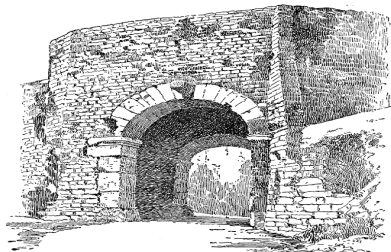


# HOLY INNOCENTS FALLOWFIELD



*Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2026*  
***The Fifth Sunday of Easter***

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Welcome to Holy Innocents.

*This leaflet contains all you need to join in the service. Words **in bold print** are spoken or sung by all. Hymns are not announced. Please be as still and quiet as possible before the service as we prepare together to celebrate the Eucharist. When the bell rings, please stand to join in:*

## **HYMN 112**

*The president today is the Revd Canon Michael Ainsworth. The Eucharist begins with a greeting and act of penitence.*

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed, alleluia!**

The risen Christ calls us to witness to him. Let us turn to him in penitence and faith, calling to mind those times when we have failed in love for him and for each other.

*After a time of silent prayer:*

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, for they are everlasting. Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions, but think on me in your goodness, O Lord, according to your steadfast love. Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

O keep my soul and deliver me; let me not be put to shame, for I have put my trust in you. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away  
the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most  
High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **THE COLLECT** The prayer for this Sunday

Let us pray.

*After a moment of silent prayer the president says the Collect. At the end: Amen.*

*The Ministry of the Word follows.*

## **FIRST READING** Acts 7. 55-end

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them."

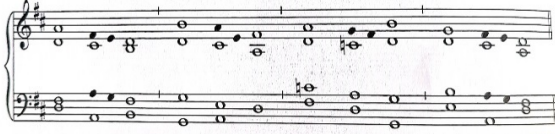
When he had said this, he died.

*At the end: This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 31

Response: **In manus tuas, Pater,  
commendo spiritum meum.**



In you O Lord have I taken refuge,  
let me never be put to shame;  
Deliver me in your righteousness;  
Incline your ear to me;  
make haste to deliver me  
Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me,  
for you are my rock and my stronghold.

Guide me and lead me for your name's sake  
Take me out of the net  
that they have laid secretly for me,  
for you are my strength.  
Into your hands I commend my spirit  
For you have redeemed me  
O Lord God of truth.

## SECOND READING 1 Peter 2.2-10

*At the end:* This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel Alleluia:*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

A chosen race, a royal priesthood,  
a holy nation, God's own people,  
proclaiming the mighty acts of him  
who called you out of darkness  
into his marvellous light.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## GOSPEL READING John 14.1-14

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end:* This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit for the sermon. The preacher today is  
the Revd Jane Walker. After the sermon there will  
be a time of silence. Then please stand with the  
president for the PROFESSION OF FAITH:*

We believe in one God,  
**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand  
of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father  
and the Son,**

**who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in  
one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge  
one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

*The Prayer of the Faithful follows.*

*After each section:*

Lord, in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

*After the final section (for the departed) there will be a time of silent prayer. At the end:*

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

*The president introduces THE PEACE:*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*Please join in:*

### **HYMN 477**

*The bread and wine are brought to the altar.*

*The president says a prayer over the gifts to which we respond:*

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER follows.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*THE PRESIDENT continues the prayer, thanking God for his saving works, and then invites the people to join their praises with the whole company of heaven:*

.....for ever praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*THE PRESIDENT asks the Father to send the Holy Spirit to sanctify the bread and wine, and then repeats the Lord's own words over the bread and cup. ....*

Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen;**

**Christ will come again.**

*The president continues, joining our offering with Christ's sacrifice of himself. At the end of the prayer the president says:*

..... all honour and glory be yours,  
almighty Father, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*The president introduces the Lord's Prayer and all say together:*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread**

**and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil,**

**for thine is the kingdom, the power**

**and the glory for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread in pieces for all to share:*

We break this bread,

to share in the Body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,**

**because we all share in one bread.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

*The president addresses those who would wish to come to Holy Communion:*

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Alleluia! Let us keep the feast.**

*Those who wish to receive the sacrament or a blessing approach the altar. Receiving from the chalice remains optional. During communion, the choir sings a setting of a Charles Wesley hymn to Silent Worship (Handel).*

*When all who wish to have received Holy Communion, what remains of the consecrated bread is placed in the tabernacle and there is a time of stillness and quiet. Then please stand with the president.*

Let us pray.

*After a moment of silent prayer.*

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:

**grant us to walk in his way,  
rejoice in his truth, and share his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

*Please join in:*

**Christ be the Lord of all our days,  
the swiftly passing years;  
Lord of our unremembered birth,  
heirs to the brightness of the earth;  
Lord of our griefs and fears.**

**Christ be the source of all our deeds,  
the life our living shares;  
the fount which flows from worlds above  
to never-failing springs of love;  
the ground of all our prayers.**

**Christ be the goal of all our hopes,  
the end to whom we come;  
guide of each pilgrim Christian soul  
which seeks, as compass seeks the pole,  
our many-mansioned home.**

**Christ be the vision of our lives,  
of all we think and are;  
to shine upon our spirits' sight  
as light of everlasting light,  
the bright and morning star.**

*Please sit for the announcements, then stand for the blessing and dismissal.*

May God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son + and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ, alleluia, alleluia:

**Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.**

MONDAY May 4<sup>th</sup> (Bank Holiday)

**1930 Eucharist**

THURSDAY May 7<sup>th</sup>

**1930 Eucharist**

SATURDAY May 9<sup>th</sup>

**1000 Foodbank**

SUNDAY May 10<sup>th</sup>

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HEAD of the Church triumphant,

We joyfully adore Thee;

Till Thou appear, Thy members  
Shall thirst for greater glory.

We lift our hearts and voices,  
With songs of love and praise  
And cry aloud, and offer  
Thanksgiving for thy grace.

While in affliction's furnace,  
And passing through the fire,  
Thy love we praise, which tries us,

And ever brings us higher.  
We lift our hands, exulting

In Thy almighty love  
The love divine which called us  
Shall make us Thine above..

By faith we see the glory  
To which Thou shalt restore us,  
And seeking the greater story  
An ever-present hope.

And if Thou count us worthy,  
We each, as dying Stephen,  
Shall see Thee there, to guide us  
And take us up to Heaven.

With all the saints and angels  
Beyond all earthly sight  
Joining our alleluias  
In the glory of heaven's light!