

**The Parish of East & West Tilbury & Linford  
St Catherine's East Tilbury & St Francis Linford**

**Parish Newsletter for the week beginning  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026 ~ 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**'Welcome'**

**To everyone – especially if you are visiting our Church for the first time.  
We hope through your visit today you will know God's Blessing.**

*If you are here for a Service please read the guidance notes on the next page.*

**Thank You for visiting us today.**

**Collect for 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

**PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

10am Holy Communion at St. Catherine's

11.30am Parish Annual Meetings at St. Catherine's

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May:** 10.30am-noon Bible study and Fellowship group at St. Francis

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May:** 10am Morning Prayer at St. Francis followed by the  
Community Drop-in at 10.30am

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May:** 11am-1pm Foodbank Session at St. Francis

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May: 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Sunday after Ascension Day)**

10am Holy Communion at St. Catherine's

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May: Pentecost Sunday**

10am Worshipping Together at St Catherine's

4.30pm Café Communion at St Francis

**Readers**

**10<sup>th</sup> May:** Robin / Tony

**17<sup>th</sup> May:** Veronica / Norman

**24<sup>th</sup> May:** Kim / Les

**31<sup>st</sup> May:** Sheila / Pat

**Prayers**

Chris

Pauline

Pat

Norman

**Sides persons**

Valerie / Les

Pat / Carole H / Sarah

Carol B / Margaret

Norman / Sheila

**Teas**

Pam E / Kim

Pam P / Margaret

Pat / Sarah

Valerie / Les

**If you are here for a Service the following notes will help you:**

**Mobile phones** – please remember to silence your phone before the service starts.

**Joining in** – where words are written in bold type in the service sheet please join in.

**Singing the hymns** – feel free to stand or sit to sing as you need to.

**Taking Communion** – everyone is welcome to receive communion or a prayer of blessing. It is perfectly acceptable to receive communion in ‘one kind’ (wafer only).  
Stand or kneel to receive communion or a blessing as is easiest for you.

**The collection** – we do not have a collection during the service. If you would like to make a donation to support the upkeep of our lovely church there is a collection plate near the Baptism font for cash donations and a digital tin machine for card donations.

Both of these are near the door you entered on arrival.

You can make a donation before the service starts or at the end.

**Regular giving** – many of our congregation give a regular monthly amount to the church by standing order or through the weekly envelope scheme. If you would like more information about giving to the church in this way please speak to our Parish Treasurer Norman King (see the back page for Norman’s contact details).

**Refreshments** – at the end of the service everyone is invited to stay for a cuppa.

**And finally** – the toilets are located in the corridor leading off from the kitchen extension at the back of the church.

## **BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK**

### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Acts 17:22-31 (NT 134) & Psalm 66:7-end (OT 539) & 1 Peter 3:13-end (NT 231)  
John 14:15-21 (NT 105)

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May** – Psalm 65, 67 & Numbers 16:1-35 & Luke 6:27-38

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May** – Psalm 124, 125, **126**, 127 & Numbers 16:36-end & Luke 6:39-end  
*Gregory Dix, priest, monk, scholar, 1952*

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May** – Psalm 132, 133 & Numbers 17:1-11 & Luke 7:1-10

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May** – Psalm 110, 150 & Isaiah 52:7-end & Hebrews 7: [11-25] 26-end  
**Ascension Day**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May** – Psalm 16, 147:1-12 & 1 Samuel 2:27-35 & Acts 2:37-end  
**Matthias the Apostle**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May** – Psalm 21, 47 & Numbers 21:4-9 & Luke 7:18-35  
*Caroline Chisholm, social reformer, 1877*

### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Sunday after Ascension Day)**

Acts 1:6-14 (NT 114) & Psalm 68:1-10, 32-end (OT 540)  
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 (NT 232) & John 17:1-11 (NT 108)

## Dates for the Diary – 2026

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May:** 10.30am-12noon Bible Study & Fellowship Group at St Francis.

**Fifth Sunday Service Dates:** **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May** (*St Francis*); Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August (*St Catherine's*); Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November (*St Catherine's*). Service begins at **10.30am**.

**Open Afternoons at St Catherine's:** The dates are: **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May**; Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June; Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July; Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August. **12-1.30pm for Ploughman's Lunches and 2-4pm for Cake & a Cuppa.**

**Rogation Service** – come and celebrate God's goodness and ask for His blessing on the gifts of creation in this lovely service held in the churchyard at St Catherine's on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm**. We will be joined by our friends the Grays Town Brass Band.

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July: The Bradwell Pilgrimage & Gathering.** The walk goes from St Thomas' Church, Bradwell-on-Sea to the ancient Chapel of St Peter-on-the-Wall. More details to follow.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July** – a date for our diaries – we are all invited to a final service of the Linford Methodist Church Congregation. 3pm at the Linford Methodist Church.

**Confirmation Service** – on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September** St Catherine's will be hosting the Deanery Confirmation Service. Bishop Guli, The Bishop of Chelmsford will be attending the Service. Confirmation preparation classes will begin soon. If you would like to be confirmed, and haven't yet spoken to me, please get in touch. Rev Michèle.

### **Thurrock Foodbank Shopping List:**

Spreads, Mash potato, Tinned meats (Curry, Stew, Chilli con carne, Spaghetti Bolognese, Hot dogs, Corned beef, Spam), Noodles, Desserts (Custard, rice pudding, jellies, sponge puddings, tinned fruit); Long-life milk, Squash and Toiletries. Please make sure everything is 'in date'. Items for the Foodbank can be left at St Catherine's or at St Francis.

## **Annual Meeting of Parishioners & Annual Parochial Church Meeting –**

- **takes place on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026** (at St Catherine's following the morning service)
- As part of the preparation for the annual meetings the Church Electoral Roll has been revised and displayed on the church notice boards.
- Copies of the Annual Parish Report and audited accounts are available at St Catherine's & St Francis.
- At the annual meetings Church Wardens (x2), Deanery Synod Representatives (x2) & PCC members (x6) will be elected.
- In order to fulfill any of these roles you must be a member of the electoral roll.
- Likewise if you are willing to be a proposer or seconder for those standing for nomination you must be a member of the electoral roll.
- **Who can attend the meetings? –** Anybody who is on the Church Electoral Roll and/or lives in the parish can attend the Annual Meetings but please note at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting only members on the Church Electoral Roll will be able to cast a vote.

**Sides People** – sides people are now appointed by the PCC. Could all those currently serving on the Side persons rota let me know if you are happy to continue in this role. If you are interested in becoming a sides person please speak to Rev Michèle or Chris Ford.

## **Contact Information:**

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### **Linford Foodbank**

**open on Thursdays 11am-1pm at St Francis Church,  
Somerset Road, Linford, SS17 0QN**

For all enquiries regarding the Linford Foodbank please  
contact Chris Ford 01375 675863

**Parish Website:** [www.stcatherinesthurrock.org.uk](http://www.stcatherinesthurrock.org.uk)