



St Mary's
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PRINCES RISBOROUGH
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News

Sunday June 9th 2019, Pentecost Sunday

Dear Friends

So we come to one of the great Christian festivals, Pentecost. At the start of the day we find Jesus' close followers still keeping a low profile. But by the end of the day the change has been dramatic. They are no longer keeping their heads down. They have put themselves in the limelight and are boldly proclaiming the good news that this is the time that was prophesied when God's Spirit would be poured out on anyone who was willing to receive it.

So what should we expect if we open ourselves to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit? Do we wonder if we will find ourselves in Market Square telling everyone about Jesus and, if so, whether we will have time to get home for lunch and the other things we have planned for the day? Well this is not the way to think because your underlying attitude is that I have my life but I'm willing to give God a share but I hope he leaves time for me to do the things I really want to do. C S Lewis said that this route leads to a discontented life, of feeling a martyr and being a far greater pest to anyone you live with than if you'd remained frankly selfish. The problem is that the Holy Spirit doesn't want just part of you he wants the whole – total control of all and this sounds horrific – what will I have left? But the reality is that allowing the Spirit the whole is the only way and, in the end, turns out to be by far the best way.

C S Lewis went on to say that this giving of ourselves totally to the Spirit does not come instantly. We can only do it for a few minutes at first. But from those moments the new sort of life will be spreading through our system. It is the difference between paint, which is merely laid on a surface, and a dye or stain which soaks right through.

The final outcome of this is that our wills and God's will become the same thing and we no longer worry about whether God will leave us time to do the things we want because what we want and what God wants will be the same things covering work, rest and play all of which God knows are essential to human life.

Rev Steve Williams

Collect for Pentecost Sunday

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 forever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

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.

Amen

PRAYER POINTS:

- For Rope.
- For James Seward, being baptised today.
- For Yvonne Mullins and family as we say goodbye to them today.
- For our Government as they seek to find a new leader and a way forward.
- For all those suffering in poverty and hunger.
- For all war veterans, who so bravely fought for our freedom.
- For all school children facing exams this month.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE IN IMMEDIATE NEED OF HEALING AND PEACE:

Erica and family, Emma, Chris, John Hardy, Joy Woodward, Mary Kent, Sue List, Tony Eccleston, Alan and Iris Austin, Oliver Baillie, Gladys Page, Suzie Aries, Michael Hopkins, Kelly May, Gordon & Kathleen Plumridge, Joyce Bapty, Richard Heaney, Alex Lake, Philip & Sally Jones, Shirley and Eric Watts, Barbara Higgins, Liz Lister and Simon Clegg.

WE HAVE ALSO BEEN ASKED TO PRAY FOR:

Lisa and Russell Squire, Peter Covell, Gideon, Mary Jefferies, Keith & Judy Brambleby, Barbara Platts, Tony Mead, Hazel Boon, Michael George, Helena Oecken, Jean Moses, Annie, Bill and Marge Philips, Shirley and Don Kemp and Jean Coleman.

WE REMEMBER WITH THANKSGIVING THE LIFE OF:

David Killoh.

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NEWS & NOTICES.

YVONNE MULLINS: Today is Yvonne's last Sunday and we wish her well in her new post as curate in Shelswell Benefice. Her ordination will be on Saturday 29th June at 2pm at Christchurch Cathedral, Oxford. Anyone who would like to support her would be very welcome.

SUMMER DISCIPLESHIP COURSE: This continues on Wednesday evenings from 12th June. It is entitled 'The Long Road to Heaven' and will start with a meal. There are a few spaces left if you would like to join in, just let David know.

PRAYER MINISTRY TRAINING: There will be an introductory training course for this on Tuesday 25th June from 2-5.30pm in the Chapter House, entitled 'The God who Heals'. Anyone interested in learning more about this would be most welcome to attend. Please contact Averil Stephenson at averilstephenson49@gmail.com.

PRAYER EVENING: On 28th June there will be a prayer evening at 7.30pm at Church. This provides a time of peace and prayer, away from the pressure of daily life. For more details contact Jo Williams.

ST JOHN'S SUMMER FETE: On Saturday 22nd June from 12-4pm there will be a summer fete in the vicarage garden, Church Lane, Lacey Green. There will be a BBQ, a live band, lots of stalls, afternoon strawberry cream tea, a raffle, tombola and games. So do come along for a lovely summer afternoon.

PRINCES RISBOROUGH CHORAL SOCIETY: will be holding their summer concert at Longwick village Hall from Thursday 27th to Sat 29th June. This will be a concert version of Fiddler on the Roof. Tickets (£15) from The PR Cook Shop, Art and Office and the Library Information Centre. Finger buffet included. See PR Choral Society website for details.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: If you are able to spare some time to help decorate the curate's house in the week commencing 11th June, it would be much appreciated. Please contact Pete Wynn on peterwynnis@btinternet.com.

LIGHTHOUSE DONATIONS: Lighthouse has in the last few years recommended a donation of £13 per child per day. Not all families can afford this and costs are increasing. If you would like to make a donation to Lighthouse, you can find out how on the donate page of the PR Lighthouse website. A regular contribution of £5-£6 a month will fund a child's week at Lighthouse. Thank you.

NEW LIFE GROUP – PLAY WORSHIP MUSIC :- a trial to gauge interest – If you can make a noise to accompany modern worship songs then please join us. Contact Andy for details – tgis@btinternet.com.

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Readings: Acts 2, 1-21, John 14, 8-17

- 8.00am** Holy Communion at St Mary's
9.30am Parish Communion followed by coffee
11.15am TGIS with Baptism
3.00pm Service at Icknield Court
6.00pm United Service with Baptists and Methodists in PR Methodist Church

What's on in the week beginning Monday 10th June

- Mon 10th 3.00pm** Bereavement Drop-in at the Chapter House`
Weds 12th 9.00am Wednesday Prayers in St Mary's
10.30am Holy Communion followed by coffee
7.30pm Summer Discipleship Course
Thurs 13th 10.30am Coffee in the Chapter House
Fri 14th 2.00pm Praise and Play

Sunday 16th June, Trinity Sunday

Readings: Romans 5, 1-5, John 16, 12-15

- 8.00am** Holy Communion at St Mary's
9.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's, Ilmer
9.30am Parish Communion followed by coffee
11.15am TGIS

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR, SAT NOV 16TH: I know it's early to be thinking of Christmas but if you would like to be part of the team organising this fantastic fundraising event for Lighthouse, please contact the Parish Office.

Rector: Revd. David Williams 346984

Associate Minister: Revd. Michael Hunt 344150; ;

Assistant Clergy: Revds. David & Nancy Wallace 290670;
Revds. Steve & Rose Williams 274225; Canon Nick Molony 273895;
Revd. Jenny Deverill 274269; **LLM:** Averil Stephenson 343649

Churchwardens: David Stephenson and Bryan Matthew