

## SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2026 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

### READINGS

#### Acts 7.55–end

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen 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.'

### 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..

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

## SERVING THIS WEEK

### St Andrew's:

#### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Lead & Preach: Pam      Prayers: Philip  
Reader 1: Ruth          Reader 2: Colin  
HC Assistant: Philip    AV: Kevin

#### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Lead: Philip              Preach: Pam  
Prayers: Graham  
Reader 1: Philip          Reader 2: Pam  
HC Assistant: No Communion

### St Paul's:

#### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Lead & Preach: Pam      Prayers: Nnoema  
Reader 1: Margot        Reader 2: Jody  
AV: Ikemba  
Hospitality: Ellen & Sue

#### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May

Lead & Preach: Pam

### St Peter's:

#### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Lead & Preach: Jane      Prayers: Sue  
Reader 1: Gillian        Reader 2: Wiktor  
AV: Dave

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

9.30am                  HC at St Andrew's  
9.30am                  HC at St Peter's  
11.30am                HC at St Paul's  
12.45pm                St Paul's APCM  
5.00pm                  Confirmation Preparation class  
                                 at St Andrew's Parish Room

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May BANK HOLIDAY

9.00am ————— Stay and Play at St Paul's  
4.00pm ————— Worship Team Think Tank

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May

9.00am                  Stay and Play at St Andrew's  
11.00am                Soup and Socials at St  
                                 Andrew's Hall

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May

From 9.00am Wellbeing Wednesday at  
                         the Blackley Community Hub  
9.00am                  Stay and Play at St Andrew's  
10.45am                Morning Prayer at St Andrew's  
7.00pm                  Mission Community Worship  
                                 Team Fellowship at St  
                                 Andrew's

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May

11.00am                Morning Worship at the Hub  
12.00pm                Blackley Community Hub

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May

10.00am                St Peter's APCM

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- ✠ Please join us for refreshments after the service (*St Andrew's in the Parish Room, St Paul's in the Church Hall and St Peter's at the back of church*)
  - ✠ For your comfort toilets are available. Please ask one of the Wardens for directions.
  - ✠ We are glad of your presence today and we welcome donations and gifts to help us continue our work in this parish. There is a plate for cash at the back of church, and there are QR codes available for digital giving around the church.
  - ✠ If you have a Safeguarding concern, please speak in confidence to the Parish Safeguarding Officer for your church, or speak to the Incumbent. Full contact details can be found on the Church noticeboard or on our website: [www.blackleycofe.church](http://www.blackleycofe.church)
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