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SUNDAY 10TH MAY 2026 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

READINGS

Acts 17.22–31

Then 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 14.1–14

'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.'

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

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.

SERVING THIS WEEK

St Andrew's:

Sunday 10th May

Lead : Helen Preach: Philip
Prayers: Ruth Reader 1: Lisa
Reader 2: Graham AV: Colin

Wednesday 13th May

Lead: Pam Preach: Pam
Prayers: Pam Reader 1: Ruth
Reader 2: Graham
HC Assistant: Katherine

St Paul's:

Sunday 10th May

Lead: David Preach: Pam
Prayers: Sylvia Reader 1: Moyo
Reader 2: Nnoema AV: Ikenna
Hospitality: Jody & Derek

Thursday 14th May

Lead & Preach: David

St Peter's:

Sunday 10th May

Lead & Preach: Pam Prayers: Bev
Reader 1: Karen Reader 2: Bev
AV: Dave

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 10th 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
5.30pm Confirmation Preparation class at St Andrew's Church

Monday 11th May

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

Tuesday 12th May

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

Wednesday 13th May

From 9.00am Wellbeing Wednesday at the Blackley Community Hub
9.00am Stay and Play at St Andrew's
10.45am Holy Communion at St Andrew's

Thursday 14th May

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

Advance Notice

The Confirmation Service will be held on **Sunday 17th May at 6.00pm at St Paul's**. Please make every effort to come and support the candidates as they take this very important step in their discipleship.

If anyone would like to volunteer to help with serving refreshments after the service, please see Pam

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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
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