

THE PARISHES OF ST MARGARET AND
ST MARK DUNHAM MASSEY

Pentecost Sunday 31st May 2020

Newsletter and Weekly Prayer Sheet

Notes for the Parish Pump.

Dear Friends at Bickham,

As Gilbert and Sullivan once said, 'Here's a pretty state of things, a pretty state of things!' Before sitting down to write this I want you to know that I've washed my hands whilst singing Happy Birthday twice and wiped my pen with a sterile wipe!

24th March

Last week Sainsbury's opened the doors early for older people only. My husband returned after a bruising experience! He reported that elderly women were wielding trolleys like weapons! Believe me - you're well out of it!!

31st March

We walk round Lymm Dam every day for our one hour's exercise. Yesterday, a chilly day, we saw a bare-chested, tattooed man standing on his head! His black and white mongrel dog was standing stock still, its back arched, staring incredulously at his owner. It was a funny sight! When he became upright I waved at the man and he smiled. There is a new-found friendliness between the walking fraternity.

14th April

I am so glad Boris has bounced back! I felt sick when I heard he was in Intensive Care. What a testing time for those who have to make decisions! It is at times like this that it makes one realise that we are all in this together. We all have our parts to play. The person who cleans the hospital ward is as vital as the surgeon in theatre and TV both are skilled workers. What do you think?

5th May

On Monday I was doing my exercises in the bedroom when the Bin Men came. I leant out of the window and clapped them - heartily!! They smiled and one of them - a black man in a black mask - put his hands on his heart and mouthed THANKYOU giving me a thumbs up. I did the same back to him. It was a moment I will not forget.

19th May

Another activity on Zoom is the Family Quiz! It is highly competitive and great fun! Many answers cause much hilarity. E. g. Who painted the Mona Lisa? Answer: Picasso!!

Ooooh the sun has just come out! Garden here I come! Meantime - STAY ALERT and keeeeee SMILING!

Best wishes,

Your Tuesday friend, Jessica

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**

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

What is Pentecost?



Pentecost is the festival when Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. celebrated on the Sunday 50 days after Easter (the name comes from the *pentekoste*, "fiftieth") It is also called Whitsun, but does not necessarily coincide with the Whitsun Bank Holiday in the UK. Pentecost is regarded as the birthday of the Christian church, and the start of the church's mission to the world.

The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the third part of the [Trinity](#) of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Celebrating Pentecost

Pentecost is a happy festival. Ministers in church often wear robes with red in the design as a symbol of the flames in which the Holy Spirit came to earth.

Pentecost Symbols

The symbols of Pentecost are those of the Holy Spirit and include flames, wind, the breath of God and a dove.

The first Pentecost

Pentecost comes from a Jewish harvest festival called Shavout. The apostles were celebrating this festival when the Holy Spirit descended on them. It sounded like a very strong wind, and it looked like tongues of fire. The apostles then found themselves speaking in foreign languages, inspired by the Holy Spirit. People passing by at first thought that they must be drunk, but the apostle Peter told the crowd that the apostles were full of the Holy Spirit.



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Hope to see you soon.