

THE PARISHES OF ST MARGARET AND  
ST MARK DUNHAM MASSEY

Pentecost Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020

## Newsletter and Weekly Prayer Sheet

***Hello Everyone,***

I hope everyone is keeping well and staying safe.

This week we have the second of our pieces written by a member of the congregation. Today's piece is from Christine Pidcock. I hope you enjoy it.

The work of church continues. I am waiting to hear from the Diocese about the trees in the car park. They will need to come down, as they are slowly but surely pushing the wall over with their roots. It is in danger of collapsing onto the fence which belongs to the school. I'll keep you posted. By the time this goes to press I will hopefully, have had a Zoom meeting with the Archdeacon on Friday. This is a first! I'll let you know about that in due course.

And finally... if during this week of Pentecost you are moved by the spirit and would like to write a piece please send your contribution (200-300 words) to me, my email is on the newsletter, and we can have it included in future weeks.

Take care and stay safe and well.

Love and Blessings

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### **A Prayer for Pentecost**

Come Holy Ghost our souls inspire  
And lighten with perpetual fire  
Thou the anointing spirit art who do'st  
Thy sevenfold gifts impart  
Thy blessed unction from above  
Is comfort, light and fire of love  
Through the ages all along  
This shall be our endless song  
Praise to thy eternal merit  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
**Amen**

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for our short weekly service.

### **Readings**

Acts 2, 1-21

### **The 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. **Amen**

## My Inheritance - Thoughts for this week

After my godmother died I received a message from her daughter saying that her mother had left something for me. It turned out to be a book; not a printed book but one in which she had written quotations, favourites poems and prayers.

Have you ever listened to the radio programme where they play “inheritance tracks”? These consist of a piece of music the person has inherited and one they would pass on. The inheritor has to explain their significance. Of course I can only guess what these written pieces meant to my godmother but they do reveal her deep faith and the thoughts that guided her life. She loved nature, particularly the beauty and peace it brings. She was grateful for all the blessings life brings but able to accept the challenges too. The quotes also reveal her great sense of humour. It was a wonderful gift to have been bequeathed. As well as the choice of quotations, there is something particularly personal about somebody’s handwriting. It is a tangible link to them. It is sad that in the future we will have little in the way of handwritten letters or notes to remind us of people. How privileged we feel to look at handwritten medieval illustrated books; historical legal documents; first drafts of famous books; personal letters of people otherwise only known by deeds and dates. It is one of the reasons museums keep objects that have been touched by people from the past.

Having received this gift I decided to start my own book. If I come across something which expresses my own feelings, I jot it down. My handwriting is not as neat as my Godmother’s but maybe, some day, someone will appreciate it and feel they know me and my feelings a bit more too. Or maybe there will be a quote they find that helps them look at life differently.

I am going to finish with one of my godmother’s chosen quotations. It seems particularly apt as this time. “Let nothing disturb thee; nothing affright thee. All things are passing, God never changeth; Patient endurance attaineth to all things.”  
St Theresa of Avila

**Christine Pidcock**

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**Hope to see you soon.**