



# Monthly Update

## May 2026

(all services at St Agatha's unless otherwise stated)

Day and Date	Time / Event	Theme / Readings	Prayers are asked for...
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May <b>Easter 5</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Family Service	John 14:1-14	St John's RC Church, Wallingford; residents of Monks Mead; the Village Shop and all who work there; families; our Bellringers and Sidespeople
<b>Saturday</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Annual Church Spring Fair</b> 2-4pm St Agatha's		Our village and community as we come together and build relationships at this our main fund-raiser
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> May <b>Easter 6</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Parish Communion	Acts 17: 22-31 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21	St Mary's and St Leonard's, Wallingford; residents of Bell Lane, Wellsprings; The Villager, those who publish, collate and distribute it; families; local House Groups.
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May <b>Ascension Day</b>	<b>7.00pm</b> <b>TEAM SERVICE</b>	Acts 1.1-11 Ephesians 1.15-end Luke 24.44-end	For peace, faith and Christian Unity
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> May <b>Easter 7</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Parish Communion	Acts 1: 6 -14 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5.6-11 John 17: 1-11	The Methodist Church, Wallingford; residents of Slade End, Sotwell Street; Brightwell Supporting Refugees; our Intercessors and Readers.
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> May <b>Pentecost</b> <b>Whit</b> <b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Family Communion	Acts 2:1-21 John 20:19-23	The Wallingford Baptist Church; residents of Mackney & Mackney Lane; The Fairthorne Trust; all providers of our hymns and music.
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> May <b>Trinity</b> <b>Sunday</b>	<b>10am</b> <b>TEAM SERVICE</b> At St Mary's Wallingford	Isaiah 40: 12-17,27-31 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20	The Friends Meeting House, Wallingford; residents of West End, Old Nursery Lane; Wallingford Community Hospital, Medical Practices & staff; those married in our churches / preparing for marriage.
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>9.30am</b> Family Service	Matthew 9.1-13, 18-26	The Ridgeway Community Church; residents of Didcot Road & Old Didcot Road; AA, The Samaritans; the Village Hall Committee; those baptised in our churches, their families and godparents

### **Mid-week activities:**

Tuesdays: 7.30pm Bellringing Practice  
Wednesdays: 9.00am - Morning Prayer (Parish room)  
10am-Noon – Coffee & Cake (Parish room)

### **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May: Spring Fair at St Agatha's, 2-4pm**

We would be very grateful for any donations for the stalls (White Elephant, Books, Tombola Prizes, Toys, Gifts, etc). Non-alcoholic Items can be left in St Agatha's church. Bottle tombola donations can be left at the Wymer or Drury residences, or contact John Dowling ([johndowling@hotmail.com](mailto:johndowling@hotmail.com)) who will arrange collection. We are also looking for volunteers to help with set up on the afternoon of the 8<sup>th</sup> May please do contact Louise Wymer (details below) if you are able to help.

**The Brightwell Emmaus Group** meets on Thursday afternoons from 3.00-4.30pm: Dates and current study TBC. Please speak to Mina Barrett (details below) for more info.



**This year, Christian Aid week takes place on 10-16 May 2026**

Please give generously via the envelopes in church or online:

<http://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>



**Thy Kingdom Come: 14<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

We join the global wave of prayer calling all Christians to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know the love and peace of Jesus Christ. Many varied prayer resources for all ages can be found on the website:

[www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global)

### **Organ recital at St Agatha's: Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May at 3.30pm**

Come and experience St Agatha's rarely-heard organ in all its glory! Andrew Wells is descended from the Wells brewing dynasty of Wallingford and has had a distinguished music career. The recital will include pieces by Handel, Bach, William Hine, and a composition of Andrew's own. The music will be followed by afternoon tea. Tickets from Brightwell Village Stores or <https://recitalstagathas.eventbrite.com>

### **Summer Concert at XXX Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June at XXX pm**

Please note the date for your diaries. For further details please check local notices in the village and on Facebook.

### **Giving:**

All donations to the mission and ministry of our church are very welcome: the majority of our members use the Parish Giving Scheme as it is the most efficient way of reclaiming Gift Aid - new forms are available at the welcome desk. We also accept hard cash!

#### **Key Contacts:**

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