

What's On: May 2026

In terms of the number of things happening in the Benefice, May might seem like a relatively quiet month – but it is one of the most important times of the year, incorporating the ending of the great 50 days of Easter with **Ascension Day** (Thursday 14 May this year) and **Pentecost** (Sunday 24 May), not to mention other Church festivals like **Ss Philip and James** (a patronal festival at St Margaret's, celebrated on Sunday 3 May), **Trinity Sunday** (31 May) and (just outside May, but included in this leaflet) **Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion**, better known as **Corpus Christi**, on 4 June.

There are also a couple of one-off musical events to highlight in May: there are **Choir Taster Singing Days** at both churches for potential new choristers, and a '**Musical Soiree**' evening at St Margaret's, for any musicians at any level (from either church) who might like to perform.

As always, we have our usual range of Sunday services and weekday activities, from toddlers' groups to teen film nights, and from games clubs to memory cafés. Please do take a look at our full listings over the next couple of pages.

All events are open to anyone from across the benefice and beyond (regardless of venue).

FRIDAY 1 MAY

- 9–11am** Little Fishes (toddlers' group), St Margaret's Church
7:30pm Teen Film Night (ages 12-18), St Margaret's Church (*email Eva to book a place*)

SUNDAY 3 MAY (Fifth Sunday of Easter / Ss Philip and James)

- 8:00am** BCP said Holy Communion, St Giles' Church
10:30am All-age 'Together' Eucharist, St Margaret's Church
10:30am Sung Holy Communion, St Giles' Church
3:30pm Choral Evensong, St Giles' Church
6:00pm BCP said Holy Communion, St Margaret's Church

TUESDAY 5 MAY

7:30pm St Giles' PCC (meeting in St Giles' Church)

FRIDAY 8 MAY

9–11am Little Fishes (toddlers' group), St Margaret's Church

SATURDAY 9 MAY

3:00pm Games Club (school years 3-6), St Margaret's Church (*email Eva to book a place*)

SUNDAY 10 MAY (Sixth Sunday of Easter)

8:00am BCP said Holy Communion, St Giles' Church

10:30am Parish Eucharist, St Margaret's Church

10:30am Sung Holy Communion, St Giles' Church

3:30pm Choral Evensong, St Giles' Church

6:00pm Taizé Service, St Margaret's Church

WEDNESDAY 13 MAY

2:30pm Memory Café, St Margaret's Institute (*contact Tricia*)

THURSDAY 14 MAY (Ascension Day)

12:30pm Said Holy Communion, St Giles' Church

8:00pm Sung Holy Communion, St Margaret's Church

FRIDAY 15 MAY

9–11am Little Fishes (toddlers' group), St Margaret's Church

SATURDAY 16 MAY

1:30pm Choir Taster Singing Afternoon, St Giles' Church

2:30pm SAMMYs (music and crafts for 0-7 year olds and families), St Margaret's Church

SUNDAY 17 MAY (Seventh Sunday of Easter)

8:00am BCP said Holy Communion, St Giles' Church

10:30am Parish Eucharist, St Margaret's Church

10:30am Sung Holy Communion, St Giles' Church

3:30pm Choral Evensong, St Giles' Church

6:00pm BCP said Evening Prayer, St Margaret's Church

7:00pm 'A Musical Soiree', St Margaret's Church

FRIDAY 22 MAY

9–11am Little Fishes (toddlers' group), St Margaret's Church

SUNDAY 24 MAY (Pentecost / Whitsun)

- 8:00am** BCP said Holy Communion, St Giles' Church
- 10:30am** Parish Eucharist, St Margaret's Church
- 10:30am** Sung Holy Communion, St Giles' Church
- 3:30pm** Choral Evensong, St Giles' Church
- 6:00pm** Contemplative Prayer, St Margaret's Church

WEDNESDAY 27 MAY

- 2:30pm** Memory Café, St Margaret's Institute (*contact Tricia*)

SUNDAY 31 MAY (Trinity Sunday)

- 8:00am** BCP said Holy Communion, St Giles' Church
- 10:30am** Parish Eucharist, St Margaret's Church
- 10:30am** Sung Holy Communion, St Giles' Church
- 3:30pm** Choral Evensong, St Giles' Church

THURSDAY 4 JUNE (Corpus Christi)

- 12:30pm** Said Holy Communion, St Giles' Church
- 8:00pm** Said Holy Communion, St Margaret's Church

FRIDAY 5 JUNE

- 9–11am** Little Fishes (toddlers' group), St Margaret's Church
- 7:30pm** Teen Film Night (ages 12-18), St Margaret's Church (*email Eva to book a place*)

SATURDAY 6 JUNE

- 12-3pm** Phil & Jim School Summer Fête (*contact Eva for offers to help at book stall, or to donate books*)

SUNDAY 7 JUNE (First Sunday After Trinity / Proper 5)

- 8:00am** BCP said Holy Communion, St Giles' Church
- 10:30am** All-age 'Together' Eucharist, St Margaret's Church
- 10:30am** Sung Holy Communion, St Giles' Church
- 2:00pm** Choir Taster Singing Afternoon, St Margaret's Church
- 3:30pm** Choral Evensong, St Giles' Church
- 6:00pm** BCP said Holy Communion, St Margaret's Church

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