INTERCESSIONS

Please continue in prayer for Ella, Jane, Joan; Terry; Julie; Craig, Richard, Kathleen and David; Marion and John; Noreen.

We pray for all front-line staff, whoever and wherever they may be, and ask that God will bless and protect them.

Rest in peace:- we give thanks for the life of Pat Warwick and we pray for her son, family, friends and neighbours. Rest in peace, Pat.

YOUNG CHURCH - May 24th-May 31st

This is Whitsun half term, when we celebrate Pentecost which is the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is something we feel but can not see. Like the wind we feel it but can't see it. To the people in the bible story it appeared as fire/wind and a Dove. Do a picture using leaves, sticks and things from your garden or daily walk to show the Holy Spirit. Jesus wants us to be all together being kind, loving and helpful. Maybe this week do a few jobs at home and make some biscuits to share. If you do the activity please can you send a photo of it to Sandra so she can put it on the Young Church board once we are back at church.

.NOTICES

Coronavirus update

Church Website, https://www.stmaryswexham.co.uk/. for newsletter, June magazine, access to the church services which Andrew, Chris and Jill are recording, and the link to signing up for the Mailchimp letter from Andrew. Take care and stay safe.

Bible Buddies continues on Zoom at **10.30 each Friday morning**. After considering Trinity on 5th June, the following week we begin a series on Moses. No prior knowledge required we simply share ideas and discover new understandings. See **Mailchimp** for directions..

Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line, perfect for those who do not have the internet ! Just **phone 0800 804 8044**.



Deanery of Burnham and Slough, Diocese of Oxford 31 May 2020 - Pentecost

Services – access via church website

Today - 10.00am service, (Rev. Andrew Parry) Wednesday - evening service (Mrs. Jill Bell, LLM) Next Sunday, 10.00am service

Today's hymn 92:

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, and lighten with celestial fire. Thou the anointing Spirit art, who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above is comfort, life, and fire of love. Enable with perpetual light the dullness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soiled face with the abundance of thy grace. Keep far from foes, give peace at home: where thou art guide, no ill can come.

Show us the Father and the Son, in thee and with thee, ever One, then through the ages all along, this shall be our unending song:

Praise to thy eternal merit, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen. Collect, (special prayer for the week)

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

READINGS

Acts 2: v 1 – 21

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.

² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them.

⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven.

⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language.

⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?

⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?

⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome,

¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

¹³ But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.

¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.

¹⁶ But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ "And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

and your young men shall see visions,

and your old men shall dream dreams;

¹⁸ even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show wonders in the heavens above

and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke;

²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,

before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

²¹ And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

John Ch. 7: v 37 – 39

³⁷ On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.

³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"

³⁹ Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.



For giving by phone

We continue to join with our brothers and sisters in Christ, at 11am daily to say the 23rd Psalm, followed by The Lord's Prayer

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