

## COLLECT

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the  
resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of  
righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which  
are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## FIRST READING

*The reading from Acts must be used  
as either the first or second reading.*

### Either Acts 9:36-end

*A reading from the Acts of the  
Apostles.*

In Joppa there was a disciple whose  
name was Tabitha, which in Greek  
is Dorcas. She was devoted to good  
works and acts of charity. At that time  
she became ill and died. When they  
had washed her, they laid her in a  
room upstairs. Since Lydda was near  
Joppa, the disciples, who heard that  
Peter was there, sent two men to him  
with the request, "Please come to  
us without delay." So Peter got up  
and went with them; and when he  
arrived, they took him to the room  
upstairs. All the widows stood beside  
him, weeping and showing tunics  
and other clothing that Dorcas had  
made while she was with them. Peter  
put all of them outside, and then he  
knelt down and prayed. He turned  
to the body and said, "Tabitha, get  
up." Then she opened her eyes, and  
seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her  
his hand and helped her up. Then  
calling the saints and widows, he  
showed her to be alive. This became  
known throughout Joppa, and many  
believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he  
stayed in Joppa for some time with a  
certain Simon, a tanner.

Or **Genesis 7:1-5. 11-18; 8:6-18;  
9:8-13**

## PSALM Psalm 23

**R** *The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.*

The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green  
pastures  
and leads me beside still waters. **R**

He revives my soul  
and guides me along right pathways  
for his name's sake.  
Though I walk through the valley of  
the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort  
me. **R**

You spread a table before me  
in the presence of those who trouble  
me;  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.  
Surely your goodness and mercy  
shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the  
Lord for ever. **R**

## SECOND READING

### Revelation 7:9-end

*A reading from the book of  
Revelation.*

After this I looked, and there was a  
great multitude that no one could  
count, from every nation, from all  
tribes and peoples and languages,  
standing before the throne and  
before the Lamb, robed in white,  
with palm branches in their hands.  
They cried out in a loud voice, saying  
"Salvation belongs to our God who  
is seated on the throne, and to the  
Lamb!" And all the angels stood  
around the throne and around the  
elders and the four living creatures,  
and they fell on their faces before  
the throne and worshipped God,  
singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory  
and wisdom and thanksgiving and  
honour and power and might be to  
our God for ever and ever! Amen."  
Then one of the elders addressed  
me, saying, "Who are these, robed  
in white, and where have they come  
from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are  
the one that knows." Then he said  
to me, "These are they who have  
come out of the great ordeal; they  
have washed their robes and made  
them white in the blood of the Lamb.  
For this reason they are before the  
throne of God, and worship him day

and night within his temple, and the  
one who is seated on the throne will  
shelter them. They will hunger no  
more, and thirst no more; the sun will  
not strike them, nor any scorching  
heat; for the Lamb at the centre of  
the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of  
the water of life, and God will wipe  
away every tear from their eyes."

Or **Acts 9:36-end**

## GOSPEL John 10:22-30

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus  
Christ according to John.*

At that time the festival of the  
Dedication took place in Jerusalem.  
It was winter, and Jesus was walking  
in the temple, in the portico of  
Solomon. So the Jews gathered  
around him and said to him, "How  
long will you keep us in suspense?  
You are the Messiah, tell us plainly."  
Jesus answered, "I have told you,  
and you do not believe. The works  
that I do in my Father's name testify  
to me; but you do not believe,  
because you do not belong to my  
sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I  
know them, and they follow me. I  
give them eternal life, and they will  
never perish. No one will snatch  
them out of my hand. What my  
Father has given me is greater than  
all else, and no one can snatch it out  
of the Father's hand. The Father and  
I are one."

## POST COMMUNION

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be  
the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his  
life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his  
steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Third Sunday of Easter – May 11<sup>th</sup> 2025

### Every Sunday, in every Church - a service!

**9am every week at St Michael's**  
(with Communion on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and  
4<sup>th</sup> Sundays)

**10.30am every week at All Saints**  
(with Communion on the 1<sup>st</sup> and  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays)

**10.30am every week at  
St Nicholas's**  
(with Communion on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and  
4<sup>th</sup> Sundays)

### Extra services

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday every month, Prayer  
Book Evensong, St Nicholas at 5pm  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday every month, Prayer  
and Praise, St Michael's at 5pm  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May Ascension Day  
Communion, St Nicholas at 7pm  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May, Christian Aid  
Service, All Saints 6.30pm

For more information, please visit  
our website

[www.harwichparish.co.uk](http://www.harwichparish.co.uk)

or use the QR code below,



visit our Facebook pages.

<https://www.facebook.com/>

All Saints Church Dovercourt  
St Nicholas Church Harwich  
St Michael's Church Ramsey

or take a look at  
[www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com)

On Thursdays and Fridays at  
8.45am St Michael's Church is  
open for private prayer.

If you or someone you know is  
housebound and would like to  
receive a home visit, please  
contact Canon Smith by phone on  
01255 502033 or by email at  
[trharwich@gmail.com](mailto:trharwich@gmail.com).

If requesting a visit for someone  
else, please ensure that you have  
their permission to share their  
details.

*Our churches have induction  
loops. Hearing aid users should  
use the T setting on their device*

## Notices

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 10am-2pm –  
Grand Clearance Sale, Esplanade  
Hall

All Saints 900- If anyone is able to  
donate stationery items or any  
basic toiletries, there is a basket at  
the back of All Saints Church for  
collection. There is a notice with  
the details there. If you have any  
questions speak to Jean Craig.

Andy Meighan will be baptised on  
the 18th May, 10.30 at All Saints.  
Cake will be provided during the  
refreshments after the service.

11th May - Vocations Sunday. Niall  
Murray-Clarke joins the  
congregations at St Michael and St  
Nicholas this morning. He is  
training for ordination.

Annual Meeting, Wednesday 21st  
May, 7pm at Esplanade Hall.  
Please complete and return the  
nomination forms for PCC and  
Deanery Synod places by Sunday  
18<sup>th</sup> latest, so that we know if we  
need an election and can prepare.  
The Annual Reports and Accounts  
are now available in each church.

Elizabeth's Garden Party, Saturday  
31st May 10-12, 15 Mayes Lane,  
Ramsey, CO12 5EJ. Offers of cake  
and help on the day are  
appreciated. For more information  
contact Dawn on 07963 707825.

## Weekly Planner

### Monday:

9.30am Citizens Advice  
2pm Monday Club  
7.30pm Dovercourt Choral  
Society  
*All in the Fryatt Room*

### Tuesday:

2pm Knit & Natter –  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> week Millennium Room  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> week Esplanade Hall  
7pm The Lounge  
Esplanade Hall

### Wednesday:

11am Yoga @ Fryatt  
Contact Kate on 07481 404084 or  
[katkinson108@gmail.com](mailto:katkinson108@gmail.com)  
7.30pm St Nicholas Bell  
Ringers for more  
info call Janet on  
01255 886189

## Thursday:

10am The Lounge  
Esplanade Hall  
9.30am Little Saints  
Toddler Group  
Millennium Room (term time)

## Getting in touch

### Churchwardens:

#### St Michael

**All Saints**  
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*Mondays 8-1, Wednesdays and  
Fridays, 8-12*

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#### 'Light up the Tower'

*to mark a special occasion:*

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