

**St George's, Tuffley
with St Margaret's, Whaddon**

**Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering
'Growing God's Kingdom'**



**Sunday worship and weekly news
23 May 2021**

PENTECOST

**We welcome our visiting priest
Rev'd Andrew Frearson**



The sound of rushing wind and the sight of tongues of flame seem a very long way from our weekly worship at St George's and St Margaret's and yet the very same Holy Spirit who was present at the

first Pentecost is also present at all our services. And in the same way that those who were present heard about the wonders of God in their own languages, so God still speaks to us individually in ways we can understand.

We may still face difficulties, and we know there will be challenges ahead, but we can be very confident that for us just as then 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved'.

Susan

Today's service on YouTube

The service can be accessed from the church website www.glos-stg-stm.org.uk on Monday. Click on the blue banner at the bottom of the page. Enjoy, and sing aloud to your hearts content.

Are there restrictions now we are open?

Sadly.... Yes! The same rules that applied pre lockdown will be in place i.e.

- Wear a face mask
- Sanitise your hands
- No singing (except from the heart),
- Observe Social Distancing – the 2m rule.
- Socialising outdoors is now permitted, with up to 30 people

Sorry to say these rules are necessary.

We shall continue to review these rules as guided by the Diocese.

**Next week we welcome
Rev'd Canon Dr Mike Parsons**

Order of Service

The Spirit Poured Out On All



Processional Hymn

Come down, O love divine.

Seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, 'til earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace, till they become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.

Prayer for Today

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Acts 2 The Coming of the Holy Spirit

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.



⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, 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, both Jews and proselytes,

¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’ ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ ¹³ But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’

Peter Addresses the Crowd

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ “In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon 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 upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Prayer: Lord, You began the new Holy Spirit era with such drama; fill us afresh with your Spirit’s same power to be bold witnesses of the resurrection life. Amen

Psalm 104 Praise to the Lord for His Creation



²⁶ O Lord, how manifold are your works! **In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

²⁷ There is the sea, spread far and wide, **and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great.**

²⁸ There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan **which you have made to play in the deep.**

²⁹ All of these look to you **to give them their food in due season.**

³⁰ When you give it them, they gather it; **you open your hand and they are filled with good.**

³¹ When you hide your face they are troubled; **when you take away their breath, they die and return again to the dust.**

³² When you send forth your spirit, they are created, **and you renew the face of the earth.**

³³ May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; **may the Lord rejoice in his works;**

³⁴ He looks on the earth and it trembles; **he touches the mountains and they smoke.**

³⁵ I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; **I will make music to my God while I have my being.**

³⁶ So shall my song please him **while I rejoice in the Lord.**

³⁷ Let sinners be consumed out of the earth **and the wicked be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Alleluia.**

Prayer: Creator God, send your Holy Spirit to renew this living world, that the whole creation, in its groaning and striving, may know your loving purpose and come to reflect your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

John 15 The World’s Hatred

²⁶ ‘When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷ You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

John 16 The Work of the Spirit

‘I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵ But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, “Where are you going?”’ ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: ⁹ about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. ¹²



‘I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Prayer: Dear Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you speak and act as One for us. Empower us to speak and act as one with You. Amen

Reflection from Revd Andrew Frearson

The writer of the book of Acts, traditionally Luke, in the writing of the story of Pentecost, 60 to 80 years after events, according to scholars, already knew that Christianity had spread to the edge of the known world and to its very centre in Rome. Christianity had already transcended tribe and tradition in its inclusivity.

The followers of the Way were able to declare that in Christ there is no East nor West, no North nor South, no Jew nor Gentile, no man nor woman. Followers of the way are challenged to think beyond tribalism, to dream dreams and see visions. To connect to all of any religion or none and build bridges with all. To imagine a 21st century

Pentecost where rather than speaking in languages that people have never understood before, they begin to listen to those they have only failed to understand before. Creating spaces where people listen to one another. That is also my prayer for Israel/Palestine today and for an equal playing field for that to happen, the acknowledgement of all the history and pain that has gone before.

Can we imagine a vision of Christianity that celebrates not denigrates the truths of the worlds' great religions. Where the first impulse is to listen rather than speak; a Faith that is willing to share its' truths in a spirit of co-operation without an emphasis on conversion.



A church full of curious Christians, who share a goal of dialogue that seeks not just to create new Christians, but to learn from other religions so that we can become better Christians and those with whom we listen and speak might become better practitioners of their faiths.

Come Holy Spirit and enable us all to take the path much less travelled, easily misunderstood, very hard work, prone to failure and not a quick fix.

Release the pause button and take us to exciting pastures new. Amen.

We declare together our commitment to faith:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again, in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory, to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life who proceeds from the Father and the Son who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Intercessions from Helen McGeoch

Heavenly Father

We thank you for your gift of the Holy Spirit amongst us. We thank you that the Spirit reveals you to us and speaks the truth to us. Please help us to be aware of the Holy Spirit nudges and your presence with us.

We thank you for the movement of your Holy Spirit across the world, for the pouring out on ALL people. We thank you for the way your spirit brings unity, peace and joy to our broken world and comfort in places of darkness and sorrow. Please use us and make us willing to be used by you. Lord, in your mercy...

We thank you for the power your Holy Spirit brings. We pray for this power to be known across the nations, bringing healing to the countries suffering so badly in the pandemic, bringing an end to the fighting in the middle east, and justice for all who are oppressed. Lord, in your mercy...

We thank you for the ways the Holy Spirit reflects your glory. We pray that you will be glorified here in Tuffley and Whaddon, that your kingdom will come and be known by the people, that your love will reach those who are feeling most unloved and that your good news of salvation will reach and speak into the lives of everyone lost. Lord, in your mercy...

We thank you for the ongoing presence of your Holy Spirit. We pray that you will be present with all those who we know are sick and those in need of comfort. We quietly name them before you now. Lord, in your mercy...

We thank you for the character the Holy Spirit develops in us. We pray that we will be willing to be fruit bearers and be rid of anything that might cause our fruit to be spoiled. May we be those people who are known as your disciples because of our love for one another. Lord, in your mercy...

Merciful father...

Offertory Hymn

Spirit of the living God,

Fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God,

Fall afresh on me.



Melt me,
Mold me,
Fill me,
Use me,

Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on us.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on us.

Melt us,
Mold us,
Fill us,
Use us,

Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.

Melt me,
Mold me,
Fill me,
Use me,

After the priest says to us all: "the body and blood of Christ keep you in eternal life", we all respond **Amen.**

A steward will guide you forward.

We each receive a wafer dipped in wine.

We receive Communion with arms outstretched, and in silence.

Please maintain a 2 metre distance at all times.

Final Hymn

The Spirit lives to set us free

walk, walk in the light.

He binds us all in unity,

walk, walk in the light.

Walk in the light, walk in the light,

walk in the light, walk in the light of the Lord

Jesus promised life to all,

walk, walk in the light.

The dead were wakened by his call,

walk, walk in the light.

Chorus

By Jesus' love our wounds are healed,

walk, walk in the light.

The Father's kindness is revealed,

walk, walk in the light.

Chorus

The Spirit lives in you and me,

walk, walk in the light.

His light will shine for all to see,

walk, walk in the light.

Chorus

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WHAT TO DO for THIS WEEK:

❖ Keep bringing items for the **Foodbank**; **new collection point is the Church Centre hallway on a Friday morning from 9.30am – 11.30am.**

the Foodbank are requesting, Long Life Milk, Long Life Fruit Juice, Cup a Soups, Tinned Spaghetti and Shampoo. Please note **they have an abundance of Baked Beans, Dry Pasta, Dry Spaghetti and Tea.**
Thank you!

Know someone who:

❖ is stuck at home without support?

❖ can't make ends meet?

❖ Just wants to talk?

Then **Contact Gloucestershire Community Help Hub on 01452 583519**

Keep picking up the phone!

People are finding phone calls with friends invaluable to combat loneliness. Thank you everyone; please keep up the good work!



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The Administration office is open on Friday mornings from 9.30am until 11.30am until further notice. Please contact the Church Administrator by email or leave a message on the office telephone and our Administrator will get back to you.

We are part of the **Church in Tuffley**, working in partnership with English Martyrs (Roman Catholic), Grange (Baptist) and St Barnabas (Anglican).



News 23 – 30 May

Memoriam:

John Perris, Robert Mayo, David Kent RIP

We pray for all who are ill or in need at this time mentioning by name:

Margaret, Angela, Susan, Mike and Laura, Lynne, Bill, Pat, Daphne, Rosemary, Carol, Angela, Sylvia, Margaret and Mark, Steve and Albert.

Banns of Marriage:

2nd calling at St George's of

Max Tanner & Elizabeth Hannah Short

Anniversaries of Death:

Ernest Marns, Lucy Wreford, William Willerton, Evelyn Chaloner, John Harrison, James Kemp, Cyril Anderson, Kathleen Lord, John Wilkinson, Terry Overthrow (priest), Jean Evans, Eunice Parks,

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Joceline Blunt 27th, David and Sylvia Chamberlain celebrate a wedding anniversary on 29th

If you would like your birthday or anniversary mentioned in Signpost please let Glenda know.

DIARY DATES

Sun 23			PENTECOST
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: Sylvia C Readers: David/Joceline Intercessions: Helen
Mon 24	12.00 noon	St G's	Funeral of David Kent RIP followed by interment at St M's
Tue 25	4.00pm	Z	Standing Committee
Wed 26	8.15am	Z	Morning Prayer
	10.00am	Z	Pioneers
	3.30pm	MH	Slimming World
Thu 27	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
Fri 28	2.30pm	St G's	Quiet Prayer Group
Sun 30			TRINITY
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: Dot Readers: Linda M/ Derek Intercessions: Susan

Food Parcels: St George's Church, Grange Road, is now open for Food Parcel collections on a **Tuesday & Friday from 10.00am – 12.00noon**
The parcel is FREE OF CHARGE

Please be aware of social distancing guidelines

100 Club and June Crossroads: The 100 Club draw will take place on Sunday 13 June, please note that if your payments are not up to date your number(s) may not be included in the draw. See your collector if in doubt or contact me on 01452 410507.

The June Crossroads will be out as usual on the last Sunday of this month, if you pay the person who delivers your issue, and have yet to pay, please do so asap or contact me on 01452 410507.

Many thanks
Darrell

Messy Church: There will be a celebration and planning meeting for everyone involved in Messy Church on Sunday 13th June at 4.00pm on St George's lawn. Please do come if you would like to join the team in any kind of role (chatting to families, helping with crafts or refreshments, setting up/clearing up, administration) new members always welcome.

Helen

UP AND COMING MEETINGS

Benefice Standing Committee
4.00pm Tuesday 25 May and
4.00pm Tuesday 8 June
All on ZOOM

SERVICES THIS COMING WEEK

Wednesday 26 May
8.15am Morning Prayer on ZOOM
Thursday 27 May
10.30am Parish Communion
at St Margaret's
all are welcome

Next Sunday

30 May 2021
9.00am Parish Communion
at St Margaret's
10.30am Parish Communion
at St George'
both with Mike Parsons

QUIET PRAYER GROUP

Meets again
Friday 28 May at 2.50pm
In St George's Church

OUR APCMS

will take place on
SUNDAY 11 JULY 2021
If you would like to be
part of your new PCC...
See Roger, Sylvia or Mike, Jonathan or
Hans