



**10th May 2026.**  
We extend a warm welcome to Mike Honey and to all our members, friends and visitors.



**For meditation:** *Lord Jesus Christ, in times of loneliness may we be comforted by your presence.  
In days of affliction may we be fortified with your strength.  
In hours of despair may we be raised up through your love.*

*Marie Bernarde Soubirous (1844 – 1879)*

**NEWS AND VIEWS**

Today sees the start of **Christian Aid week** – the theme this year ‘Together, we can beat poverty for good.’ Do please consider a gift to support the charities work in the UK and further afield.

It is also **Rogation Sunday**- three days before Ascension Day on Thursday. This period is called Rogationtide from the Latin verb ‘rogare’ – to ask. It is a time when rural communities asked a blessing on their crops and future harvests. The days were also known as Gang Days from the Anglo Saxon word ‘gangen’ meaning ‘to go’. A time to ‘beat the bounds’ or to mark the limits of the parish boundaries- an event attended by the village priest and other dignitaries.

**And** – last but not least Thursday, Ascension Day, sees Paul celebrating his birthday. Happy Birthday to you!

**A PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN AID WEEK**

Gracious God, when we stand on the plains of uncertainty, with no path before us, we look to you. We remember what you have done before and our anxious hearts are comforted. Showing mercy, you delivered us then; in your love and faithfulness, you will do it again. Give us the strength to step forward in hope. Give us faith that changes us, hope that feeds us, love that moves us. In Jesus’ name, Amen. By Bob Kikuyu, Christian Aid’s Global Theology Advisor, Nairobi  
*We are praying this week for the students and staff at Kingswood School and for Rev Katy ,their chaplain.*

**LECTIONARY READINGS – 17th May**

Acts 1: 6 -14  
Psalm 68: 1- 10, 33 -36  
1 Peter 4: 12 -14, 5: 6 -11  
John 17: 1 -11

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you for ever – the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. John14: 15 -19

**DIARY**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

**Compass Point** 11.00am  
led by Rev Simon we continue our study of the book of Philippians. All welcome.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

**Grace** 3.30 – 4.40pm  
After school fun for children with a guardian. Helpers always welcome from 2.30pm.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

**Café** 9.30 –12 noon  
All welcome.

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

**Morning Worship** 11.00am  
Including Holy Communion led by Rev Simon

**In the End – a New Beginning**

spirit of new beginnings,  
when our plans crack and crumble;  
when we board up our hopes  
and abandon our dreams;  
when our future  
is ravaged by unforeseen changes  
or vandalised by other agendas  
when the confidence  
we had in the beginning  
is shaken to the ground;  
when all is in ruins  
and all seems ended.....

**show us holy spirit,  
in broken wall and opened roof,  
where stones rolled away  
let in your light and breath;**  
show us where  
your rising vine is greening  
**to create –in the end-  
a new beginning** Norm Esdon

**REVELS – MONDAY MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>**

We have offered to help our friends at St Thomas’s man the Pavilion ‘Café’. Please see Bronwyn to select a time when you are able to help. Thanks

