

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	24 th	
Tuesday	25 th	1000 Baby Group 1930 Said Eucharist 2100 Online Compline
Wednesday	26 th	1000 ToddleTime 1030 Said Eucharist 1030 Coffee for All 2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting
Thursday	27 th	2100 Online Compline
Friday	28 th	1900 Juniors & Men Choir Practice
Saturday	29 th	
Trinity Sunday	30th	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion

The flowers at the back of church has been given by Mandy Kirk Good and family in loving memory of Bridgette Hadfield (anniversary of death on 18th May).

Thy Kingdom Come: 12th to 23rd May

A global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. For a range of printed and digital resources to help with prayer, visit ThyKingdomCome.global

***** Please remember to bring your Order of Service for Ordinary Time booklet to be used from next Sunday onwards.**

News

Today: APCM starts immediately at the end of the Pentecost service.

The Electoral Roll is now closed and will re-open after the APCM.

The Annual Financial Statements and APCM Essential Group Reports are available on the church website.

There are some printed copies for those unable to go online (personal copies, no sharing please).

Sun 27th June: Celebration of Rachel's Ordination to the priesthood

The usual 9:15am Parish Communion service on that Sunday will be moved to 4pm.

This will hopefully be followed with celebratory drinks in the Hall and outside (more details to follow).

Please come to support Rachel and her family on this important day.

Please look at the church notice board at the photo and message of appreciation from Liz Green, thanking everyone for their love and best wishes.

WGC Centenary 2020 – 21

Please take a booklet each – you'll find notices of various Centenary events yet to come.

Welcome

Sunday 23rd May 2021

Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

Services Today

REMINDER: Social distancing rules apply, use hand sanitiser gel upon entry & exit and keep your masks on!

10am Family Communion Coffee in the Hall - Suspended for now.

Youth & Children's Church **No Youth and Children's church (YACC) today but there are resources available to the Hall if pre-school children need a break-out area.**

Music **No hymns to be sung by the congregation for now.**

Choir: Come down O love divine / Breathe on me breath of God

Jackson in G

Ives - Listen sweet dove

Organ: Prelude on 'Down Ampney' David Blackwell

Ricercar pro Festis Pentecostalibus J K F Fischer

11am Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

This week we pray for all who live and work in Fretherne Road and Flats.

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Sunday 23 May 2021

Pentecost

Collect

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.

Acts 2: 1-21

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

Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.

And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs - in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.'

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?'

But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: *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. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those*

days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

John 15: 26-27, 16: 4b -15

Jesus spoke to his disciples:

'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.

You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts.

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.

And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

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. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.'

Next Readings: Sunday 30th May 2021

Isaiah 6: 1-8; Romans 8: 12-17;

John 3: 1-17