

# Welcome

Week beginning Sunday 10th May  
Sixth Sunday of Easter - Fifth After Easter

Dear Friends,

Some of you may have noticed I enjoy sharing the poetry of Malcolm Guite to help us reflect on a particular aspect of the gospels.

This Thursday is Ascension Day and you are all most welcome to join me at Holy Trinity, Bincombe at 7pm to celebrate this great and holy event.

Today, I thought I'd share another of Malcolm Guite's poems on the Ascension along with some of his thoughts and reflections behind it.

He writes: *"In the mystery of the Ascension we reflect on the way in which, in one sense Christ 'leaves' us and is taken away into Heaven, but in another sense he is given to us and to the world in a new and more universal way. He is no longer located only in one physical space to the exclusion of all others. He is in the Heaven which is at the heart of all things now and is universally accessible to all who call upon Him. And since His humanity is taken into Heaven, our humanity belongs there too, and is in a sense already there with him. "For you have died", says St. Paul, "and your life is hidden with Christ in God". In the Ascension Christ's glory is at once revealed and concealed, and so is ours. The sonnet form seemed to me one way to begin to tease these things out."*

Rev Philip Elliott

## Ascension

We saw his light break through the cloud of glory  
Whilst we were rooted still in time and place  
As earth became a part of Heaven's story  
And heaven opened to his human face.  
We saw him go and yet we were not parted  
He took us with him to the heart of things  
The heart that broke for all the broken-hearted  
Is whole and Heaven-centred now, and sings,  
Sings in the strength that rises out of weakness,  
Sings through the clouds that veil him from our sight,  
Whilst we our selves become his clouds of witness  
And sing the waning darkness into light,  
His light in us, and ours in him concealed,  
Which all creation waits to see revealed.

### Readings

Acts 17. 22-31 John 14. 15-21

### Collect

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

#### Messy Church

**3.30pm-5.30pm 17th May**

St Andrew's Church Rooms, Preston. DT3 6BU

Theme - 'Giving'

Fun, Fellowship & food  
Crafts, games & a hot meal.

Contact: 01305 837147

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#### St Andrew's School Spring Fair

**3pm-5pm 15th May**

Do come along and join the fun.  
(Donations of cakes are always very gratefully received, if you would like to donate please contact Georgie Menzies on [georgie.menzies1@outlook.com](mailto:georgie.menzies1@outlook.com))

#### St Laurence Church Charity Dog Show

**Saturday 22nd August 2026**

**11am-6pm**

Upwey House,  
75 Church Street, Upwey  
Games, Stalls, Food, Live Music  
Fun For All The Family  
Free Entry  
(All dogs to be kept on leads)

#### An afternoon of acoustic music with Carrie Martin

St Andrew's Church Rooms, DT3 6BU

4pm Sunday 14th June

Tickets £15 to include

Tea/coffee and homemade cakes & scones  
For information or tickets contact Shirley Mitchell (details below) or Alex Sissons on 07801 820722

#### Lunch Clubs

##### Angels Lunch Club

Every second Monday at

St Andrew's Church Rooms.

Contact Community Angels on 01305 834866  
[standrewsangels@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:standrewsangels@hotmail.co.uk)

##### Osmington Lunch Club

Every third Friday at

Osmington Village Hall

01305 832430 or

[francesgroves@btinternet.com](mailto:francesgroves@btinternet.com)

##### St Nicholas Lunch Club

Every 2nd Tuesday at

St Nicholas Church, Broadway

Contact: Susana Malik on 07944617553

#### Are you a volunteer in a church or parish? Sign up for our Volunteer Day on the 5th June now! We would love for you.

Emmaus House, Wilton, SP2 0FG.

This day is for anyone who volunteers and serves regularly in their church. Book to grab your space: <https://buff.ly/luPO7Wy>"  
<https://mailchi.mp/salisbury/23april26?e=3c063b8e78>

#### Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCMs)

These meetings will follow after the

**10.30am Communion at St Osmund's Church  
on Sunday 10th May**

**9.15am Communion Service at St Andrew's  
on Sunday 24th May**

*(Do let me know if you would like your  
APCM date here.)*