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### **May 2026 Newsletter**

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#### **May-June Calendar**

Sunday, May 10 ... Mother's Day

Monday, May 25 ... Memorial Day

Sunday, June 21 ... Father's Day

#### **Reflection on the pope and the archbishop**

Normally in the Little Brown Church newsletter we notify people of the going-on at the local church. This month I wanted to do something a little different. I felt it was important to highlight some of the goings-on of the wider universal church.

Last week the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullally, a Protestant Anglican, met at the Vatican with Pope Leo XIV at the Apostolic Palace in Rome where she was on a four-day pilgrimage. She joined the pope at a religious service where both of them said grace together. This was a historic encounter. It was the first time that those two heads of churches had prayed together publicly.

The Church of England (Anglicans) split with Rome in 1534 when Roman Catholic Henry VIII was refused an annulment by Pope Clement VII. There were rebellion, killings, and seizing of property. Henry managed to marry six more women and England became staunchly Protestant. Even a hundred years ago, this meeting of these two religious leaders would have been unthinkable.

What does all that have to do with our Little Brown Church? No local church functions in isolation. Our denomination broke away from Henry VIII's reforms, believing he did not go far

