

## 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

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

Either **Acts 11:1-18**

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticised him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying; and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered

the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptised with water, but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Or **Baruch 3:9-15. 32 – 4:4**

Or **Genesis 22:1-18**

## PSALM Psalm 148

**R** Praise, O praise the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;

praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all you angels of his;

praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon;

praise him, all you shining stars. **R**

Praise him, heaven of heavens,

and you waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord;

for he commanded and they were created.

He made them stand fast for ever and ever;

he gave them a law which shall not pass away. **R**

Praise the Lord from the earth,

you sea-monsters and all deeps;

Fire and hail, snow and fog,

tempestuous wind, doing his will;

Mountains and all hills,

fruit trees and all cedars;

Wild beasts and all cattle,

creeping things and winged birds. **R**

Kings of the earth and all peoples,

princes and all rulers of the world;

Young men and maidens,

old and young together.

Let them praise the name of the Lord,

for his name only is exalted,

his splendour is over earth and heaven. **R**

He has raised up strength for his people

and praise for all his loyal servants,

the children of Israel, a people who are near him.

Alleluia! **R**

**SECOND READING Revelation 21:1-6**

*A reading from the book of Revelation.*

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth;

for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

And I saw the holy city, the

new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Or **Acts 11:1-18**

## GOSPEL John 13:31-35

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

During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

## 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.

## Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 18<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

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 when a keyholder is available. For more information, please contact Dawn on 07963 707825

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

## Notices

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.

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. **We currently have 2 more Synod and 4 more PCC spaces to be filled.**

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.

A big thank you to all who attended this year's World Day of Prayer at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church. We managed to raise £126.11 for the Cook Islands. Next year's will be designed by the women of Nigeria and will be held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

The Harwich Trefoil Guild are organising a Guiding Heritage Festival for Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025, 10am-3pm.

It will be held in the Guide hut at Barrack Lane, CO12 3NS. Refreshments and a tombola will be available and all are welcome to join them and take a look at their 100 years of history in Harwich. If you have any stories or memorabilia of your own you would like to share, please bring it along on the day.

On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June there will be a history weekend at All Saints as part of our All Saints 900 celebrations. There will be medieval and WW2 re-enactors as well as some members of Dovercourt Theatre Group in period costumes and we are looking to have a display inside the church of its many years of history along with an arts display. If you have any memorabilia, drawings, paintings, poetry etc. of our church or the services and events held here over the years, we would love to add it to our displays. For more information, please contact Liz on 07939 534115 or by email at [harwich.peninsular@gmail.com](mailto:harwich.peninsular@gmail.com).

Christian Aid Garden Coffee Morning, 19<sup>th</sup> July, 10am-12pm. Entrance to the garden via Parkeston Railway Club car park, Hamilton Street, CO12 4PQ. For more information please contact: Colin – 07483 848766 or Edna – 07882 242741

## 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)