



# Easter 5 Sunday 3 May

## Theme for today

Today we welcome Rev Andrew Wadsworth who was vicar of St. Wilfrid's, Bognor, before he retired. The Gospel reading focuses on the uniqueness of Jesus.

9.00am	Binsted Holy Communion	James 1 v 17-21
	Rev Tim Ward	John 16 v 5-15
10.30am	Holy Communion CW	Acts 7 v 55-end
	Rev Andrew Wadsworth	John 14 v 1-14
5.00pm	Families at 5	
	Rev Tim Ward	John 21

## Set Prayer for Today

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

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:  
Please pray for the Richards' family, especially for Levi, along with, Fliss Davies for strength & healing.

Pray for our Community:

The Ridings, Fontwell Close and The Chase, Fontwell

# ST MARYS EVENTS

## Tuesday 5 May

8.15am Zoom Parish Prayer Meeting. Please email Tim Ward vicar@stmaryswalberton.org.uk if you need a link which stays the same throughout the month.

9.00am Churchyard Working Party. Churchyard working group working on today. Contact Peter Brown 551829.

12 noon Funeral Service for Sandy Mead at Church. Sandy was a long time member of the Church and also of MU.

6.00pm Binsted APCM at the Old Rectory.

## Wednesday 6 May

10.30am Morning Home Group. We are looking at questions Jesus asked. If you are attending, please can you email Vanessa who is hosting this term. vchurch@btopenworld.com 07717 075848.

## Friday 8 May

10.30am Coffee Stop. Come and enjoy tea and coffees and a chat in the Pavillion. Any profits go to charity. Post Office is open from 9am –12 noon.

## Sunday 10 May

5.30pm Rogation Sunday Prayer walk to Binsted Church. Starting at the Vicarage. We stop along the way, pray for the farms and golf course and the horticulture of our parishes.

Evening prayer at 6.00pm.

## Tuesday 12 May

NO Games Evening. Next games evening is in July.

## Thursday 14 May

10.00am Ascension Day Holy Communion.

**2.00pm Mother's Union** at Church will have a talk by Caroline Wilson who is a PCSO. All welcome. If you would like to join, please contact Mary on 07946 523969 or lewismaryp@hotmail.com

Saturday 16 May

**8.30am Dad's Bible Study** by Zoom. We are studying Exodus chapters 7 and 8. Please email Tim Ward [vicar@stmaryswalberton.org.uk](mailto:vicar@stmaryswalberton.org.uk) if you need the link to join.

Tuesday 19 May

7.00pm Walberton APCM in Church. Please speak to Tim if you wish too stand for PCC, Deanery Synod or Churchwarden.

Thursday 21 May

10.00am Little Lambs in the Church for pre-school children, babes and their carers. Come and enjoy songs, crafts, story, coffee and chat.

## CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS

~ Snowdrop Annual Charity Walk at Arundel Castle Park with tea and cake on Sunday 10 May. Start between 1-3pm. See for information: [thesussexsnowdroptrust.com](http://thesussexsnowdroptrust.com)

~ Annual Meeting of Civil Parish at 7.15pm at Fontwell Community Centre on Tuesday 12 May.

~ Appointment of next Bishop of Chichester: Bishop Martin retires at the end of May, and as a diocesan family we are beginning the search for his successor. Have your say in the appointment at [tinyurl.com/next-bishop](http://tinyurl.com/next-bishop) It will take only a few minutes to complete, and it is open until 26 May. We welcome responses from everyone.

~ New Wine 2026 - 28 July to 2 August. (option to pack and go the morning of 3 August which many of us do).

Do come to Somerset with us for a time of fun, friends and family as we encounter Jesus in new and wonderful ways and have quality time together. Camp or stay off site in a B and B. Children love it, young people love it, adults love it, we all love it. You'll come back refreshed and yes maybe exhausted, but you won't regret going. Please talk to Caroline Sewell who is intending to go for costs and logistics or to Sandra Cooke for an idea of what it is like.

## Our Vision

*"We aim to be a growing church: growing in the love of God as we grow in prayer, in understanding of our faith, and in the use of the gifts each has been given; growing in love for our community as we grow in service, in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ"*

## Services for Next Week

<u>10 May</u>	Rogation Sunday	
9.00am	Holy Communion CW	Rev Tim Ward
10.30am	<b>Morning Praise with Children's Group</b>	Rev Tim Ward
6.00pm	Binsted Evening Prayer BCP	Rev Tim Ward

CW = Common Worship BCP = Book of Common Prayer

Parish News Deadline for the June 2026 issue is May 10  
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