

Notices

Deanery Ascension Day Service at St Marys, Whaplode on Thursday 14th May at 7pm Refreshments provided afterwards. All are very welcome!

Coffee, Cake and Crochet is on the second Saturday of each month, 10am to 12 noon. Charge is £5.

Holbeach Flower Festival will be over the Spring Bank Holiday 23rd-25th May and again volunteers are needed to serve refreshments and makes cakes etc. There is a list to sign (on table at back of church) to say which day and what cakes/scones/savoury items you hope to bring, so that we can ensure there is plenty of choice for visitors. We also need donations for the Tombola (not Bric-A-Brac) Please give donations to Janet Glenister.

Evensong Due to lack of attendance and viability the Evensong service held on the 3rd Sunday of the month is now suspended whilst we are in interregnum.

The Home Group continues online and in person on Wednesdays at 6.30pm. In-Person group will be held at The Deanery Office meeting room please arrive from 6.15pm. If joining us on Teams we start at 6.30pm and we will be returning to the Bible Study Course. For more information please contact Carol Hellen on carolhellen01@hotmail.com

Due to antisocial behaviour within the building when it is unattended the PCC regret that the church will now only be open for visitors and private prayer at the following times:

Term Time

Weekdays 9am-3pm

Saturdays 10am-12pm

Sundays for Services Only

We are sorry for any inconvenience that this reluctant decision has caused.

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All Saints Church, Holbeach Easter 5 3rd May 2026



We are an inspiring and inclusive place of worship at the heart of the community. We hope and pray that you will find this place a blessing to you, a place of worship, a place to encounter God, a place of community and above all, a place of welcome.

Gluten free wafers available on request.

Do join us for refreshments after the 10.30 service.

Today

11.00am Café Church

Leader and Preacher ALMs

- Hymns** 856 Kum Ba Yah
162 Father, I Place Into Your Hands
437 Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace
695 To God Be The Glory

18.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)

Leader and Preacher Revd Alistair Ward

- Hymns** Let Us Build A House (sheet)
38 An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare
636 The Church's One Foundation

Please note: This church has a hearing loop installed. Please place any donations to the church in the plate on the way into church.

For your Prayers

For the Sick Ruth, Raymond & Anastasia Winter, Matti Corrado, Sarah Abiss, Roger Qusted, Harry Pollard, Ann Onyett, John Bambury, Andrew Dean, Nicki Thomson, Revd Barbara Hutchinson, Sallyanne Sudlow, Janusz Slawinski, Margaret Mears, Susan Wroe, Val Abiss

The Recently Departed Derek Whitworth, Joseph Sapey

In Memorium Joyce Chapman, Terence Richards, Dorothy Keeling, Douglas Rix, Norman Vince, James Harmer, Madge Fensom, Sheila Biggs, Bob Newey

The week ahead

Weds 6th - 09.30am - Holy Communion

Fri 8th - 9.00am - Morning Prayer followed by Open Prayer

Services for 10th May - Easter 6

10.30am Holy Communion – Revd Nick Nawrockyi

COLLECT

Almighty God,
 who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
 have overcome death and opened to us the gate of
 everlasting life:
 grant that, as by your grace going before us you put
 into our minds good desires,
 so by your continual help
 we may bring them to good effect;
 through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Acts 7.55-end

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

PSALM 31.1-5, 15-16

To the leader. A Psalm of David.

¹ In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;
 do not let me ever be put to shame;
 in your righteousness deliver me.

² Incline your ear to me;
 rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me,
 a strong fortress to save me.

³ You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
 for your name's sake lead me and guide me,

⁴ take me out of the net that is hidden for me,
 for you are my refuge.

⁵ Into your hand I commit my spirit;
 you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

¹⁵ My times are in your hand;
 deliver me from the hand of my enemies and
 persecutors.

¹⁶ Let your face shine upon your servant;
 save me in your steadfast love.

SECOND READING 1 Peter 2.2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
 a cornerstone chosen and precious;
 and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'
 To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,
 'The stone that the builders rejected
 has become the very head of the corner',
 and
 'A stone that makes them stumble,
 and a rock that makes them fall.'
 They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.
 Once you were not a people,
 but now you are God's people;
 once you had not received mercy,
 but now you have received mercy.

GOSPEL John 14.1-14

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

POST COMMUNION

Eternal God,
 whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
 grant us to walk in his way,
 to rejoice in his truth,
 and to share his risen life;
 who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.