

SAINT PAUL, WHITLEY BAY

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER AND ROGATION SUNDAY

3RD AND 10TH MAY 2026

*Welcome to your newsletter, which covers a period of two weeks.
Please use it to help in your prayers each day.*

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Collect, readings & hymns for 5th Sunday of Easter, 3rd May

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, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings:

Acts 7: 55 – end
1 Peter 2: 2 – 10

Gospel:

John 14: 1 – 14

Hymns: *Mission Praise*

16 All my hope on God is founded,
792 You are the Vine, x2
33 And can it be that I should gain
372 Jesus, lover of my soul,
705 Thy hand, O God, has guided

Collect, readings & hymns for Rogation Sunday, 10th May

Collect: Almighty God, whose will it is that the earth and the sea should bear fruit in due season: bless the labours of those who work on land and sea, grant us a good harvest and the grace always to rejoice in your fatherly care; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings:

Acts 17: 22 – 31
1 Peter 3: 13 – end

Gospel:

John 14: 15 – 21

Hymns: *Mission Praise*

200 Great is Thy faithfulness,
67 Breathe on me, breath of God,
153 For the fruits of His creation,
7 All creatures of our God and King,
732 We plough the fields and scatter

Intercessions and intentions for the next two weeks

Please pray for all those on our prayer lists, especially:

Sunday Prayer list: Jan Casey, Cathy West, Lucy Proctor, Craig Bell, Catherine, Roger, Fiona, Roya, Amy, Rachel, Oscar, Pat.

Wednesday Prayer list: Michael Bradley, David Hall, Deborah Henderson, Ava Kennedy, Pam MacKenzie, Sue Simpkin, Dave Stevenson, Maureen, Marie, Lottie, Tony.

The recently departed: Peter Eltringham.

Those whose anniversaries of death fall at this time:

Week beginning 3rd May: Hannah Grimwood, Albert Craggs, John Barber, Mollie Anderson, Howard Jones, Jim Hardcastle, Nan Wolverson, Stanley wood, Donald Tittley, Kenneth Bradley.

Week beginning 10th May: Jack Wolverson, Rita Bell, Doris Purdy, Gerrard Sparrow, Joan Small, Jan Rowlands, Robert Davidson, May Turnbull, Maureen Lyon, Pauline Neale, James Kier, Jack Ingleby, Nora Lowes

Prayer intentions for week commencing 3 rd May		
Sun 3	5th Sunday of Easter	<i>The Parish</i>
Mon 4	In Eastertide	<i>St Paul's Eco-Group</i>
Tue 5	In Eastertide	<i>Pastoral Care</i>
Wed 6	In Eastertide	<i>Mental Health Awareness Month</i>
Thur 7	In Eastertide	<i>Our Safeguarding Officer</i>
Fri 8	Julian of Norwich	<i>Spiritual writers</i>
Sat 9	In Eastertide	<i>North Tyneside Council</i>

Prayer intentions for week commencing 10 th May		
Sun 10	Rogation Sunday	<i>The Parish</i>
Mon 11	In Eastertide	<i>The Parish Centre</i>
Tue 12	In Eastertide	<i>The recently bereaved</i>
Wed 13	In Eastertide	<i>Christian Aid Week</i>
Thu 14	Ascension Day	<i>Thy Kingdom Come</i>
Fri 15	St Matthias	<i>Parish Retreat to Holy Island</i>
Sat 16	In Eastertide	<i>St Paul's Bible Study</i>

Services for the next two weeks

All Eucharist services held in church (except 8.30am on Sundays) are livestreamed & recorded via our YouTube channel: www.bit.ly/OurStream

Morning Prayer at St Paul's: Monday to Thursday at 8.30am

Saturday Prayer at St Paul's: Saturday at 9.30am

St Paul's open for private prayer: Saturday from 10am to 11am

Please note: there will be no Morning Prayer on Saturday 9th May

Sunday 3 rd May	5 th Sunday of Easter	Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am Sung Eucharist 10am Choral Evensong 6pm
Wednesday 6 th May		Eucharist 10am
Sunday 10 th May	Rogation Sunday	Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am Sung Eucharist 10am Taizé 6pm
Wednesday 13 th May		Eucharist 10am
Thursday 14 th May	Ascension Day	Sung Eucharist 7pm
Friday 14 th May	St Matthias	Eucharist 10am
Sunday 17 th May	7 th Sunday of Easter	Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am Sung Eucharist 10am Healing service 6pm

Holy Baptism

August Sharples - Armstrong will be welcomed into the family of the church at St Paul's on Saturday 9th May at 1pm

Dates for your diary

St Paul's Bible study:	Saturdays 16 th & 30 th May, 13 th & 27 th June & 11 th July 10am
Fellowship Group	Tuesdays 5 th & 19 th May, 2 nd , 16 th & 30 th June 7pm
Safeguarding Officer commissioning service	Sunday 3 rd May 4pm Newcastle Cathedral
Christian Aid Week	10 th to 17 th May
WB&DCT Safer Families	Tuesday 19 th May 7pm Acorn church
Pentecost 12 hours of praise	Sunday 24 th May 8am to 8pm

From Pat Calboutin to St Paul's Family.

Firstly, I would like to say thank you for all the cards and good wishes on my recent birthday.

Secondly, many grateful thanks for all the prayers and blessings I received during my recent operation and hospital stay. They say that angels appear in many different forms, well I've certainly met quite a few in the last two weeks! I'm getting stronger every day and hope it will not be too long before I'm back among you all.

God Bless.

Notices

Bible Study Sessions: Bible study sessions looking at the Acts of the Apostles will continue on alternate Saturdays 10am at the back of church: 16th May, 30th May, 13th June, 27th June and 11th July.

St Paul's Fellowship Group: the next sessions looking at the Creed will be held on Tuesdays 5th May, 19th May, 2nd June, 16th June and 30th June at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

Commissioning of Safeguarding Officers. Katie Hodgson will be commissioned as St Paul's Parish Safeguarding Officer in a special Choral Evensong at Newcastle Cathedral on Sunday 3rd May at 4pm. Everyone is welcome to come and support her in this service recognising the vital work safeguarding officers do to keep our churches safe for all.

Monday Group: please note the Monday Group will not meet on Monday 4th May (Bank Holiday) but will be hosting the Chocolate Making workshop on Saturday 9th May 2.30pm in St Paul's Parish Centre. Everyone is invited to join the workshop. Please see Dorothy Little to sign up/pay or for further details.

Ring for Sir David Attenborough 100th Birthday: St. Paul's Bellringers will be ringing at 6pm on 8th May to celebrate Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday.

Christian Aid Week: May 10th to 17th. This year's theme is "Faithful Action". Envelopes available from Judith Collin.

Safer Families Information Evening: Churches Together event Tuesday 19th May at 7pm at Acorn Church. Safer Families are looking for befrienders who could give an hour a week to visit a family in need of some support. If that could be you, please come along to the information evening to find out more.

Pentecost 12 hours of praise. Sunday 24th May 8am – 8pm. Pentecost praise and reflections will continue between the set services on Pentecost Sunday.

Newsletter entries: for the next newsletter please pass them to Mary Evans *by 6pm on Friday 15th May 2026*, by phone on 0191 252 1424 or by email to maryevans14@btinternet.com