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# NEWSLETTER

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ALL SAINTS, SCRAPTOFT & NETHERHALL - May 2026

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## Discipleship through Giving....

This Christian Aid Week, we are being told that our support could help mothers in Nairobi, Kenya, facing the terrible reality of urban poverty and the daily struggle to feed their children.

A great many parents in Nairobi wake up every single day knowing that they must go and earn money, otherwise their children won't have anything to eat that evening. Through Christian Aid partners, parents receive tools, seeds and training to grow fresh vegetables in small city spaces – food they can cook for their families or sell to earn income.

One woman, Fridah, lives with her children and grandson in a rented corrugated metal shelter. There is no running water, and space is extremely limited. Like many families where she lives, life is unpredictable. Some days there is enough to go round, some days there isn't. The cycle of worry comes back every morning.

To support her family, Fridah sells vegetables at a market stall. She travels long distances to buy produce, making the journey six days a week. Without refrigeration or storage, she can sell has to sell everything that day.

Fridah's situation began to change when she joined Imarisha Kilimo, an urban farming project run by Christian Aid's partner, Beacon of Hope. At first, the idea felt impossible: 'I was wondering, where can someone farm here in Nairobi?' But through training, tools and seeds, Fridah began to see what was possible — even in the smallest spaces. 'I discovered I could sow here. Right where I stand.'

At the end of a narrow alley, behind a gate, Fridah has created a place where vegetables now grow in repurposed containers, and leafy greens climb every available space. This change in her circumstances has come about through the work of Christian Aid and their partners. This coming week, we have the opportunity to help others in the same situation to feed their children and provide for the future. May God give us grace to be generous.

With every blessing

*Fr Martin*

## May Diary

### May

2nd	10.00am	Planters Fair & Coffee
3rd	<b>EASTER 5</b>	
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
5th	10.00am	Coffee pop-in
6th	12.00pm	NO Eucharist
	6.30pm	Hour of Prayer
	7.30pm	Rosary
10th	<b>Christian Aid Week Begins</b>	
	<b>EASTER 6</b>	
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
12th	10.00am	Coffee pop-in
13th	<b>Our Lady of Fatima</b>	
	12.00pm	Eucharist
	6.30pm	Hour of Prayer
	7.30pm	Rosary
14th	<b>ASCENSION DAY</b>	
	7.30pm	Sung Eucharist
16th	3.00pm	Cream Teas for Christian Aid
17th	<b>SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION</b>	
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
	11.30am	APCM
18th	1.30pm	Funeral: Hodges
19th	10.00am	Coffee Pop-in
20th	<b>St Bernadine</b>	
	12.00pm	Eucharist
	7.30pm	Rosary
21st	11.00am	Aaron Court Service
24th	<b>PENTECOST</b>	
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
25th		Walsingham National Pilgrimage
26th	10.00am	Coffee pop-in
27th	<b>St Augustine of Canterbury</b>	
	12.00pm	Eucharist
	7.30pm	Rosary
31st	<b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b>	



As ever, we will be supporting the work of Christian Aid this year. The week runs from 10th to 16th May and there will be opportunities for you to make your donations - including coming to the Cream Tea on Saturday 16th at 3.00pm.

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### St Bernadine of Siena

On the 20th May the Church remembers the life and witness of this Italian saint. I used to think this was a nun or suchlike. However, he is actually a man - or was. He was an Italian Franciscan priest who lived in the 15th century. He was well known for his powerful preaching and his efforts to rekindle the faith in Italy.

He is the patron saint of advertisers and public relations professionals, having been celebrated for his drawing large crowds and promoting moral values.

Let us pray that St Bernadine's influence may come to bear on the advertising and P.R. industries in our own day!

### Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Our APCM will take place on Sunday 17th May, after the service. I hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us for this important meeting as we look over the past year and into the future.

Please pray for those offering themselves to represent the church community as churchwardens or PCC members.