

MAY COLLECT

Risen Christ, your wounds declare our love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**Common Worship Lectionary Readings for May 2026
(Year A)**

3rd May Easter 5	Acts 7: 55-end John 14: 1-14	White
10th May Easter 6	Acts 17::22-32 John 14: 15-21	White
Thursday 14th May The Ascension	Acts 1: 1-11 Luke 24: 44-end	White
17th May Easter 7	Acts 1: 6-14 John 17: 1-11	White
24th May Pentecost	Acts 2: 1-21 John 20-: 19-23	Red
31st May Trinity Sunday	Isaiah 40: 12-17, 27-end Matthew 28: 16-end	White

Baptism & Confirmation

I am delighted that Alfie Richards will be baptised and confirmed in Cropredy, on 3rd May, 9.30am, by Bishop Gavin. Please do come along and support him as he takes this important step of faith.
Also speak to me if you'd like to explore this for yourself. It's a special opportunity to make next steps of faith in Christ.



Inclusive and caring parishes,
working together
to celebrate and share God's Love,
in our villages and wider world.



May 2026

**St James the Great, Claydon, St Mary the Virgin, Cropredy
All Saints, Great Bourton, All Saints, Mollington
St Mary Magdalene, Wardington**

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Benefice Worship Leaders

**Revd. Sarah Fenby, Revd. Lynda Alcock
Sue Upton,.**

The Rt. Revd. Jonathan Meyrick

Services for May

3rd May Easter 5			
Claydon	Visiting Sunday		
Cropredy	9.30 am	Family Communion Baptism & Confirmation	+Gavin
Gt Bourton	11.00 am	Morning Worship	+Gavin
Mollington	Visiting Sunday		
Wardington	Visiting Sunday		
10th May Easter 6			
Claydon	Visiting Sunday		
Cropredy	10.30 am	Morning Worship	Revd Sue Cooke
Gt Bourton	Visiting Sunday		
Mollington	9.00 am	Family Communion	Revd Sue Cooke
Wardington	10.30 am	Family Service	SU
Thursday 14th May The Ascension			
Wardington	7.00 pm	Holy Communion	SF
17th May Easter 7			
Claydon	Visiting Sunday		
Cropredy	10.00 am	Arts Week All Age Service	SF
Gt Bourton	11.00 am	Family Communion	SF
Mollington	Visiting Sunday		
Wardington	Visiting Sunday		
24th May Pentecost			
Claydon	11.00 am	Family Communion	SF
Cropredy	Visiting Sunday		
Gt Bourton	Visiting Sunday		
Mollington	6.00 pm	Pentecost Evening Prayer	SF
Warmington	9.30 am	Family Communion	SF
31st May Trinity Sunday			
Gt Bourton	10.00 am	UBC Holy Communion	SF

Vicar's Study Leave I will be back after my study leave in time for Thursday 14th May Ascension Day. Please be in touch with your Church Wardens or the Ministry Team for all other matters. All Sunday Services are covered by senior clergy namely Bishop Gavin and Revd. Sue Cooke until my return on 14th May. The Ministry Team are covering Morning Prayer and the Benefice Tuesday Communion.

Arts Week: 9th-17th May, St Marys, Cropredy

As last year 12 local artists will be exhibiting 2D and 3D art. Painting, ink drawing, textiles, millinery, glassware, ceramics and mixed media.

10.30-4pm (Sun 11-4pm). Do come along to browse and to support.

Great Bourton APCM Tues 19th May 7pm

Claydon APCM Wed 20th May 7pm

Mollington PCC Meeting, 12 Noon Thurs 21st

Wardington PCC Meeting 27th May 7.30pm

Next Church Wardens and PCC Officer's Meeting,

Thursday June 4th, 7pm Cropredy Church.

Emails for the Vicar I have been made aware that a FAKE email churchpraying363@gmail.com is being used with the spoof name Revd Sarah Fendy (note the difference in spelling with my name, d, not b), asking for the recipient to send a discreet message out and then asking for money. My real account has not been compromised. The Diocese IT team advise the following:

- Add my correct email address to your contacts so legitimate messages stand out vicar.shiresedge@outlook.com
- Check the actual sender address carefully, not just the display name.
- Mark as phishing in your email client and block.
- Never to respond to email requests for money or gift cards.

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 16th May Mollington Fete

12.30 pm – 5.30 pm

Wednesday 20th May – Claydon

Coffee Morning from 10am – 12 noon in the Church Room. All welcome.

Wednesday 27th May The Bourtons' Community Coffee Morning

Village Hall 10.30 am – 12 noon

Saturday 30th May – Wardington Memorial Hall Centenary Fete

Cricket Ground