

This week in Church

Mon - Wed	8.10am	Morning Prayer
Mon, Tues & Thurs	5.15pm	Evening Prayer
Tues	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Wed	10.30am	Holy Communion in Merrow Hall Wednesday Coffee Club
Fri	6.30pm	Choir Practice

Next Sunday - 11th June - Trinity Sunday

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Parish Eucharist
6.30pm	Evening Prayer (said)

NOTICES

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN- everyone should have received by now an envelope enclosing the appeal from the Clergy and the Churchwardens concerning our giving to God's work at St John's. If you have not yet received this, please ask the clergy or churchwardens. We are all asked to prayerfully consider the current financial position of our church and to respond to the appeal and to God's generosity to us so that we can actively continue our work for Him here in Merrow. Robert and Helen

STEWARDSHIP PARTY NEXT Sunday 11th June in the Centre after the 10am Service. This is your moment to share your thoughts, worries and optimism about the Church.

FAIRTRADE STALL in the Centre this morning

ST JOHN'S SUMMER FETE NEXT SAT 10th June, 2-4pm - please see flyer for requests for help. Also articles in May and June's Parish Magazines. Boxes will be left at the back of Church for stall contributions, or contact stall holders, or bring to the Rectory on the morning of the fete. Thank you.
IF YOU NEED TRANSPORT TO THE FETE please phone Rosanne by Wednesday 579462.

PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY - 24th June, 9.30am to 12.30pm, at St Mary's Church, Quarry Street. For anyone who wants to take their spiritual life deeper. Led by Revd Sarah Hutton and Kristina Ingate. Just turn up. Optional donation towards costs.

WALK FOR WATERAID on Sat 10th June, 9am to 5pm, at Newlands Corner. Routes for all, but Group Walk on the 4 mile route at 11am. See poster in Centre.

PRAYER AT WORK and other useful tips for Faith in Business. Mon 19th June, 7.45-9.45pm at St Saviour's Church. See poster in Church and Centre.



St John the Evangelist Merrow 4th June 2017 PENTECOST Today's Services



8.00am Holy Communion (C W Order 2)

President & Preacher: Jacqueline Drake-Smith

10.00am All-age Eucharist (see separate service sheet)

President: Diana Matthews

Preacher: Jacqueline Drake-Smith

Deacon: Dermot Verschoyle

6.30pm Evening Prayer (said)

Officiant: Dermot Verschoyle

THY KINGDOM COME - TODAY - walking from St John's at 2.30pm. Otherwise meet at the Cathedral. See flyer for more details.

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TODAY'S COLLECT & READINGS

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.

First Reading Acts 2.1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13

No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of

the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body Jews or Greeks, slaves or free and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Gospel John 20.19-23

It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

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.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: Pray for North East India (North India), The Rt Revd Michael Herenz

DIOCESE CALENDAR OF PRAYER: Pray for the Discipleship, Vocation and Ministry Team:

Hazel Whitehead (Director), William Challis and the DDO Team, Steve Summers and the LMP Team, Glynis Beazley (Vocations Adviser); Matt Prior, Sarah Hutton, Sue Lawrence and Jane Huttly; Louise Redfern and the administration team; pray for their work of encouragement, discernment and training for all forms of Christian ministry.

IN AND AROUND THE PARISH: Pray for those who live and work in Bushy Hill

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

Alan Purser Martin Jeffreys Linda Ratnieks Liz Gale Kaye White John Higgins Dawn Swarbrigg Brenda Mansey Penny Evans

FOR THE DEPARTED AND THOSE WHO MOURN:

Pauline Eagle Roger Fox Christine White

THE PARISH VISION PRAYER:

Lord of life, as we work to build a vision for St John's, enable this Church to hear your calling, to discern your direction and to prepare the way.

Limit us not to our own hopes, ideas and agendas,

but enlighten us to your eternal vision for our church, community and new Incumbent;

so that together we can be messengers of your gospel,

walking faithfully in the ways of your Son Jesus Christ. Amen