



**Do join us for refreshments
after Mass today**

St Anne in the Grove, Southowram

Sunday 16 May 2026

This week –

Monday 18th 1pm-3pm St Anne's Crafty Souls
Craft Group meets in the Community Hall

Wednesday 20th 10.30am Said_Mass

Next Sunday – 24th – Pentecost
9.30am Parish Mass

*To help you prepare for our worship why not look
up the readings we will use: Acts 2:1-11;
1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13; John 20: 19-23*

Wednesday 27th May, 6pm
Confirmation Service with Bishop Stephen

Coffee Morning – Sat. 13th June 10.30am-1.30pm
To help raise funds for essential work to our Church
Community Hall - roof repairs & improving the
heating etc. *Following the success of our last Coffee
Morning we have been able to carry out some
repairs and decorating, but the work continues! Help
with good items for the tombola stall will be much
appreciated.*

At our well-attended **Annual Parochial Church
Meeting** last Tuesday, Karen and Tracey were duly
elected to serve as Churchwardens.

We are most grateful for Anne & Rita for all their
hard work and support during their time in Office.
(Anne has completed the usual 6 year term and Rita has
decided to 'retire').

Christine has also retired after many years of faithful
service on the PCC and Ian has finished his term
as a Deanery Synod Rep.

We have new Deanery Reps & PCC members
with Leonie, Amy, Kyle and Dominic.

*Please remember your Parish representatives in
your prayers, as they take on the responsibilities of
making sure your Parish and Church run smoothly.*

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***Welcome to our Parish Mass
on Ascension Sunday***

A special welcome if you are visiting.
If you require Gluten free altar bread - please have a
word with one of the Welcomers at the door.

Hymns: 453; 744; 228; 456; 612

It is good to have Fr David Burrows
as our Celebrant & Preacher today.

*There's a contactless payment facility at the back of
Church and if you pay tax please make use of the Gift Aid
envelopes – it helps us a great deal - Thank you!*

Please stay for refreshments afterwards

During the week please pray for:

Our neighbours in Grange Heights, Gove Cottages
and our sister parish of King Cross

Monday – give thanks for the Resurrection
Tues. – for peace in the troubled areas of the world
Wed. – all to be Baptised & Confirmed in the Parish
Thursday – our GPs & local health centres
Fri. – Local food banks: staff & all who need them
Saturday – our Welcomers & Sidespeople

Those who are sick or in need:

Deborah Golding, Tom Hogan, John Greenwood,
Paula Mead, Graham Firth, Mary Haward,
Tony Hill, Bernadette Lister-Pollard,
Stanley Sunderland, Diane Metcalfe, Julie Lloyd,
John Rushworth, Audrey Martin, Rita Hansom,
Archdeacon Bill Bravinor.

The recently departed:

Avril Davies, Elaine Cousins, Elsie Kelly

Anniversaries:

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ASCENSION SUNDAY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven,
will return as you saw him go, Alleluia.

OPENING PRAYER

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we in heart and mind may also ascend and with him continually dwell; who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING (Acts 1:1-11)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

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 toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward 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."

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 47)

**R: God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.**

All peoples, clap your hands, cry out to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. **R:**

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praises for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R:**

God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **R:**

SECOND READING (Eph 1:17-23)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Go, make disciples of all the nations;
I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL (Luke 24:46-53)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus opened the disciples minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

