

# Parish of Thatcham

## St Mary's Church & St Barnabas Church

Services this week: 31<sup>st</sup> May – 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026

**31  
May**

### Trinity Sunday

8:00am Holy Communion  
10:00am Parish Communion +  
service at St Barnabas

Readings this Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8 or 2 Corinthians 13:11-end, Matthew 28:16-end

Readings next Sunday (First after Trinity)–  
Romans 4:13-end ;Matthew 9:9-13, 18-25

### Prayer (Collect) for the week

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you have given us your servants grace,  
by the confession of a true faith,  
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity  
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:  
keep us steadfast in this faith,  
that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Prayer

Please do use the prayer book in the chapel to tell us about your prayer requests – and also speak to us. These prayers are used every day at morning prayer (9:30 am except on Wednesdays when it is 9:00am before communion).

**All are welcome**

# This Week's events

## Monday

9:30am Morning Prayer  
12:00 Walkers in church  
2:00pm CAMEO

## Tuesday

9:30am Morning Prayer  
5:30pm Rainbows  
6:00pm Come and Pray  
7:45 pm Tower Bellringing

## Wednesday

9:00am Morning Prayer  
9:45am Holy Communion  
10:30 ABC  
2:00 U3a

## Thursday

9:30am Morning Prayer  
6:30pm Watership  
Cantabile

## Friday

7:30pm Choir Practice

## Saturday

10:30 Baptism Preparation

## First Sunday after Trinity

8:00 Holy Communion  
10:00 Parish Communion  
6:30 Evensong

## Current Foodbank requests

### Urgently needed items

- Shaving Foam
- Fruit Juice
- Dried milk powder
- Individual juice cartons
- Tinned meat
- Toilet cleaner

### Low on stock

- Custard/rice pudding pots
- Sponge puddings
- Tinned fish
- Tinned tomatoes

## Upcoming funerals

18 June Joan Manvell

## **Upcoming events**

**Love the LORD your God  
with all your heart and mind and soul and  
strength!**

Please note that we are looking for a (very) part-time administrator. Enquiries to Mark or Colin Waters.

There will be a church garden working party on Friday 26 June, and then the third Friday of every month 2pm-4pm – all kinds of jobs. Contact Colin Waters or Mark Backhouse for further details.

There is a box at the back of the church in support of Parkinson's UK. The charity is asking for postage stamps and old UK & foreign coins.

Also speak to Mark if there are things you think we should include as regular prayers in our prayer diary (prayer themes for each day of the month).

## **Floodlights**

Just to note that it is still possible to sponsor the floodlights.

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Please send bulletin and booking requests to Revd Mark Bennet, and also follow up with a phone call or speak to him.

### **Parish Safeguarding Officer**

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We have a number of vacancies for PCC (church council) and volunteer roles. We are currently advertising for a (very) part-time administrator (paid)