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Saturday 8:15 pm & Sunday 9am & 11am.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 2025



What is the greatest sin?

Dear brothers and sisters, Christ is risen. The power of his resurrection brings down the walls that separate us from each other and enclose us in our own concerns; it frees us to love the other who is a stranger, who is different, who may even be an enemy!

This is how Christ loved us! He died for us when we were still his enemies because he always knew that his love is stronger than death! (See Romans 5:8).

He commanded us: 'love one another as I have loved you. By this all people will know that you are my disciples'.

When people see people loving their enemies they see the power of the Resurrection.

Is this love possible? Yes. It is. Come and hear more about it in our Mission of Hope.

Last week, Pope Leo in his address to participants in the Jubilee of Oriental Churches quoted St Isaac of Nineveh who said: "the greatest sin is not to believe in the power of the Resurrection". May God free us from this sin!

We are grateful for your contribution to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. Prayer for vocations, love and concern for the clergy, and for seminarians is always heart-warming. We collected £180.53. Thank you for your generosity. If you still wish to donate, you will find envelopes at the back of the church, you can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. May God bless all who support this worthy cause. .

Popular Mission this Sunday at 2pm in the square at the junction of Great Titchfield Road and Market Place. Everyone welcome to attend!

Mass Schedule

Sat 17th May	8:15pm Neocatechumenate
Sun 18th May	9am Stephen Willis RIP
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	11am Pro Populo
Mon 19th May	NO MASS 8:00pm Mission of Hope
Tues 20th May St Bernardine	12:30 John Ushe. RIP
Wed 21st May St Christopher Magallanes & Co.	12:30 E Brown RIP
Thu 22nd May St Rita	12:30 Carmel & Joan Ryan RIP 6:00 Alan Wing Intentions.
Fri 23rd May	12:30 P.S Frind

Thank you to all who helped to organise 'Flores de Mayo'. We collected £205.50. May God bless you for your generosity.

**MISSION OF HOPE
Five Mondays
At 8PM**

Come and see that Christ, Our Hope is Risen!



- 1) Mon 19th May: Who is God for you?
- 2) Mon 26th May: Who are you?
- 3) Mon 2nd June: Who is Jesus?
- 4) Mon 9th June: Good News?
- 5) Mon 16th June: A way forward!

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Is your particular situation in life today the result of chance or luck? Is it the reward of your efforts? Is it a punishment for your mistakes? Is this a situation which the Lord has brought you to? Is it what he wants of you? How can you know this?

Pope Leo XIV asked himself this question in the homily he gave last Sunday at the Vatican and he came to this conclusion: he is where he is today because he listened. He said:

'I think it is important for all of us to learn how to listen more, to enter into dialogue. First and foremost, with the Lord: always listen to the Word of God. Then also listen to others, to know how to build bridges, to know how to listen without judging, not closing the doors thinking that we have all the truth and no-one else can tell us anything. It is very important to listen to the voice of the Lord, to listen to it, in this dialogue, and to see where the Lord is calling us towards.'

This Monday, and **every Monday at 8pm over the next five weeks** in our parish, we carry out a '**Mission of hope**'.

Missionaries from among us are sent to share with us-so that we can share with others- the Church's expectation and her desire to help everyone to arrive to that place of deep fulfilment, peace and joy, to which the Lord leads those who listen to Him.

We are invited to come and to listen to the word of God, to each other and to the Lord who will be present as we gather in his name, intent on listening to Him.

We will be exploring really important questions: Who is God for me? Who am I? What is the meaning of my life? Who is Jesus Christ for me? Why do we say that Jesus Christ is Good News? What is God calling me to do?

I invite you to attend these sessions and to listen.

The Lord is calling everyone in the Church to experience deeper communion with him and with others and to participate more fully in his mission.

When we listen to him, he shares with us his Holy Spirit, he broadens the horizons of our journey, he brings us to a place of deep fulfilment and of peace.

Then, we can in turn tell others: I have arrived to this place because I listened.

We also have a **Popular mission this Sunday at 2pm** to invite people to attend the Mission of Hope. Come and take part! We meet in the **junction of Great Titchfield Road and Market Place**. Everyone welcome!

