

INTRODUCTION TO PENTECOST

Pentecost (from the Greek pentekoste, 'fiftieth' of fifty days of celebration) has its roots in the Jewish Feast of Weeks, which was completed on the fiftieth day after Passover. On the fiftieth day of Easter, God sends his Holy Spirit to empower the Church to perform the mission which the risen Christ has entrusted to it; and he inaugurates the messianic community of perfect communication. **Pentecost celebrates** both the Holy Spirit and the Christian Church.

Ascension and Pentecost are closely linked. The risen Lord is no longer present to the Church in the body of his flesh; the Church is now to be the new body of Christ, filled with his life through the gift of the Spirit. Next Sunday, the Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate Trinity Sunday. In a sense, every feast must be a festival of the Trinity, because the whole Trinity is at work in every moment of creation, redemption and sanctification; but Trinity Sunday provides a particular occasion to reflect on the revelation of God's self as Trinity, immediately after the Great Fifty Days of Easter.

Today also culminates the global Thy Kingdom Come season of prayer where we pray that more people will become followers of Jesus Christ.



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A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

For those unable to access the internet and is feeling isolated, this is a free phone line of hymns, reflections, prayers and a choice of @churchofengland services – Tel. 0800 804 8044 - It's an excellent Resource!

Bishop Jonathan and Archdeacon Moira have recorded Pentecost messages for the people of the Croydon Episcopal Area, via these links below.

Bishop Jonathan:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XcWrPHLRs4c>

Archdeacon Moira:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uQR8LStRiC0>

Welcome to the United Benefice of Holy Innocents & St. Mark, South Norwood

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



31st May 2020

Parish Priest: Mother Roxanne Hunte
Asst. Priest: Mother Susan Wheeler-Kiley

PENTECOST

President, Mother Roxanne
Preacher, Cicelyn Hinds

**8am and 10am Parish Mass
plus Sunday School accessed via:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoyzfpScnrT4W9D8X11RmDQ>

or



This week's diary

While our Churches are closed for private prayer and public worship, we continue to pray for all who live, 'work', worship and indeed 'visit' these parishes, as together we give thanks for what God has done for us, despite these strange times in which we find ourselves.

CHURCH NOTICES

Pastoral Care: Mother Roxanne is still available on Tel. 020 8916 1830 or Mobile 07472 662323; email mtrroxanne@gmail.com

Mother Roxanne is not available on Mondays; or Mother Susan (07890 780572), on Fridays.

For your prayers

Justin Welby and John Sentamu, our Archbishops; Stephen, Archbishop Elect of York. Christopher and Jonathan, Richard and Karowei, our bishops in this Diocese; Bishop Ignatios, Fr. Dupwa and the people of St. Philip, Mkoba Gweru, our link parish in the Diocese of Central Zimbabwe.

For those in any kind of need and those who've asked us to pray for them including **the sick** – Enid, Alec, Una, Ted, Diane, Mick, Linda, Helen, Ruth, Jennifer, Reuben, Marie-Gabrielle, Barbara, the Huish family and Gloria. **The bereaved** – the Hollioake, Bates, Forbes, Messer and Scorgie families. **The recently departed** – Don, Roy, Maggie and Ron. Those whose **Years Mind** occur at this time.

Confirmation Classes continue via Zoom on Wednesdays at 6pm.

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.

FIRST READING

(Alternative readings)

The reading from Acts must be used as
either the first or second reading.

Either **Acts 2:1-21**

*A reading from the Acts of the
Apostles.*

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.'"

Or **Numbers 11:24-30**

PSALM Psalm 104:25-35. 37

R Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.

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

Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to
number,
creatures both small and great.
There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan,
which you have made for the sport of it. **R**

All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.
You give it to them, they gather it;
you open your hand and they are filled
with good things.

You hide your face and they are
terrified;
you take away their breath
and they die and return to their dust. **R**

You send forth your Spirit and they are
created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.
May the glory of the Lord endure for
ever;
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.
He looks at the earth and it trembles;
he touches the mountains and they
smoke. **R**

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my
being.

May these words of mine please him;
I will rejoice in the Lord.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Alleluia! **R**

SECOND READING

(Alternative readings)

Either **1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**

*A reading from the first letter of Paul to
the Corinthians.*

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except
by the Holy Spirit. Now there are

varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;
and there are varieties of services, but
the same Lord; and there are varieties
of activities, but it is the same God
who activates all of them in everyone.
To each is given the manifestation of
the Spirit for the common good. To
one is given through the Spirit the
utterance of wisdom, and to another
the utterance of knowledge according
to the same Spirit, to another faith
by the same Spirit, to another gifts of
healing by the one Spirit, to another
the working of miracles, to another
prophecy, to another the discernment
of spirits, to another various kinds of
tongues, to another the interpretation
of tongues. All these are activated by
one and the same Spirit, who allots to
each one individually just as the Spirit
chooses. For just as the body is one
and has many members, and all the
members of the body, though many,
are one body, so it is with Christ. For in
the one Spirit we were all baptized into
one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or
free – and we were all made to drink of
one Spirit.

Or **Acts 2:1-21** (as above)

GOSPEL (Alternative readings)

Either **John 20:19-23**

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to John.*

It was evening on the first day of the
week, and the doors of the house
where the disciples had met were
locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus
came and stood among them and said,
"Peace be with you." After he said this,
he showed them his hands and his side.
Then the disciples rejoiced when they
saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again,
"Peace be with you. As the Father has
sent me, so I send you." When he had
said this, he breathed on them and said
to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you
forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven
them; if you retain the sins of any, they
are retained."

Or **John 7:37-39**

POST COMMUNION

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.