

The Parish of East & West Tilbury & Linford

St Catherine's East Tilbury & St Francis Linford

Parish Newsletter for the week beginning
Sunday 27th April 2025 ~ 2nd Sunday of Easter

The Easter Acclamation

Alleluia. Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Gospel ~ John 20:19-end

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, O Lord

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord, Praise to you, O Christ.

Collect for today: Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. Amen.

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 27th April: 2nd Sunday of Easter

10am Holy Communion at St. Catherine's
2-4pm Open Afternoon with Refreshments at St Catherine's

Monday 28th April: 10.30am-12noon Bible Study & Fellowship Group at St Francis

Wednesday 30th April: 10am Mid-week Morning Prayer at St. Francis,
followed at 10.30am by the Community Drop-in

Thursday 1st May: 11am-1pm Foodbank at St. Francis

Saturday 3rd May: 10am-noon Church cleaning at St. Catherine's

Sunday 4th May: 3rd Sunday of Easter

10am Holy Communion at St. Catherine's

BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday 27th April – 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32 (NT 119) & Psalm 150 (OT 595) & Revelation 4:1-8 (NT 245)
& John 20:19-end (NT 112)

Monday 28th April – Psalm 5,146 & Joshua 1:1-9 & Ephesians 6:10-20
George, martyr, patron of England, C. 305 (transferred from 23rd April)

Tuesday 29th April – Psalm 37:23-end,148 & Isaiah 62:6-10 & Acts 12:25-13:13
Mark the Evangelist

Wednesday 30th April – Psalm 16, **30** & Deuteronomy 3:18-end & John 20:19-end
Pandita Mary Ramabai, translator, 1922

Thursday 1st May– Psalm 139,146 & Proverbs 4:10-18 & James 1:1-12
Philip and James, Apostles

Friday 2nd May – Psalm 57, **61** & Deuteronomy 4:15-31 & John 21:15-19
Athanasius, bishop, teacher of the faith, 373

Saturday 3rd May – Psalm 63, **84** & Deuteronomy 4:32-40 & John 21:20-end

Sunday 4th May – 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6[7-20] (NT 123) & Psalm 30 (OT 516) & Revelation 5:11-end (NT 246)
& John 21:1-19 (NT 112)

	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Prayers</u>	<u>Sides persons</u>	<u>Teas</u>
27th Apr:	Veronica / Sheila	Norman	Pat / Carole H / Jeannie	Valerie / Les
4th May:	Chris / Norman	Kim	Carol B / Margaret	Pat / Carole H
11th May:	Tony / Kim	Pat	Pam E / Kim	Pam P / Margaret
18th May:	Pat / Norman	Chris	John D / Pam P	Pam E / Kim

Dates for the Diary - 2025

Monday 28th April – 10.30am-12noon,
Bible Study & Fellowship Group at St
Francis. Our next session will be on
Monday 12th May.

Open Afternoons at St Catherine's –
our church open afternoons return at the
end of April. The open afternoons are
held on the last Sunday of each month
(April to August). The church is open 2-
4pm with refreshments available. The
dates are: **Sunday 27th April; 25th May;
29th June; 27th July; 31st August.**

**Church Cleaning Dates at St
Catherine's** – *please come and help to
keep our church looking clean, loved
and cared for on the following dates or
give a hand in the churchyard.*

Saturday 3rd May 10am-12noon
Saturday 7th June 10am-12noon
Saturday 5th July 10am-12noon
Saturday 2nd August 10am-12noon
Saturday 6th September 10am-12noon

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 1st June at
3pm**. We will be joined by our friends
the Grays Town Brass Band.

Other News

Children Society Boxes – Could all
box holders please give their boxes to
June Schroeder as soon as possible.

Lent Charity Collection – thank you so
much for all the donations made at our lent
lunches and lent supper. Together we
raised **£350** for '*Friends of the Holy Land –
giving hope to vulnerable Christians*' and
'*Blythswood Care - Ukraine Emergency
Appeal*'. We will be sending £175 to each
charity. **Thank you for your generosity.**

Annual Church Meetings – our Annual
Meeting of Parishioners for the election of
Churchwardens and the Annual Parochial
Church Meeting will be held on **Sunday
11th May, 11.30am, at St Catherine's.**

**This year in preparation for the annual
meetings the Electoral Roll has been
completely renewed and the new roll
published today (Sunday 27th April). If
you missed the deadline for submitting
an application you can join the electoral
roll anytime after the annual meetings
have taken place.**

- At the annual meetings Church
Wardens & PCC members are
elected. Nominations are now
open.
- **Sides People** – sides people are
now appointed by the PCC and
elected at the first meeting of the
PCC after the annual meeting.
Could all those currently serving
on the Side persons rota please
let me know that you are happy to
continue in this role. Likewise if
you are interested in becoming a
sides person please have a word
with me (Rev Michèle).

Thurrock Foodbank Shopping List:
Tinned fish; Mashed potato; Noodles;
Sponge puddings; Long-life fruit juice.
Toiletries. All food donations should be
'in date' and can be dropped off at St
Catherine's or St Francis. Thank you.

A prayer for Pope Francis

A prayer following the death of His Holiness Pope Francis,
giving thanks for his life of ministry.

Father in heaven, we praise your name
for all who have finished this life loving and trusting you,
for the example of their lives,
the life and grace you gave them and the peace in which they rest.
We praise you today for your servant Francis and for all that
you did through him.

Meet us in our sadness and fill our hearts with praise and thanksgiving,
for the sake of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

Into your hands, O merciful Saviour, we commend your servant Francis.

Acknowledge, we pray, a sheep of your own fold,
a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming.
Enfold him in the arms of your mercy, in the blessed rest of everlasting peace
and in the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

For help or Location information contact:

Priest in Charge

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Foodbank – Linford– 01375 675863

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

For all enquiries regarding the Linford Foodbank outside of the Thursday session please
contact Chris Ford 01375 675863

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