

## COMING UP...



23<sup>rd</sup> May at Oakdale Library—  
Win on Waste collection, and on  
the 4th Saturday every month.

### June

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June - Community Afternoon Tea** 3pm  
in hall. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church  
if you can help with provisions towards the tea. As  
always, your donations are much appreciated.



**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> – Cream Tea 3.30-5pm**  
in hall. Tickets now available in  
the office at £5

#### Foodbank wish list:

- ✓ Pasta sauce
- ✓ Tinned Fruit
- ✓ Minced beef
- ✓ Shampoo
- ✓ Washing up liquid
- ✓ Nappies size 4/5/6



**Appeal - £5/ month  
can support a family  
in need.**

**Poole Foodbank**  
CAF Bank Account  
Sort code: 40-52-40,  
Account no: 00034948

**Or donate online**  
<https://faith-works.org.uk/>

**Thank you**



**Sunday Morning Refreshments** – We are  
very short of volunteers to help with refreshments on  
Sunday mornings. If you are able to help out one  
Sunday a month please speak to Margaret Walker,  
phone 01202 733030, 07554 420137. Thank you!

### THIS WEEK

**Sunday 17 May – Sunday after Ascension Day**  
8.30am Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel  
10am Holy Communion and Zoom  
Prayer Ministry after the service  
JaM (Family Ministry) in small hall

#### Monday 18 May

Please pray for and give thanks for our NHS  
Preston Road and Rectory Road  
7.30pm Bell Ringers Practice

#### Tuesday 19 May

Please pray for continued blessing on our clergy  
team  
Rose Crescent and Rowlands Avenue

#### Wednesday 20 May

Please pray for protection and safety of our  
heathland and wildlife  
Sherrin Close and Simmonds Close  
10am Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel  
2-4pm Fellowship Group in the small hall

#### Thursday 21 May

Please pray for our lunch club volunteers  
Shottsford Road and Somerby Road  
12 Noon Lunch Club in the small hall

#### Friday 22 May

Please pray for families during the half term break  
St Edward's School and Stanley Court

#### Saturday 23 May

9am Prayers for the Parish on Zoom  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8430477988?pwd=VFpUVlpxU0VwUzFjSWp3WHZNTGpWdz09>  
Meeting ID: 843 0477 9888 Passcode: 266213  
Please pray for all St George's services  
Stanley Green Road and Infants Academy

#### Sunday 24 May – Pentecost Sunday

8.30am Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel  
10am Altogether Morning Worship in Church and  
Zoom



**THIS WEEK AT  
OAKDALE ST GEORGE  
17<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
Sunday after Ascension Day**

Dear Friends,

This week we celebrate our Lords Ascension. After  
40 days following his death and resurrection, he has  
provided sufficient evidence of his life after death to  
his followers and it's time for him to move on to  
heaven. This is Jesus showing us that the ultimate  
destination for those who believe and trust God's  
ultimate gift of love is a place in paradise.

Our faith is based on belief in God, our creator, and  
the love he provides for his creation. It includes his  
Son Jesus Christ, God in human form, sacrificed for  
our redemption, and undeniable evidence of the  
extent of God's love for each and every one of us. Our  
response should be to carry that love into the world,  
and help however modestly, to make the world around  
us a happier and more hopeful place.

I look forward to sharing more of my reflections with  
you on Sunday.

Blessings, *Tom*

**Next Sunday – 24th May  
Pentecost Sunday  
Readings: Acts 2. 1-21. John 7.37-39**

**Hearing loop available** in church.  
Turn your hearing aid to the T switch

Office Tel: 01202 660612  
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hours

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## 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**

## 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.

## Post Communion

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**

## Please pray for

**Worldwide:** Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

**Diocese:** Long Barrow, Milton and Blandford Deanery Colehill, Wimborne Deanery

**Local:** Pilgrim Way and Popes Road

**Immediate Prayer:** Jacob Mason, Alison, Frances, Nancy, Val, Willow.

**Continuous Prayer:** Carol Burridge, Tony Burse, Bethany Cook, Hazel Day, Barbara Fairbrother, Richard and Anita Glynn, Hilary Henson, Jim L, Beverley Mitchell, Chris Moody, Frederick Perry, Sue Rowledge, Carrie Spencer, Ginny Williams, Chris, Dorothy, Judith, Julie, Kezia

Also, we remember those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries fall at this time:  
**Rosemary Durman, John Simmons, Edna King, Kenneth King and Win Selby**

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**St George's Tower Cross** can be floodlit for memorable occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries or to remember a loved one. Request cards are available in the office. The cost remains at £10.

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**Café Church**  
**St George's Church hall**  
**Wednesday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2pm**  
**All Welcome**

White mill  
Sturminster Marshall  
Dorset

Kingston Lacy

**COME AND JOIN US FOR A  
PICTURESQUE TRIP AROUND DORSET  
WITH SONGS  
FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS AND A  
CHAT WITH YOUR FRIENDS**

Poole harbour and  
Brownsea Island

Compton Acres  
and Chesil beach

For more information ring the Parish Office 01202660612