

Fifth Sunday after Trinity
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“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

Sunday 5th July 2026

Mass setting: Mass for St Peter's - Marsden
Hymn Book: Common Praise

THE GATHERING

Please stand as the bell is rung and the altar party enters

Processional Hymn:
490 Jesus shall reign (T.Truro)

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

3 Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all the sons of want are blest.

4 To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like incense shall arise
with every morning sacrifice.

5 Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Priest: we meet in the name of God
who is (†) Father and the Son and the
Holy Spirit. **Amen**

The Greeting

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: and also with you

*The president welcomes the congregation
and sets the scene for the mass.*

Prayer of Preparation

All: Almighty God, to whom all
hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are
hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your
Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly
love you, and worthily magnify your
holy name; through Christ our
Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

Deacon: My brothers and sisters, as we
prepare to celebrate the presence of
Christ in word and sacrament, let us
call to mind and confess our sins
we pray together:

The Collect

All: Almighty God,
our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence,
through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son
Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life
to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

Priest: Almighty God, who forgives all
who truly repent, have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all
goodness, and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

All: Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of
the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Priest: Let us pray
Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the
Church is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all
your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry they
may serve you in holiness and truth to
the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus
Christ, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please sit for our readings.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Zechariah 9.9-12

A reading from the book of the prophet
Zechariah.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle-bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the
nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the
earth.
As for you also, because of the blood of
my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the
waterless pit.
Return to your stronghold,
O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you
double.
This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm Psalm 145.8-15



The Lord is | gracious and | merciful,
long-suffering | and of | great | goodness.
The Lord is | loving to | all
and his mercy is | over | all his |
creatures.

All your works | praise you . O | Lord,
and your | faith.ful | ser.vants | bless
you.
They tell of the | glory . of your |
kingdom
and | speak of . your | mighty | power.

To make known to all peoples your |
mighty | acts
and the glorious | splen.dour | of your |
kingdom.
Your kingdom is an ever|las-ting |
kingdom; ♦
your dominion en|dures through| out all
|ages.

The Lord is sure in | all his | words ♦
and | faithful .in | all his | deeds.
The Lord upholds all | those who | fall
and lifts up all | those who | are bowed |
down.

Glory to the Father and | to the | Son ♦
and | to the | Holy | Spirit;
As it was in the be|ginning is | now ♦
and shall be for|ever | A|-men.

Second Reading: Romans 7.15–25a

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Stand

Gradual Hymn:

54 I cannot tell

I I cannot tell why he, whom angels
worship,
should set his love upon the sons of men,
or why, as Shepherd, he should seek the
wanderers,
to bring them back, they know not how
or when.
But this I know, that he was born of Mary
when Beth'lem's manger was his only
home,
and that he lived at Nazareth and
laboured,
and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world,
is come.

2 I cannot tell how silently he suffered,
 as with his peace he graced this place of
 tears,
 or how his heart upon the cross was
 broken,
 the crown of pain to three and thirty
 years.
 But this I know, he heals the broken-
 hearted
 and stays our sin and calms our lurking
 fear
 and lifts the burden from the heavy
 laden;
 for still the Saviour, Saviour of the world
 is here.

3 I cannot tell how he will win the
 nations,
 how he will claim his earthly heritage,
 how satisfy the needs and aspirations
 of east and west, of sinner and of sage.
 But this I know, all flesh shall see his
 glory,
 and he shall reap the harvest he has
 sown,
 and some glad day his sun will shine in
 splendour
 when he the Saviour, Saviour of the
 world, is known.

4 I cannot tell how all the lands shall
 worship,
 when at his bidding every storm is
 stilled,
 or who can say how great the jubilation
 when every heart with love and joy is
 filled.
 But this I know, the skies will thrill with
 rapture,
 and myriad myriad human voices sing,
 and earth to heav'n, and heav'n to earth,
 will answer,
 'at last the Saviour, Saviour of the world,
 is King!'

William Young Fullerfton (1857-1932)

We turn to face the gospel reader

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Deacon: I am the light of the world, says
 the Lord. Whoever follows me will
 never walk in darkness but will have the
 light of life.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel

Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end

Deacon: The Lord be with you

All: and also with you.

Deacon: Hear the Gospel of our Lord
 Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time Jesus said,

'To what will I compare this generation?
 It is like children sitting in the market-
 places and calling to one another, "We
 played the flute for you, and you did not
 dance; we wailed, and you did not
 mourn." For John came neither eating
 nor drinking, and they say, "He has a
 demon"; the Son of Man came eating and
 drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton
 and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors
 and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by
 her deeds. I thank you, Father, Lord of
 heaven and earth, because you have
 hidden these things from the wise and
 the intelligent and have revealed them to
 infants; yes, Father, for such was your
 gracious will. All things have been handed
 over to me by my Father; and no one
 knows the Son except the Father, and no
 one knows the Father except the Son
 and anyone to whom the Son chooses to
 reveal him. Come to me, all you that are
 weary and are carrying heavy burdens,
 and I will give you rest. Take my yoke
 upon you, and learn from me; for I am
 gentle and humble in heart, and you will
 find rest for your souls. For my yoke is
 easy, and my burden is light.'

Deacon: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

**The Sermon
Learning a new setting
A Mass for St Peter's by John
Marston**

Stand

The Nicene Creed.

Priest: Let's proclaim the truth of God's love for us all as we stand before God, the world and each other and say:

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sit or kneel for prayer

The Prayers of Intercession

The following response may be used:

Leader: Lord in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

At the conclusion of the intercessions:

Leader: Merciful Father,

All: Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Stand

**THE LITURGY OF THE
SACRAMENT**

The Peace

Priest: Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Deacon: Let us offer one another the sign of peace

You are invited to greet your neighbour with a sign of peace

Offertory Hymn: 250 All creatures of our God and king

I All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam:

Refrain:

O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice;
ye lights of evening, find a voice: [Refrain]

3 Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou fire, so masterful and bright,
that givest us both warmth and light:
[Refrain]

4 Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
let them his glory also show: [Refrain]

5 All ye that are of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God, and on him cast your care:
[Refrain]

6 And thou, most kind and gentle death,
waiting to hush our latest breath,
O praise him, alleluia!
Thou leadest home the child of God,
and Christ our Lord the way has trod:
[Refrain]

7 Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness;
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
[Refrain]

William Henry Draper (1855-1933)

Based on St Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)

A cash collection is not taken during the service. To donate to the work of St Peter's you can use the card reader by the main West Door or place your cash offering in one of the brass plates. You can also use this QR code to make an donation or to set up a regular offering.



Thank you for your generosity.

Preparation of the Altar

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer Prayer B

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: and also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Priest: Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Short Proper Preface, when appropriate

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your
glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Hosanna in the
highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Deacon: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Peter and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Sit or kneel for prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Deacon: Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Agnus Dei

All: Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world.
Grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

Priest: Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The president and people receive communion.

Regular communicants of any denomination are welcome to receive communion here.

We distribute communion in both kinds.

There is no compulsion to receive from the chalice if you would rather not.

Please do not 'dip' your wafer in the wine.

If you would like a blessing, come forward with your arms across your chest.

Gluten free wafers are available, just let the priest know you'd like gluten free when you come to receive the sacrament.

Communion Anthem: Locus Iste - Bruckner

Prayer After Communion

All: Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood
of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you
our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory. **Amen.**

The Parish Notices.

Final Hymn: 467 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!

It soothes his sorrows, heals his
wounds,
and drives away his fear.

2 It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary rest.

3 Dear name! the rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treasury filled
with boundless stores of grace.

4 Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
my Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
accept the praise I bring.

5 Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.

6 Till then I would thy love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death.

John Newton (1725-1807)

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**Please come through to the
church hall for refreshments.**

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

We turn and face the altar party

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: The peace of God, which passes all
understanding, keep your hearts and
minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and
the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you
always **Amen**

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve
the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Voluntary:

Prelude in a Classic style - Young

St Peter's Parish News & Notices

CHILDREN'S FACILITIES – Activities and toys for children during Mass can be found at the Junior Church corner and in the Lady Chapel.

CHOIR PRACTICE – Choir practice is on Sunday mornings at 9.15am in Church.

GIVING GENEROUSLY – Our programme for 2026 looking at church finances and how we can contribute. Do take time to look at the noticeboards on your way into the church hall. Please Give Generously to the financial life of the parish. Any questions speak to one of the team (Linda Foster; Elsa Vladimery; Allison McAllister; Fr David)

DEDICATION FESTIVAL. Sunday 19th July we will be keeping our Dedication Festival; it will be St Peter's 133rd birthday. Do make sure this is in your diary, let's celebrate together the founding of our parish and the beginning of the summer holidays.

NB: The Parish Office will be closed tomorrow, Monday 6 July.

Parish Contact Details

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The Invitation to Rest (reflections on Matthew 11.16-19,25-end)

This is a powerful message, one that speaks to our hearts in profound ways. In this passage, Jesus contrasts the responses of the people to his message and ministry. He calls out the fickleness of a generation that is quick to judge and criticise. Yet, amid that criticism, he extends a gracious invitation to find rest in him.

Jesus extends a heartfelt invitation: ‘Come to me, all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.’ What a beautiful promise! In a world filled with anxiety, stress and weight of our own expectations, Jesus offers us rest.

This rest is not just physical; it is a deep, soul-nourishing peace that comes from surrendering our burdens to him. It is an invitation to lay down our worries, our striving and our judgements.

Jesus also invites us to take his yoke upon us, to learn from him, for he is gentle and humble in heart. The yoke of law has become a burden. His yoke of grace brings joy and restoration. It is not a yoke handed over to us, with training in the form of harsh words and whips. It is a shared yoke given to us with Jesus alongside who shows us how to wear it with kindness and humility.

In a time when we often feel the pressure to perform, to prove ourselves and to have all the answers, this invitation is a radical departure. It tells us that we do not have to carry our burdens alone. Instead, we can walk alongside Jesus, sharing in his grace and strength.

...let us examine our own hearts. Are there judgements we need to lay down? Are there burdens we need to surrender? Jesus invites us to come as we are, to embrace simplicity of faith and to find rest in his love.

In this journey of faith, may we be like the humble, receptive ones who recognise the beauty of Jesus’ invitation. Let us respond with open hearts, trusting that in him we find the rest and peace our souls so desperately seek.

*Kt Tupling
The Canterbury Preacher’s Companion 2026*

Worship this week	
Sunday 5th July 2026 Trinity 5 (proper 9) 9am Pebbles 10am Parish Mass 5.30pm Evening Prayer	Sunday 12th July 2026 Trinity 6 (proper 10) 10am Parish Family Mass 5.30pm Evening Prayer
Daily Prayer:	
Morning Prayer: 9am Tues - Fri Evening Prayer: 5pm Mon, Tues & Thurs Contemplative Prayer: 4.30pm Weds Mid-week Mass: 12.30pm Tues	For information on or to book baptisms, weddings or funerals please contact Fr David or the Parish Office. Confessions are heard by appointment. Contact Fr David
Notices & Diary Dates:	
July: 1st: 7.30pm Finance Team Meeting (Vicarage) 7th: 7.30pm Ealing Deanery Synod (St Mary's, Ealing) 8th: 6pm Amnesty International Letter Writing Group (Zoom) 14th: 7.30pm PCC Meeting (Church) 16th: 7pm Men's Beer & Curry 19th: 10am Parish Dedication Celebration Mass	August: 5th: 3pm Ivy Café 12th: 3pm Ivy Café 19th: 3pm Ivy Café 20th: 7pm Women's Wine & Dine 26th: 3pm Ivy Café September: 1st: 7.30pm Standing Committee 2nd: Ivy Cafe
This Week's Reading Programme:	
Mon: I Samuel 1.1-20; Luke 19.28-40. Tues: I Samuel 1.21—2.11; Luke 19.41-end. Wed: I Samuel 2.12-26; Luke 20.1-8. Thurs: I Samuel 2.27-end; Luke 20.9-19. Fri: I Samuel 3.1—4.1a; Luke 20.20-26. Sat (Benedict, abbot): I Samuel 4.1b-end; Luke 20.27-40.	
Prayer Requests:	
Please pray for: Sick: Richard Dubois; Val Cross; Neil Robson, Patricia Hampton; Sandra Doyle; Saskia; Olumide Olukoya, David Blumlein. Recently deceased: Sue Wright. Years Mind: week 5-11 July: Ethel Kippen (2002); David Sladen (2015). Parish family: Sophia Bernard; Ian, Jane, James & Leah Bradshaw; Michael, Susan & Sebastian Brewin; Bill & Lesley Brooks; Adam, Charlotte, Lydia & Joshua Brown; Catherine de Cintra; Jane & Stuart Campbell; Claire Cassar, Michael, Sophie & Olivia Poots. (To add names to this list please contact Fr David or the Parish Office)	