

## Parish Notes and News cont/d

### 'Celebrating Spalding'

At St Mary & St Nicolas Church

Continues 12 pm to 3pm Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 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!**

### MOTHERS' UNION MEETING

Monday, 11th May

2.30pm in the Coffee Lounge, The Vista Hall

Speaker - Jasmine Parker-McGee

An illustrated talk on her visit to Zimbabwe

New members are welcome - please speak to Jean Hill

### 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.

#### Monday 11 May

10.00-11.30am Ringing practice

2.30pm Mothers' Union meeting

#### Tuesday 12 May

7.00pm Parishioners' meeting and APCM

#### Wednesday 13 May

10.00am Communion Service

10.30am Morning Coffee

4.15 - 5.30pm Junior Choir practice

7.00 - 8.30pm Ringing practice

#### Thursday 14 May

6.00pm Ascension Day Service

#### Friday 15 May

1.00-3.00pm Card Making (Maples room)

2.00-3.30pm SGS Charter Day service

7.00-8.00pm Full Choir practice

#### Saturday 16 May

3.15-4.15pm Bell Peal

7.00pm LUMOS Event - Andrea Bocelli  
Opera Candlelight Experience  
(Tickets available at lumos-experiences.com)

#### Sunday 17 May

10.30am Parish Eucharist Modern Language

Guest Preacher: Canon Tim Alban-Jones  
Vice-Dean of Peterborough Cathedral

Readings: Acts 1.6-14  
John 17.1-11

12.30pm Baptism - Archie Samuel Bailey

6.30pm Sung Evensong

Readings: 2 Samuel 23.1-5  
Ephesians 1.15-end



# 10 May

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

Interest bags for pre-school children are available

<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist Traditional Language</b>
Celebrant	Fr Rob
Preacher	The Ven Gavin Kirk
Acts 7.22-31	Jasmine Parker-McGee
John 14.15-21	Clergy

### Hymns - Common Praise

<b>Entrance Hymn</b>	557 Praise to the Holiest (T.424)
<b>Gradual</b>	599 Thine for ever!
<b>Offertory</b>	267 Thou, whose almighty word
<b>Communion</b>	492 Love is his word (AHON) 321 Rise and hear!
<b>Post Communion</b>	598 There's a wideness in God's mercy

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!*

### 6.30pm Evensong

Officiant &	
Preacher	Fr Rob
Zechariah 8.1-13	Alan Stacey
Revelation 21.22-22.5	Clergy
<b>Entry</b>	368 All my hope on God is founded
<b>Responses</b>	Ferial
<b>Psalm</b>	46 (vv 1-6)
<b>Office Hymn</b>	151 Most glorious Lord of life
<b>Magnificat</b>	Chant 53
<b>Nunc Dimittis</b>	Chant 189
<b>Anthem</b>	Touch the earth lightly
<b>Hymn</b>	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!

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**Churchwardens:** Jean Hill and Valerie Fairbanks

**Parish Office**

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closed on Monday to coincide with Fr Rob's rest day

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Please take this notice sheet home with you.

## Collect

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power of  
darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to  
life,  
so by his continual presence in us he may raise  
us  
to eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

## Acts 7.22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring."

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

## John 14.15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

## Prayer after Communion

God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of  
eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him 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 46 vv 1-6

1. God is our hope and strength: a very present help in trouble
2. Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved: and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea.
3. Though the waters thereof rage and swell: and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.
4. The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God: the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.
5. God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed: God shall help her, and that right early.
6. The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved: but God hath shewed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.

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### **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 are available to collect in church during the Sunday services on 10th May.**

### **100 CLUB - HEATING FUND - MAY WINNERS**

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| 1st | - John Lister £15 |
| 2nd | - Diana Smith £10 |
| 3rd | - David Wright £5 |

**NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**

**Please take a subscription form and return by 12 June with £14 for the remaining 7 draws in 2026**