



Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026

**Today's service**

**10:45 All-age Worship**  
with Debbie Patrick



**Today's Reading**



1 Peter 2:2-10

*A thought from Debbie*

Today I'm going to be using 1 Peter 2: 2-10, talking about how our Church is not a building but a people. Jesus is the cornerstone and our perfect example in life and in the community.

**Note**

Interestingly I chose the extract below, written over 50 years ago, before I knew what Debbie would be preaching on!

*Prayer for the week*

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

*From the Parish Magazine November 1970*

Dear Friends

THE PARISH CHURCH BUILDING

A few minutes before my institution as Rector of this Parish, a Diocesan Official strongly advised that steps be taken to dispose of woodworm-infected chairs in the church. Just recently, some four dozen infected chairs have been removed from the church, and in the coming weeks the task will be completed. Meanwhile as an integral part of the North Aisle Project, the P.C.C. have purchased five dozen polypropylene PEL chairs which will stack when not in use; these are handsome, very comfortable, and very tough, and will give us more flexibility in our use of the North Aisle.

We have been able to put what used to be the Lady Chapel to a new use, as the meeting place of the primary department of the Sunday School: this change has enabled the Staff to introduce activities into the Sunday School programme. With the help of scissors, plasticine, cardboard, coloured sticky paper, glue, crayons, and the like, the children are encouraged to express their understanding of the Bible Stories taught.

In the early months of 1970, we had several leakages through the North slope of the main Nave roof, which unhappily impaired the internal decor. It was therefore decided by the P.C.C. to re-roof that slope with grey Marley interlocking concrete tiles, and to replace the ridge with matching half-round tiles.

Actually, I seldom write of the physical building, because so many automatically think of bricks and mortar whenever the church is mentioned. However, we need a Head-Quarters from which to work out the true tasks of the church which is people, and in which to offer our God the praise and worship which is His due. The unanimous concern of the P.C.C. therefore is to make our church plant as flexible and adaptable and well cared-for, as the plant of any other going concern.

It is with a view to keeping you in the picture that I have written about your Parish Church.

Yours very sincerely,

TREVOR BEEDELL.

**CHURCH  
CALENDAR**



**ALL SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN THE  
CHURCH HALL WHILST THE CHURCH IS  
CLOSED FOR RESTORATION WORK**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May**  
**10:45 Morning Worship**  
with Nigel Worth

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May**  
**10:30 Coffee & Conversation**  
at Goseley Community Centre

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May**  
**10:45 Holy Communion**  
with Rev Mike Firbank

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May**  
**10:45 Morning Worship**  
with Sean O'Toole

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May**  
**10:00 Joint Minster Service**  
at Emmanuel Church

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June**  
**10:45 Morning Worship**  
with Rev Patrick Douglas



Thank you to all our volunteers.

If you would like help in any way, please have a word with Jane Horan.

**Reading, Intercessions and Refreshments Rota**

	Reading	Intercessions	Tea/coffee
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Brian	Christine	Deb W
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Sandra	Friday HG	Gwen
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Paul	Nigel	James
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Jeff	Brian	Carol
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	MINSTER SERVICE AT EMMANUEL		
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	John	Christine	Maxine & Jane
Jun 14 <sup>th</sup>	Emily	Friday HG	Deb W

**Meet & greet/Tidying after the service Rota**

	Meet and greet	Tidying after service
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Carol J – Jeff	Jeff
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Christine G - Sean	Emily
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Christine T	Jean
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Carol J – Jeff	Jeff
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	MINSTER SERVICE AT EMMANUEL	
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Christine G - Sean	Emily
Jun 14 <sup>th</sup>	Christine T	Nathan

**Messy Breakfast**

**Saturday  
9 May  
8.30am**

Start your weekend the Messy way with:  
Food, Activities, Songs, Crafts, Stories  
and lots of Messy fun.

Gather to eat at 8:30 am  
with activities after.

Free but donations are welcome.

Emmanuel Church Hall, Church St,  
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**What is Messy Church?**

Messy Church is a form of intergenerational worship for children and adults that focuses on creativity, celebration, and hospitality. A typical session includes a warm welcome, a long "creative time" to explore biblical themes through hands-on activities, a short celebration involving a story and song, and a shared meal together. It is designed to reach families who may not attend traditional Sunday services, providing a space where faith is "caught" through shared experience rather than just taught through a sermon.

