

Prayer & Worship

Bank Holiday Closure

The church and office will be closed on
Monday 4th May,
reopening on 5th of May at usual times.

Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your 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.

For Prayer

Those in need of our prayer:

Claire, Connie, Jenny Radnedge,
Jonathan, Margaret Rowe,
Margaret Townsend, Richard,
Ros, Sue, Tom, Val Rope,
Verner Pedersen.

Year's Mind

Those whose name appears in our book of remembrance from earlier years:

Ruth Burton, Ellen Forrow,
John Barnes, Ronald Langford,
Peggy Fitt, Norman Billings,
Clare Mundy, Fred Brown.

Sunday 3rd May Fifth Sunday of Easter

8.00am BCP Communion
led by Edward Carter



10.00am Sung Eucharist
led by Fiona Haworth
with sermon given by Edward Carter

5.00pm Evensong
led by Edward Carter,
with sermon given by Edward Carter

This Week

Tuesday 5th May

1.00pm CW Communion,
led by Andrew Parsons

Wednesday 6th May

7.30am Communion by Extension
led by Catherine Waddams



1.00pm Live-streamed reflection
led by Brian O'Rourke

Thursday 7th May

1.00pm BCP Communion,
led by Fiona Haworth

Sunday 10th May Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Mancroft News

The Weekly Newsletter for St Peter Mancroft, Norwich

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2026 AGM report



The St Peter Mancroft Church AGM was held last Thursday evening at the Chantry Hall.

It consisted of two meetings, the first of which was the Annual Meeting of Parishioners, and at which Jim Hughes and Rachel Hobson (seen here on the left) were re-elected as the two Churchwardens.

The second was the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which saw the appointment of Deputy Churchwardens and Sidespeople, as well as the election of Geoff Loades, Lisa Hanton and Berit Pedersen to the

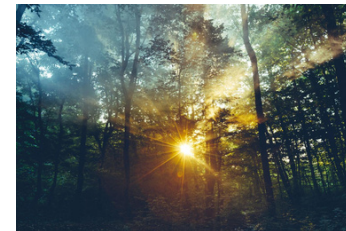
Parochial Church Council, and Peter Threadkell, Helena Carr and Nik Chapman to the Norwich East Deanery Synod. Colin Pordham was warmly thanked as he stepped down from the PCC, and he was given a gift to mark the church's gratitude.

The Annual Report and Accounts, which had been audited, were received and adopted. Various other reports and updates were also received by the meeting, including a report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod in 2025, which was given by Catherine Waddams, who serves as the Deanery Lay Chair.

The Churchwardens gave a report on the fabric of the church building, and presented the inventory, which lists all the items owned by the church. They also presented the various church policies which are in place.

The meeting ended with some encouraging words from the Vicar, and then a final prayer.

Living in the In Between



"The Holy Spirit is not given at once, but in waiting."

Rowan Williams

We are in a curious season of the Church year after the joy of Easter, but not yet at Pentecost. It is a time of waiting. The first disciples knew this space well. Christ had risen, but much was still unclear. They were asked not to rush ahead, but simply to wait, to trust, and to remain together.

It can feel like that for us too. Life is often lived in the in-between - when things are not fully resolved, when answers are not yet clear.

This time is a space where faith quietly grows, where hope takes root, and where we learn again to trust that God is at work, even when we cannot yet see the outcome.

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Celebrating Mancroft Life Deanery Celebrations



Ascension image from St Mark's, Lakenham

You are warmly invited to the Norwich East Deanery Ascension Day celebration on **Thursday 14 May at 7:30pm, at St Mark's, Lakenham (Hall Road, Norwich, NR1 3HL).**

This annual service brings together Anglican churches from across the deanery to celebrate Holy Communion, followed by refreshments and the opportunity to meet others from neighbouring parishes.

The Norwich East Deanery includes 16 parishes across the city, from Thorpe End to Trowse, including the city centre churches and the Cathedral. It is part of the Church of England's synodical structure, with clergy and elected lay representatives meeting regularly to share in the life and mission of the Church locally.

Deanery Synod meets three times a year to discuss matters affecting parishes and their communities, and also plays a role in wider church governance, including elections to Diocesan and General Synod.

This will be a celebration of Ascension Day which will, this year, be on 14th May. Ascension Day is the day which marks Christ's return to the Father and points us towards the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

May Podcast



The May podcast was recorded by Judy and Edward on Thursday and was released on May 1st. Available on all usual outlets and from our website.

A Simple Meal



Bread and soup is about as simple as it gets. No fuss, no ceremony, just something warm, shared, and enough.

And yet, simple meals have always carried meaning. They bring people together. They level things out. They remind us that what we need is often not complicated, and that sharing even a little can be enough to make a difference.

During **Christian Aid Week**, that simplicity matters. Around the world, many people don't have the luxury of choice when it comes to food. A basic meal is not a lifestyle decision, but a daily reality, so when we sit down together for bread and soup, we do something small - but not insignificant.

On **Sunday 10th May at noon** in the Octagon we will choose:

- to be mindful
- to stand, quietly alongside others
- to recognise that change often begins not with grand gestures, but with simple acts, offered generously.

Perhaps that is the point. Not to do everything, but to do something—and to do it together.

Pearl in the Egg 2nd May, 1.00pm



"The best evocation of 12th Century music I have ever heard."
Alison Weir

Notices and Forthcoming Events Christian Aid Week Forthcoming Recitals

Bread & Soup Lunch

Sunday 10 May | 12 noon
The Octagon



A simple shared meal in support of [Christian Aid](https://www.christianaid.org.uk).

All welcome – donations invited

Burundi Zoom



The next zoom call to Burundi will held be on Tuesday 5th May.

We will be discussing the role of the church in times of war. The Church of England provides chaplaincy to the armed forces whereas the Quakers in the UK hold a foundational "peace testimony," which rejects all war and violent conflict advocating instead for nonviolent solutions, dialogue, and addressing the root causes of injustice.

Our link in Burundi is the Burundi Evangelical Friends Church, part of the worldwide Quaker movement.

Please contact Fiona for details.



All are on Saturdays at 1.00pm and are free for anyone to attend. There is a voluntary retiring collection.

May 16th **Hannah Watson Emmrich and Nami Shah**, piano and soprano

May 23rd **Simon Lawford**, organ

May 30th **Jessica Summers**, soprano

June 6th **Aurora Consort**, a Capella

June 27th **Krassimira Jeliakova**, violin

July 4th **Future Generation Organists**

July 18th **Lizzie Gutteridge**, folk

August 1st **Zaira Palumbo**, soprano

August 8th **Katie Bycroft**, flute

August 15th **Emilija Karaliute**, kankles

August 22nd **Karen Verrechia**, clarinet

September 5th **Gordon Pullin**, voices and organ

September 12th **Julian Haggett**, organ

September 19th **Lewis Kingsley Peart**, piano

September 26th **Katy Thomson**, soprano

December 5th **St Cecilia's Singers**

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