

## SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026 SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION

### READINGS

#### Acts 1.6–14

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

#### John 17.1–11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by

finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

### COLLECT

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:

we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## SERVING THIS WEEK

### St Andrew's:

#### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May

Lead : Pam                      Preach: Pam  
Prayers: Colin                Reader 1: Philip  
Reader 2: Helen              AV: Kevin

#### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May

Lead: Pam                      Preach: Philip  
Prayers: Philip                Reader 1: Pam  
Reader 2: Helen  
HC Assistant: Ann

### St Paul's:

#### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May

Lead: Pam                      Preach: David  
Prayers: Ikenna                Reader 1: Nathan  
Reader 2: Sylvia              AV: Nathan  
Hospitality: Sylvia, Bola & Marta

#### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May

Lead & Preach: Pam

### St Peter's:

#### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May

Lead: David                    Preach: Sue  
Prayers: Sue                    Reader 1: Michael  
Reader 2 & AV: Dave

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May

9.30am                      HC at St Andrew's  
9.30am                      HC at St Peter's  
11.30am                      HC at St Paul's  
**6.00pm                      Confirmation Service at St Paul's**

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May

9.00am                      Stay and Play at St Paul's  
3.00pm                      Funeral of Henry Sheldon at Blackley Crematorium and Cemetery  
4.30pm                      Worship Team Think Tank

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May

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

### Wednesday 20<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                      Holy Communion at St Andrew's

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May

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

### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

11.00am – up to 6.00pm  
St Peter's Graveyard Cleanup  
*Meet at 11.00am for safety briefing in church  
Please bring your own strong footwear, gloves, eye protection, and tools that you are confident of using.  
Please note that there will not be an electrical supply at the site, so hand-tools only please. Refreshments will be available throughout the day in church.*



**Blackley - we need you!!**  
St Peter's Church  
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2026

We're giving the upper graveyard some much-needed care and we'd love your help. A BBC crew is coming to film the work, and it's a great chance to show the true Blackley spirit of people pitching in together.

If you can spare a few hours from 11am on 23rd May, drop us a message so we can count you in (and make sure there's enough refreshments). Please bring your own work gear/tools, and if you can help us remove rubbish from site please let us know.



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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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