

Collect.

O God our Redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: Grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us, he may raise us to eternal joy; we ask this in his name Jesus Christ Our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

(Acts 17.22–31)

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him – though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.” Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

PSALM 66 The Cantor will announce**A reading from the first letter of Peter.**

(1 Peter 3.13–22)

Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but

made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

(John 14.15–21)

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’

**Post Communion.**

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life, may we thirst for you, the spring of life and goodness; through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and for ever. Amen

HYMN NUMBERS:

- 175 - Come down O love devine.
- 470 - I, the Lord of sea and sky.
- 383 - Be still for the presence of the Lord.
- 516 - Love divine all loves excelling.
- 538 - O Jesus I have promised.

NOTICES:

ST. ANNE'S PCC MEETING:
Wednesday, 13th May, 4.00pm
in the sidechapel.

NOTICES contd...

PEACE ADVENTURE: No meeting in May. We resume again on 9th June.

BOOK STALL:

The book sale will be open on the 1st Sunday in the month after church. If it is to continue, we need a turnover, so please donate books (in good condition) you no longer want! They can be fact/fiction/adult/children. THANK YOU!

TELEPHONE NUMBER CHANGE:

Myra can now be contacted using 01243 671479
(as can Fr. Barry)

PROCESS FOR APPOINTMENT OF A NEW BISHOP

Bishop Martin retires at the end of May, and as a diocesan family we are beginning the search for his successor. Have your say in the appointment at tinyurl.com/next-bishop It will take only a few minutes to complete, and it is open until May 26th. We welcome responses from everyone.

REGULAR EVENTS:

BIBLE STUDY:

MONDAYS – 2.00pm at St. Anne's church

QUIET PRAYER "PEACE ADVENTURE":

SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, at Wind Demons, West Brack Drive from 2pm-4pm & 7pm to 8pm

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WE WILL RESUME AGAIN IN JUNE.**

HEAR HERE CLINIC: 11-12noon

**FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
ALL UNLESS OTHERWISE UPDATED**

Services this Week

All services at St. Anne's unless otherwise stated

TUESDAY 7.00pm – Said Eucharist

WEDNESDAY 10.00am Said Eucharist

Midweek services are held in the side chapel

Services Next Sunday

(Last Sunday in the month 8.00am BCP)

17th May 2026 – Ascension of the Lord

8.00am Said Eucharist St. Anne's

9.00am Sung Eucharist Earnley

10.15am Sung Eucharist St. Anne's

Readings: Acts: 1:1-11

Ephesians 1: 15-23

Luke 24: 44-53

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WEDNESDAY EVENING.*

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The Parishes of Earnley with East Wittering and Almodington

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We welcome all visitors to our churches.

All communicant members of Christ's church are warmly invited to receive the Sacraments. If you do not receive the sacraments then please come forward for God's Blessing.
(All services are at St. Anne's unless indicated)

10th May 2026

Easter 6

Before the service and after the second bell, talk to God through quiet prayer and silent devotion, bringing to the Lord those events of your past week, and after the service, then talk to your friends.

If you are a visitor to our church, making a donation in the collection, and you are a taxpayer, the PCC would be very grateful if you could put your donation in one of the envelopes available at the end of the pews, and sign the Gift Aid Declaration on the envelope. In this way, the Church can claim a further 25p for every £1 you give. Thank you.
PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO "E.W.P.C.C"

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4th SUNDAY of the month – Healing & Anointing

**FAMILY & FRIENDS HAS BEEN
UPDATED ACCORDING TO YOUR
REQUESTS**

Intercessions

The sick and those who have asked of our prayers:

Fr. John, Judy Williams, Nick Carter, Lorraine Hall, Len Holliday, Florence Sumakoloyl, Margaret Bate, Michael Pettman, Karen Grunert, Ava Kirby and members of our congregation who are unwell today.

From our families and friends, we remember

Matthew Finch, Dot Finch, Jules Pettitt,

Tula Hunt and her family, Trevor Couzens,

Lennart Nilsson, Kelly Saby. Also, all those in our local nursing homes & rest homes, the housebound, those who care for them, and all who have been recently bereaved

The Recently Departed

Christopher Ellis, Alan Wilson,

Those whose years mind falls at this time

Michael Fethney, Peggy Thomson, Dora Stone, Revd Peter Carmichael, Margaret Cruickshank, Brian Wicks, Eileen Cunningham, Joy Carter