Sunday 28th May 2023 PENTECOST



Collect for the Week

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.

10.00 am Festival Eucharist (CW)

President & Preacher: Rev. Nicholas Burton

10.00 am Family Service with Holy Communion at the Church Centre

Also on Zoom

President: The Vicar, Link: Chris Bassett

Hymns: Oh Jesus I have promised

All my days -"beautiful Saviour"

I will offer up my life Thine be the glory

Readings: Acts 2.1-21 (NIV page 1093)

John 7.37-39 (NIV page 1072)

Communion prayer: G

6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)

Minister & Preacher: The Vicar

Hymn: NEH 140 Holy Spirit, come, confirm us

Psalm: 138 BCP page 524

1st Reading: Joel 2.21-end Tony Bourne

Magnificat: C

2nd Reading: John 7.37-39 Barbara Bourne

Nunc dimittis: C

Anthem: Come down O Love divine - Harris

Hymn: NEH 248 (2nd tune) O Strength and Stay

Amen: 15

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY 29th May

BANK HOLIDAY Parish Office closed

TUESDAY 30th Josephine Butler, social reformer, 1906 Parish Office closed

WEDNESDAY 31st The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

10.00 am – 12 noon Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer 12 noon - 2 pm Charlie's Angels pop-up lunch at the Church Centre

THURSDAY 1st June Justin, Martyr at Rome

10.00 am – 12 noon Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

12.30 pm Lunch Club at the Church Centre

6.00 pm Youth Council Meeting in the Lodge

FRIDAY 2nd

10.00 am – 12 noon Church at the Church Centre open for private prayer

12:30 pm Community Larder at the Church Centre

6.30 pm Junior Choir practice

7.30 pm Full Choir practice

SATURDAY 3rd The Martyrs of Uganda, 1855-7, 1977

NEXT SUNDAY 4th June

TRINITY SUNDAY

10.00 am Eucharist (CW)

President & Preacher: The Vicar

10.00 am Family Service at the Church Centre

Lead: Daphne Pilcher, Link: Rosemary Romano

6.30 pm Evensong (BCP)

Minister & Preacher: The Vicar



Altar Flowers at the Parish Church

The altar flowers in Church today are given by Fiona and Thomas in loving memory of their parents Helena and Colin Craig and Andrew Fleming

NEWS AND NOTES

From the Vicarage

Warm greetings to you all and welcome to our services today, the feast of Pentecost (Whitsun) when we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' first disciples.

As we worship together today, I pray that the Almighty God will fill us afresh with the Holy Spirit and "clothe us with power from on high" to lead transformed and transforming lives so that everyone we meet would see and meet God in and through us.

Ronnie

Book Review

You may like to know that Tony Rutherford's book 'Meeting Christianity again for the First Time' is mentioned in the resources section of the latest Diocesan Magazine 'Together'. Copies of the magazine are available in both Churches.

Intercessors and Readers

We will now be doing the rota on a quarterly basis starting in July so I need to know the names of those who are willing to contribute to our worship in this way. Very many thanks to those of you who have already made contact with me. I would like to make a start within the next few days so please do make contact with me - Daphne Pilcher - dpilcher@talktalk.net - either giving specific dates and stating morning or evening services, or just saying generally you would be happy to help. Daphne.

Leading Intercessions in Church

A workshop is being held on the 3rd June from 10 am –to 12 noon at Meopham Parish Centre. It is for anyone who leads, would like to lead, or who has been asked but does not have the courage to lead prayers in church. The workshop will look at some basic "do's and don'ts", patterns of intercession and responses. If you have an interest in attending please contact Tim Harrold via email at tim.harrold@outlook.com or mobile on 07413 805814.

Voces 8 Concert

Two tickets for sale, privately, for their SOLD-OUT concert in Lamberhurst St Marys Church on Thursday June 29th at 7.30 pm. Tickets £30 each from Tony Rutherford, phone 07527 337 441.

Vacuum Cleaner

The vacuum cleaner at the Parish Church needs replacing as it no longer works. If you have one that you are able to donate we would be most grateful. Please speak to/contact Ginette or the Wardens.

Family Service

We are holding a "Songs of Praise" service on 18th June. As this is Father's Day it would be really good to have choices from the men of the congregation and / or favourites of your Fathers. If you could include a few words about why you or they like that hymn it makes it more personal. Thank you. Please let Jean Kerr have any requests by the end of May to allow time to put the service together. Contact details are jeak4000@gmail.com or 07905758799.

Summer Fayre Saturday 17th at The Church Centre 11 am to 2 pm

We would be very grateful for donations of good quality jumble and bric a brac. Collection boxes will be in both the Church and the Church Centre.

Also Raffle Prizes and Bottles for the Bottle Stall.

Nearer the time cakes and plants would also be greatly appreciated.



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A FINANCIAL OFFERING TODAY YOU CAN LEAVE IT ON THE PLATE/BASKET AS YOU LEAVE OR USE OUR CONTACTLESS PAY MACHINES THANK YOU

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