

## **Safeguarding**

We are committed to the safeguarding of children, young people and adults, to the care and nurture of everyone who is involved in the life of our church families, and to promoting the wellbeing of everyone in the wider communities which we serve.

If you are concerned that a child or adult has been harmed or may be at risk of harm please speak to our safeguarding officer, Karen Morsman (karen@alstonmoorcofe.org.uk or 07930 433407), or Andy (curate.andy@alstonmoorcofe.org.uk or 07375 905246), or contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (see website or noticeboards).

If you have immediate concerns about the safety of someone, please contact the police and your local authority Children or Adults Services at once. For more information and our Safeguarding Policy, see our noticeboards or [alstonmoorcofe.org.uk/safeguarding](http://alstonmoorcofe.org.uk/safeguarding)

Please drop Andy a message if you know of any important events coming up soon – or if you have any prayer requests/ intercessions, thanks.

Meet the ordinands!

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Meet our Ordinands 2026



## **Sunday 17th May 2026 Seventh Sunday of Easter Sunday after Ascension Day**

### ***This week's readings***

#### **Acts 1.15-17, 21-26**

The story of the choice of Matthias seems at first sight just a matter of organization. But the point is to ensure the continuity of what Jesus had set in motion. Christians live in 'the real world', and the task is not to shun it but to fill it with the gospel.

#### **1 John 5.9-13**

This passage is a kind of summing up of leading themes of the First Letter of John; so it is written in a set of brief headings. 'Life' is a gift of God to be found through Jesus. Only so can we truly relate to God and each other as we are meant to do.

#### **John 17.6-19**

In this final chapter before the Passion, Jesus prays to God for those whom God 'has given him'. In so doing, he binds them in to his own union with God; and nothing can be deeper or more thorough than that.

### ***Thoughts for prayer & reflection:***

- ✠ Can we pray to see behind the ordinary things of church life to the things of God that must fill them and give them life?
- ✠ Exclusiveness and superiority are not our way: pray to accept humbly what God gives to us.
- ✠ Give thanks that God has united us to himself through Jesus our Lord, who is God to and for us.

### ***Next week's readings***

Acts 2.1-21; Ezekiel 37.1-14; Romans 8.22-27; John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15

### **Collect for the Week**

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is  
gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with power and  
compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.

### **Post Communion**

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Daily Offices**

n.b. Morning/Evening Prayer may not always take  
place

Morning Prayer (9am Wed-Sat)

Evening Prayer (5pm Wed, Thu, Sat) in St  
Augustine's, Alston and Zoom

Evening Prayer, 6pm Fridays in St John's, Nenthead

Night Prayer, 9pm Fridays on Zoom The Meeting ID  
code is 357 123 751

Holy Communion, 12pm Thursdays in the Chat  
Room

### **Sunday services online**

Join us at 11am weekly on Zoom using the  
app – or, with an ordinary phone, dial 0203  
051 2874. The Meeting ID code is 357 123  
751

Or find us on YouTube –

[youtube.com/@AlstonMoorParishChurches](https://www.youtube.com/@AlstonMoorParishChurches)

### **This week's meetings and information**

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Andy away, IEM training

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Chapter meeting

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> 8am Community Breakfast SKS

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> Andy and Karen away

### **This month the church remembers:**

19<sup>th</sup> Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, Restorer of  
Monastic Life, 988

20<sup>th</sup> Alcuin of York, Deacon, Abbot of Tours, 804

21<sup>st</sup> *Helena, Protector of the Holy Places, 330*

24<sup>th</sup> John and Charles Wesley, Evangelists, Hymn  
Writers, 1791 and 1788

25<sup>th</sup> The Venerable Bede, Monk at Jarrow, Scholar,  
Historian, 735

25<sup>th</sup> *Aldhelm, Bishop of Sherborne, 709*

26<sup>th</sup> Augustine, first Archbishop of Canterbury, 605

26<sup>th</sup> *John Calvin, Reformer, 1564*

26<sup>th</sup> *Philip Neri, Founder of the Oratorians, Spiritual  
Guide, 1595*

28<sup>th</sup> *Lanfranc, Prior of Le Bec, Archbishop of  
Canterbury, Scholar, 1089*

30<sup>th</sup> Josephine Butler, Social Reformer, 1906

30<sup>th</sup> *Joan of Arc, Visionary, 1431*

30<sup>th</sup> *Apolo Kivebulaya, Priest, Evangelist in Central  
Africa, 1933*

31<sup>st</sup> **The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth**