PARISHIONERS' & ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS

Tuesday, 12th May 2026 at 7.00 pm in Church

We will elect 2 churchwardens, 3 PCC members and 3
Deanery Synod representatives.

If you are interested in standing, then please speak to
Fr Rob or Sarah Chadd

**Copies of the agenda, annual reports and accounts
will be available to collect in church during the
Sunday services on 10th May.**