

St German's Church

9 June 2019 - Pentecost Sunday



Today we celebrate the feast of Pentecost, fifty days after the Resurrection of Jesus, when the Holy Spirit enflamed the minds and hearts of the early gathering of Christians. It is often called the birthday of the Church because it was from this moment that the identity of the followers of Jesus as an 'ecclesia' starts to become more clear and focused. With this new sense of identity comes the clearer mission and purpose: to go out to all the nations bringing the Good News of Christ to all who will receive it. This outwardly focused mission is only possible with whole hearted collaboration with God's Holy Spirit and humble acceptance of the gifts and trials that will come their way. Of course, this mission continues with us, the beneficiaries of Pentecost. Our calling remains: to hand on what we have received.

Parish Notes:

Finance Team - meets in the vicarage tomorrow Monday 10 June at 7pm.

Rome and Assisi Pilgrimage 2019 - 2-6 December. If you are interested in going please see Fr Phelim. Cost of flights from Bristol, transfers and transport in Rome and to Assisi will be £250.

Memorial Garden - As the weather improves the time for weeding and tending to our garden returns. If you were able to help us with an hour or two of gentle gardening over the next two weeks in advance of our summer fayre we would be most appreciative.

Summer Fayre & BBQ - A brief meeting for the fete will take place after mass today and the following Sundays. We need as many people as possible to help build on last year's success to engages our local community. Our focus is inviting young families. Games and kids activity ideas are needed. We will have flyers, and list of roles and jobs next week.

Renovations and Works Thanks again all for your forbearance during these essential works. Thanks to Peter Lovitt for coordinating and overseeing it all.

Easter Course - 'Faith Pictures' faith nurturing course - Next meets in St German's on Monday 17 June.

Social Events - 22 June Summer Fayre; 20 July Ceili Night.

Recently Departed: Steven Hart, Barry Gordon Griffiths, Jean Leach RIP

This week:

Sun 9 Pentecost

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

4pm Messy Ch. (St S)

Mon 10:

6:00pm Mass (St G)

Mary, Mother of the Church

Tues 11:

10am Mass (St S)

St Barnabas, Apostle

Wed 12:

10am Mass (St G)

Thur 13:

5:45pm mass (St S)

Jesus Eternal High Priest

Fri 14:

6:00pm Mass (St S)

Sat 15:

11am Mass (St S)

Sun 16: Trinity

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass;

St German's:

11:00 am Sung Mass

6pm Benediction

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Acts 2:1-11

Ps 104:1+24, 29-30, 31+34

1 Cor 12:3-7,12-13

John 18-17, 25-27

READINGS NEXT WEEK

2 Sam 12:7-10, 13

Ps 32:1-2, 5, 7, 11

Gal 2:16, 19-21

Luke 7:36-50

PSALM RESPONSE

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

(3vv)

Today's hymns: 114 Come down, O love, divine; 118 Come Holy Ghost; 622 Sweet sacrament divine; 231 God's Spirit is in my heart. Mass setting: Rizza (955)

COLLECT

God, who 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. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

The First reading is from the book of Acts.

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Acts 2

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **R/**

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust
from which they came.
You send forth your spirit,
they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **R/**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. **R/**

Psalm 104

SECOND READING

The Second Reading is from the book of Revelations.

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

This is the word of the Lord.

1 Cor 12

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John.

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show

us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

John 14

REGINA CAELI

Joy to thee,
O Queen of Heaven, alleluia
He whom thou
wast meet to bear, alleluia.
As he promised, hath arisen, alleluia.
Pour for us to him thy prayer, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad,
O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
For the Lord has risen indeed, alleluia.

Let us pray:
O God, by the Resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, you have brought joy to the whole world: grant that, by the help of his mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life; through Christ the Lord.
Amen.