

St. Mary & All Saints Parish Church Bingham



Loving God, Sharing Christ, Serving One Another

Sunday 17th May 2026 **1st Sunday after Ascension**

09.00am Holy Communion with Revd Canon Alan Haydock

10.30am Morning Worship with Children's Activities



Please join us for tea and coffee after 10.30am service



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We are glad that you are here

Family News

Generosity: As a follow-up to Wendy's talk last week, when she urged us to prayerfully consider our financial donations to Church, here is a message from our Treasurer, Sue:

At the end of another financial year, I'd just like to thank all those who continue to pay a monthly donation by Standing Order, especially those who have reviewed their amount recently. I know it's not easy in the current economic climate, but it really does help us to be able to plan ahead slightly, despite the ever-escalating costs, like insurance, gas and electricity, not to mention blocked drains and gutters and everything else associated with a historic building! And please remember, if the freezing of income thresholds have resulted in you suddenly finding yourself having to pay income tax, we can claim Gift Aid on your donations - it doesn't cost you any more, but means we benefit from HMRC rules on donations. Forms are at the back of the church, or ask Viv Dyer or me about them. Thank you again.

Thy Kingdom Come:

A global prayer movement which started in 2016, encouraging Christians, of all denominations, to pray between Ascension Day and Pentecost (14th - 24th May) for more people to come to know Jesus as Saviour.

The theme for 2026 is "God with us" and we will meet in church every morning from 18th-22nd May at 09.30 for prayer and reflection, much in the informal style of the Monday Morning Prayer group. The format will be:

- **Monday** - Introduction to Thy Kingdom Come with our usual prayer time afterwards.
- **Tuesday** - Prayers around the diocesan vision of growing disciples with Compassion, Confidence and Courage as we pray for our friends, colleagues, relatives who do not yet know Jesus.
- **Wednesday** - Prayer Walk around Market Place followed by coffee back at church.
- **Thursday** - Prayer Stations with suggested topics.
- **Friday** - God is with us. A time of reflection and prayer around what this means for us as we pray for our five.

Prayer Space: We have created a new prayer space in the choir vestry. This is a space that can be used for private prayer, prayer meetings and prayer after the services. We will gradually build up some helpful books/notes on prayer. There's still some tidying to do but it felt important to create a dedicated prayer space.

Confirmation: We are excited to announce that Connie will be confirmed on Pentecost Eve, Saturday 23 May at Southwell Minster at 7pm by Bishop Andy. All are welcome to attend the service to support Connie in this important milestone in her faith journey. For more details speak to Connie or Wendy.

Wednesday Morning Prayer: After much consideration we have decided that Morning Prayer will no longer be said in Church on Wednesday mornings. Wendy is praying around what might be an alternative so watch this space!

HELP NEEDED!!!

We are in urgent need of volunteers to come forward to help with the Sunday morning coffee and the Thursday morning Welcome Cafe. If you would like to be involved in either of these, please speak to Linda or Wendy.

Soup Service:

When? – Friday nights.

What time? – 5.30 – 6.30pm

Come and share a free bowl of soup and a cob on Friday evenings in church. No sign-ups, no requirements, just soup and a place to sit and chat together.

Craft Club: Craft Club will be back on 20 May at 10.30am in church.

Monday morning prayer: 9.30am – 10.00am in church, all welcome. It's important that we pray together as a church, please join with us to pray for our community, our nation and the world around us. We usually go for coffee afterwards, please feel free to join us.

Bible Readings

9.00am Service – Acts 1: 6 – 14 & John 17: 1 – 11a

10.30am Service – Matthew 6: 5 – 15 & Luke 11: 5 – 13

Pray

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.” ~ Ephesians 3: 20

Please pray for:

- **Church Family** – That those known to us suffering ill health or bereavement will know God’s comfort and love and get the practical help they need. Pray for the housegroups as they look at the 24/7 Prayer Course.
- **New Rector** – Pray that as preparations take place for interviews God will prepare the hearts of candidates and give wisdom to the interview panel.
- **Alpha** - As the Alpha Course continues on Thursday. Pray for those participating to grow in their understanding of God. Pray for the team.
- **The World** – That in these uncertain times people would turn to the Lord for his love, comfort and guidance. Pray for Christian leaders in caring for their churches and reaching out with hope and compassion to those around them. Pray for world leaders to pursue paths that lead to peace.
- **Soup Service** – That the Lord will send people to enjoy the soup and the companionship on offer. Pray for Lesley, Emma and the team.
- **Streets to pray over this week:**
Medway Drive, Melvyn Drive, Mercia Court, Milburn Grove; Bingham Arena.

If you would like prayer after the service, please speak to Lesley, Andy or Wendy who would be happy to pray with/for you.

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