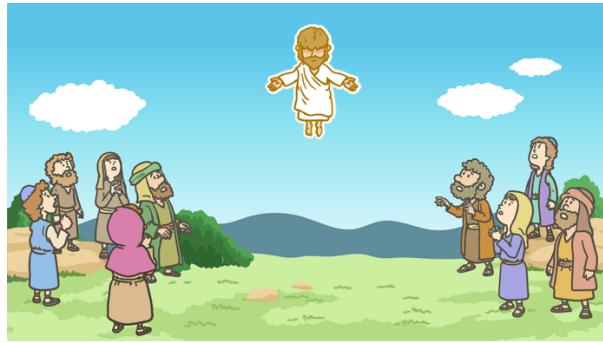




**May 2024**

## **Jesus' Ascension into Heaven – 9 May**



May's Teatime Church service is taking place on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 4pm – 5:15pm**. At this service, we will be thinking about Jesus' ascension into heaven, which is particularly remembered on Ascension Day (9<sup>th</sup> May). In the ascension story (Acts 1:4-11), the disciples watch as Jesus ascends up into heaven. He promises to send them a special Holy Spirit helper and lets them know that he will always be with them. At this service, there will be crafts all about 'things that go up', including making hot air balloon collages, decorating doves, creating a large-scale cloud and having plenty of fun with balloons and bubbles! We will also be thinking about 'the God who creates' as part of the Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Movement – please see below for more details.



### **Church Sunday Club**



Sunday Club meets during our 10am service every week to learn about the Christian faith. Sunday Club is open to children aged 4–10, but younger children are welcome if their parents feel that they can benefit from the activities on offer. Children can join Sunday Club whenever they are in church, and parents are welcome too if their child needs help settling in. There is also a carpeted space in front of St Paul's Room at the back of the church, where children can play with the toys or do some colouring. Please visit <https://www.westbury-parish-church.org.uk/youth-and-family/sunday-club/> to find out all of the details or contact [youthteam@westbury-parish-church.org.uk](mailto:youthteam@westbury-parish-church.org.uk) if you require any more information.

# The Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus

## Resurrection

After his death, Jesus' body was taken down from the cross and placed into a rock tomb with a heavy stone covering its entrance. When his female followers visited the tomb the Sunday after his crucifixion, they saw that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb. Inside, Jesus' body was missing.

In the garden surrounding the tomb, there appeared a man dressed in white. The women pleaded with him to return Jesus' body, but the man explained that he was Jesus. Mary Magdalene went to the disciples to tell them the good news that **Jesus had risen from the dead**. Christians call these events the resurrection of Jesus.

Jesus is mentioned in the gospels as appearing many times over the next 40 days. Jesus' resurrection shows people the power of God but also teaches them not to be afraid of dying. His sacrifice overcame sin and offers humans hope of eternal life.

## Ascension



40 days after Easter, the Church celebrates Jesus' ascension into heaven. **Jesus appeared to his disciples after the resurrection and told them that he was going back – ascending – up to his father, God, in heaven**, just like a bubble floating up into the air.

*After Jesus had said this and while they were watching, he (Jesus) was taken up into a cloud (Acts 1:9-10).*

Jesus had been seen many times during the 40 days after Easter, preparing his disciples – those people specifically chosen by Jesus to spread the gospel after Jesus' death and resurrection – to continue his work after his ascension, which was all part of God's plan.

The disciples could not carry out their mission of spreading Jesus' message without help, however. Jesus tells his disciples to stay in Jerusalem until they receive power from God. This power is God's **Holy Spirit**, who Jesus promises will come after he goes away.

After Jesus ascends into heaven, the disciples wait for the promised Holy Spirit, a new, invisible form of God.

Jesus' ascension is important to Christians because it shows that Jesus really had overcome death – he wasn't just resurrected to die again, but to live forever. For many Christians, the fact that Jesus' followers witnessed him ascending into the clouds leaves no doubt that Jesus is alive and with God the Father in heaven, and is no longer limited to living on earth.

50 days (7 weeks) after Easter Sunday, **Pentecost** brings the Easter season to an end (19<sup>th</sup> May). Pentecost celebrates Jesus fulfilling his promise to send the Holy Spirit to guide and help his disciples. The Holy Spirit is the third part of the **Trinity** – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – which are the three different parts of God, as the image below shows. It is the means by which God is active and with us all on Earth.



## What happened before and after Ascension Day?

On Good Friday, Jesus was crucified on a cross and then buried in a tomb.

He was resurrected on Easter Sunday.

For the forty days following this, he visited a selection of different people, including his disciples, before ascending to heaven.

Ten days after Ascension Day, the disciples were visited by the Holy Spirit, on a day which is now known as Pentecost.

The Holy Spirit is often symbolised as a dove.

The Bible (Acts 1) says that Jesus will return one day, in the same way as he left.

You can watch a children's video about The Ascension here:



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z4txnk7>

## Our monthly prayer

*You are there*

Dear God,  
we thank you that you are always with us.  
When we see the sun in the sky,  
we remember **you are there**.  
When we feel the rain on our faces,  
we remember **you are there**.  
When we watch the birds flying,  
we remember **you are there**,  
When we sing and pray together,  
we remember **you are there**.  
When it is dark and we feel alone,  
help us to remember **you are there**.  
**Amen**

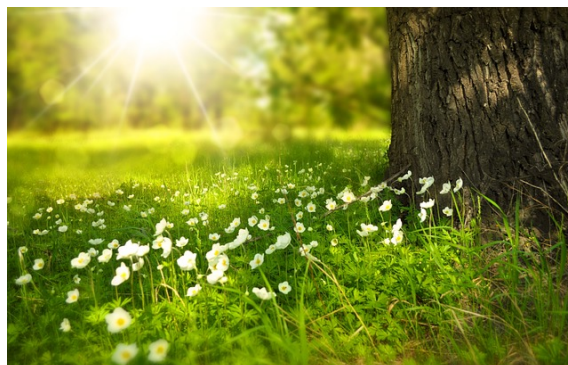
**Thy Kingdom Come: 9<sup>th</sup> May (Ascension Day) to 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024**



Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. Every person, household and church are encouraged to pray during the 11 days in their own way. TKC has lots of free resources to get children excited about Jesus, the Bible and prayer, and ultimately, to help each child build a beautiful life-long relationship with God... with some cheeky panda fun along the way! Please visit <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/cheeky-pandas> for some free, child-friendly resources and see the end of the newsletter for our **Programme of Sessions**.

### **Our special monthly prayer about the God who creates:**

Dear Lord, thank you so much for all of the beautiful things all around me. Thank you for sharing the smells, colours, and shapes of all of your creation. Help me remember to thank you every day for the big things and the little things in nature. Amen



## Community information

### Community Fair 2024

Westbury-on-Trym Community Fair will be taking place at the church and surrounding areas on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 11 – 4**. Please save the date and let me know if you are around to help for an hour on the day with the Teddy Bear Parachute!



### Barton Camp 2024

Westbury-on-Trym Parish Church is running its annual youth weekend away on 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to stay in the beautiful North Somerset countryside in purpose built dormitory accommodation with wonderful indoor and outdoor facilities including a heated swimming pool. Open to all children aged 8+, the fully inclusive cost is £50. Please see <https://www.westbury-parish-church.org.uk/youth-weekend-away/>

### Café in the Church

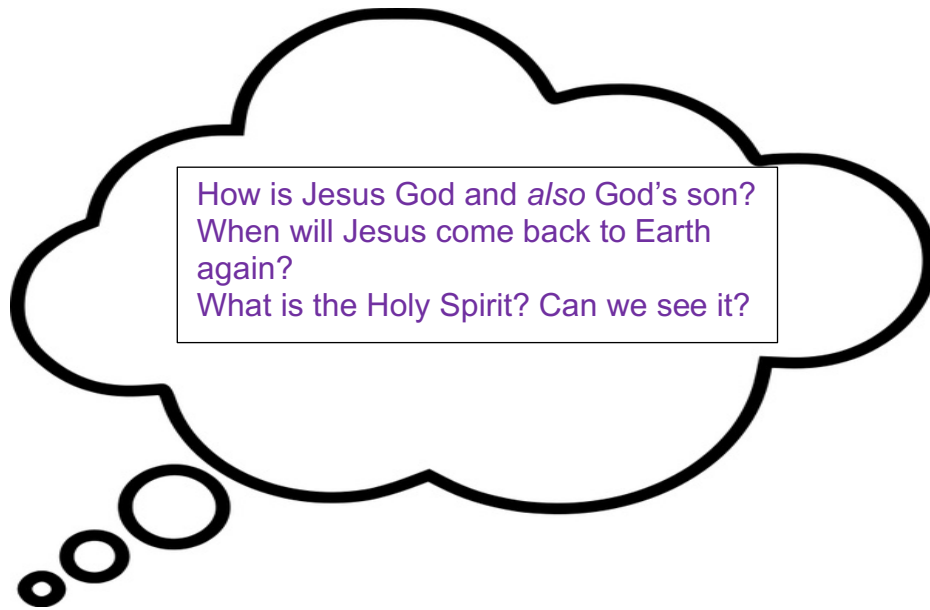
Cafe in the Church: Please join us at the church every Wednesday from 10:30 - 12 for coffee, cake and chat. Toys and colouring are available for young children. Please check the church website for more information. All are very welcome!

### ***Toddlers Together: Our parent and toddler group***

*Toddlers Together*, our parent and toddler group held at Westbury-on-Trym Methodist Church Hall, runs every Thursday 10-11:15am during term time. All are very welcome! Details can be found on our website <https://www.westbury-parish-church.org.uk/youth-and-family/parents-and-toddlers/>. **The last session of the term is on 23<sup>rd</sup> May. It starts again on 6<sup>th</sup> June.**



Some questions for the whole family to think about at home...please do come to Teatime Church with any questions that you have!



Please click on the following link if you would like to donate to Westbury on Trym PCC to support the work and mission of Holy Trinity Church, Westbury-on-Trym. Thank you

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/westbury-on-trym-holy-trinity-bristol/>

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**HOLY TRINITY**  
WESTBURY ON TRYM - BRISTOL

## Thy Kingdom Come Programme 9<sup>th</sup> May – 19<sup>th</sup> May



**Each year for the 10 days between Ascension Day and Pentecost we are asked to pray especially for our World, our local community and for 5 people that they may come to know Jesus.**

**Please join us for the following sessions**

Date	Time	Where	Led by	Theme
Thu 9 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Eucharist	Fr Andre	Jesus is Lord
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Churchyard	Portia Chorlton	The God who loves
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	11am – 2pm	Quiet Area in Church during the Community Fair	Revd Cheryl	The God who speaks
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	4.00pm	TeaTime Church	Georgina	The God who creates
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	4.30pm	Churchyard	Dianne Yeandel	The God who gives
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup>	4.00pm	In Church	Ian Taylor	The God who walks with us
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	1.45pm	In Church	Fr Andre	The God who listens
Thu 16 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	In Church	Lindsay Pelloquin	The God who saves
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	In Church	Revd Angela	The God who challenges
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	3.45pm	In Church	Clare Waggett	The God who empowers
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Worship & Praise Service	Revd Cheryl	Come Holy Spirit

Almighty God,  
Your ascended Son has sent us into the world  
To preach the good news of your kingdom:  
Inspire us with your Spirit and fill our hearts with the fire of your love,  
That all who hear your Word may be drawn to you,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**FREE**

Westbury-on-Trym

# Community Fun Event

**Saturday  
4th May  
2-4pm**

at Westbury Baptist Church,  
(Reedley Rd, BS9 3TE)

Join us for face painting, bouncy castle, and more...  
All children must be accompanied by an adult.

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**THE NOISE**

[www.thenoise.org.uk](http://www.thenoise.org.uk)  
0117 979 1399

Part of 'The Noise 2024' organised by local churches, in partnership with Bristol Noise.

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# *Teatime Church Dates 2024*

**OUR MONTHLY 4PM SERVICE FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

**CRAFTS, LEGO, TOYS, SONGS, STORIES**

**SUPPER FOR THE CHILDREN**

**FUN, FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP FOR ALL THE FAMILY**

**FEBRUARY 11TH, MARCH 17TH, MAY 12TH, JUNE 23RD,  
JULY 21ST, SEPTEMBER 22ND,  
OCTOBER 6TH (AT  
WESTBURY VILLAGE HALL FOR THE HARVEST  
FESTIVAL),  
NOVEMBER 10TH**

**Please visit our website for further details**

**<https://www.westbury-parish-church.org.uk/teatime-church/>  
Holy Trinity Church, Westbury-on-Trym, BS9 3EQ**

