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ST JOHN & ST LUKE



CLAY HILL YOU ARE WELCOME

Sunday 17th May 2026

The Ascension of our Lord



Please join us for tea or coffee after the service

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Today's Hymns



Introit	All Hail the power of Jesus' name (14)
Gradual	Be Still for the presence of the Lord (62)
Offertory	Hail the Day (277omit*)
Communion	The head that once was crowned (711)
Final	Lord Enthroned in heavenly... (453)
Choir Anthem	God of Mercy, God of Grace

SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

Sunday 17 May in St Luke's Church

9.15am	Morning Prayer
10.00am	Parish Eucharist
6:30pm	Joint Evening Service with and At Lancaster Road URC

Morning and Evening Prayer in St Luke's Lady Chapel

Tuesday

8.00am	Morning Prayer
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Wednesday

8.00am	Morning Prayer
5.30pm	Evening Prayer

Thursday

8.00am	Morning Prayer
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Wednesday Morning Service with Valerie

9:15am St Luke's
*(First and Third Wednesday at St Luke's
 Second and Fourth Wednesday at St John's)*

Sunday 24 May in St John's Church PENTECOST

9.15am	Morning Prayer
10.00am	Parish Eucharist
5:00pm	Evening Prayer with informal discussion at St John's Hall

*St Luke's Church is open on Mondays 10am – noon
 St John's Church is open on Wednesdays 10am – noon*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 18 May	Alpha Course
Sunday 31 May	APCM
Sunday 21 June	Parish Confirmations
Saturday 27 June	St John's Flower Festival
Sunday 28 June	St John's Patronal

COMMUNITY AT CLAY HILL

Yoga - Thursday 12.30pm to 1.30pm St Luke's
Clay Hill Singers – Friday 10.30-12 noon St Luke's
Place of Welcome – Mondays 10.00am-12 noon St Luke's
Gardening and Coffee – Weds 10.00am-12 noon St John's

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ALPHA COURSE CONTINUES TOMORROW!

supper at 6.30pm in St Luke's Church.

A chance to explore the Christian Faith and ask BIG (and little) Questions

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A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL WHO WORKED SO HARD TO MAKE OUR MAY FAYRE SUCH A SUCCESS YESTERDAY

Parish events that bring joy to the community are only possible because of the phenomenal amount of planning and work that goes on behind the scenes and on the day itself.

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PARISH CONFIRMATIONS 2026

Will be held at St Luke's on **21 June**
"Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit".

Only two weeks left to give your name to Fr Jeremy if you wish to receive this wonderful gift.

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OUR ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD AFTER CHURCH ON SUNDAY 31ST MAY

Please consider becoming a **Trustee of your church** and help to shape our parish and make decisions. Please speak to Mthr Mitzi or Fr Jeremy for more information

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Our Annual Report and accounts are on each noticeboard, and on our website, you can view it online or download it

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ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION

Thank you to everyone who has updated or joined this month. There is still time, so please complete a form (available from Bridget Nash or Mthr Mitzi).

Please pray for the sick and all those who need our prayers. Please pray for the situation in the Middle East, Sudan, Ukraine, Yemen and all places of unrest. Please pray for people who are struggling with debt, food and fuel poverty and those coping with physical or mental ill health.

Welcome to Clay Hill Parish Church.

We are a part of Inclusive Church – a network of churches, groups and individuals working towards building and being an Inclusive Church

Everyone is welcome here, and we hope that as you come among us you will find a sense of peace.

If we can help you or make you more comfortable in any way, please let one of the welcomers know.

THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION READINGS AND PRAYERS

COLLECT

Risen Christ,
you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven:
help us to seek and serve you,
that we may join you at the Father's side,
where you reign with the Spirit in glory,
now and in all eternity.

Amen.

FIRST READING: ACTS 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

GOSPEL: LUKE 24: 44-53

Jesus said to the disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

God our Father,
you have raised our humanity in Christ
and have fed us with the bread of heaven:
mercifully grant that,
nourished with such spiritual blessings,
we may set our hearts in the heavenly places;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.