18 May 2025 Fifth Sunday of Easter

10am Holy Communion

Readings: Ephesians 2.11-22 p. 1174

Matthew 16.13-20 p. 983

Songs: Come people of the risen King

We bow our hearts (Adoration)

I believe (The Creed)

Before the throne of God above O for a thousand tongues to sing

To be streamed on <u>Facebook</u>. No group for children this week



Collect

Risen Christ,

your wounds declare your love for the world

and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Services and events

Upcoming services

There is a service of Holy Communion at 10.30am on Wednesday. Next Sunday, 25 May, **Morning Worship** is at 10am in church, to be streamed on Facebook, with **Crumpet Church** at 4pm in the Church Centre.

APCM

Congratulations to Glenise Bowyer and Geoff Stokes, re-elected as churchwardens, and to Barry and Kathryn Jones, elected to the PCC, at the APCM last Sunday. The new PCC will meet for the first time on Thursday 6 June.

Thy Kingdom Come

As usual, between Ascension (29 May) and Pentecost (8 June), we will be joining the annual prayer and mission movement. Some small prayer journals are available at the back of church to use during the nine days; the midweek service will change to Thursday 29 May from the usual Wednesday, and there will also be other things available during that time to aid prayer.

Pentecost event

Get the date in your diary: 8 June, 2pm to 5pm. We're joining with Glenfield Methodist Church and St George's Indian Orthodox Church for a shared event, including food, games, activities and a time of worship, at St Peter's. If you could help – particularly with a BBQ or serving hot drinks – speak to Richard or to Barry and Kathryn Jones.

Other events this week:

Thu: ReNew Café from 9.30am in Church Centre

News and updates

Giving

If you would like to give to support St Peter's, please use our <u>online donation page</u> or sign up for regular gifts at <u>Parish Giving</u>. If you give by standing order, please speak to Doreen Denney.



If you pay tax, filling out a Gift Aid declaration will enable the church to reclaim the tax you have already paid on your gift, making each £1 you give worth £1.25 to us. This can make a truly substantial difference to the church – please consider whether you can do this, declaration forms are available in church.

Shaped by God Together

The process for discerning the Minster Community that St Peter's will be part of in the future continues. We are exploring a grouping which includes some of the fringes of the city and neighbouring county villages, but options remain open.

Summer Holiday Club: 13-14 August 2025

The theme this year will be 'forgiveness', looking at Jonah and Jesus. Volunteers are needed to help with this ministry work: leaders and helpers of small groups, technicians to help during and in advance, in the kitchen, pre-preparing craft material or helping with craft on the day, running indoor games. You will need a current DBS. Speak to Lynn Adlam about this. Contact Alison Blane, 07806635354, if you are interested or would like to know more.

Measures for everyone's safety

We aim to ensure everyone attending is able to remain as safe from infection as they wish: you are able to socially distance if you pick up a card from the back and sanitizer is provided. We ask you do not attend a service if you have tested positive for COVID-19 but join the online stream instead.

Prayers

Please pray for:

Liz. Val. Ella, with back pain. Janet. Richard. Spencer. Brian. Diane. Thelma. Alan. Pat, that new medication will improve her breathing. Hollie, receiving cancer treatment. Kelly. Jason. Linda. Josy, following a fall. Audrey, that the pain-relieving injection in her hand is effective. Kate, with terminal cancer. John, following a violent burglary. Sophie. Reg Smith. Peter, in hospital following heart attacks. John, with health problems, and wife, Gail. Clare, on palliative care. Ian, for good test results. Alan, after a stroke. Mick, with cancer, and wife, Carol.

Do pray for Reg and all his family following the sudden death of David, his son.

Please send any prayer requests to Hayley or Richard by Thursday evening for inclusion at the weekend.

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Leicester Diocese

Leicester Cathedral Revealed

The scaffolding and hoardings are coming down, and passers-by can now see the spectacular extension to the Cathedral, as we close the Leicester Cathedral Revealed capital works project and make plans to move in.

This is the final stretch. The Cathedral will soon fully open to its volunteers and the public, who can enjoy the new facilities including exhibition gallery and the learning space with splendid views of the spire and the gardens. Externally to the south, turf will be laid, and with help from some April showers the gardens will be restored to their former condition. We count the days until the Cathedral can welcome everyone to such a beautiful outdoor space. Now, with an increased capacity, added storage and enhanced facilities, the Cathedral is ideally positioned to provide its exciting programme of events that take us towards our centenary year.

The vision to restore the Cathedral and restate its position as the beating heart of City and County will be realised, and we thank everyone who has contributed so magnificently to a very complex, but very worthwhile project.

Please pray:

- In gratitude for all who have given time, money and skill in the renewing and building of Leicester Cathedral and for God's journeying with us over the years.
- For the volunteers and staff as they learn to use the new building that they may continue to provide a warm welcome and to create a safe space for all.
- For all those who will come through the doors of the renewed cathedral and new Heritage & Learning Centre that they may gain a glimpse of God's love.

Richard Norman, Chief Operating Officer, Leicester Cathedral

Tearfund: Cambodia, savings and loan groups

Let's enter this week with a focus on thanksgiving and celebration for lives transformed through Tearfund's Transforming Communities training at work through the local church.

'Every day I had to walk long distances, carrying a basket of clams on my head,' says 68-year-old Oum. 'I struggled every day.' Lord, we lift to you people like Oum Ngak. May they know you walking beside them as they endure long hours of labour, often working multiple jobs to make ends meet. Amen.

'Things changed when I started believing in the Lord,' explains Oum. 'My house was built by the church and I was given bags of rice. Now everything has changed. God is always helping me.' *Praise God that Oum is now part of a church cooperative that has provided a more productive way to sell clams.*

When Yon's husband died she didn't know how she'd manage without his income, but help came when she joined a church group with others facing economic hardship. *Lord, we pray for others, like Yon, who have lost loved ones and are struggling to support their families alone. Amen.*

Yon is now in a savings group with 13 others. 'We meet and pray together once a week,' she explains. 'If a member is in difficulty, the rest of the group discusses how they can help them and gives them a loan if needed. Nobody is too poor here now.' *Thank you, Lord, for the power of community. Amen.*Twenty years ago, Paster Eng started his own church in Cambodia, 'Poople believed that everything

Twenty years ago, Pastor Eng started his own church in Cambodia. 'People believed that everything depended on the pastor,' he says. Lord, we pray for energy for other church leaders across Cambodia determined to motivate their congregation to step up and help each other. Amen.

Pastor Eng's church took part in Tearfund's Transforming Communities training. *Praise God that today the church and community are working together to farm and sell fish, inspired by the biblical training.*