

NOTICES

The Great Garden Tidy Event!

Sunday 18th June, 2 - 5pm.

Do you enjoy gardening and being outdoors? We'd love for you to help rejuvenate the church grounds and garden this June. This is a **drop-in event** (no sign-up required) and you're welcome to stay for as long or short a time as you're able. **Delicious refreshments** will be provided for everyone who comes along! *Please bring your own gloves and gardening equipment if possible.*

We're also looking for volunteers who may be able to help take garden waste to the local recycling facility on **Monday 19th June, anytime from 9.30am.**

Please speak with Rev Andy Smith if you can help with this or contact: hello@stpetersbengeworth.org

For our Prayers this Week: For those who are sick, in special need or housebound. Mark, Dave, Kate, Sylvia, John, Colin, Sigi, Anne, Helen (Pat's daughter). **For the family and friends of those who have died:** Jenny (Rev Andy Smith's Mum), Michael, Mrs Agnes White, Pamela.

May Prayer Focus:

Bible Verse: Psalm 127:1 Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.

Prayer: Please pray for the local elections and for the newly elected local councillors and local government; that good decisions would be made to bring prosperity and good living conditions for the whole of our community. Please also pray for St Peter's PCC and MST; for the building of good relationships within the teams (particularly those newly appointed).

Pray that as issues are discussed and decisions made, all would be done to the Glory and Honour of God. which would result in St Peter's being a more comfortable and God honouring place to be.



Sunday 28th May 2023



Today's Services and Events – Pentecost

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.15am Morning Eucharist
- 11.00am Informal Gathering Children's Groups (Service includes a Baptism for Leonardo Knight).

Gluten free Communion breads are available. Do please ask one of the welcomers or the Wardens if you require this. The Church is fitted with a loop system. To use this, please switch your hearing aid to 'T'.

Church Diary for the Week

- Tues 30th May - 7.30pm Prayer Meeting
- Weds 31st May - 10.00am Holy Communion
- Thurs 1st June – 1.00pm Funeral: Mrs Agnes White
- Thurs 1st June - 7.30pm Alpha
- Fri 2nd June – 10.00am Choir Practice
- Fri 2nd June - 11.00am Church Cleaning

Next Sunday's Services and Events – 4th June 2023

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.15am Morning Eucharist
- 11.00am Informal Gathering All Together Service
- 3.00pm Thanksgiving Service: Star Valentine Young

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If you have any questions, please speak with Tim Clack or email him at: treasurer@stpetersbengeworth.org



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.

Bible Reading: Acts 2:1-21

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. **2** Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. **5** Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. **6** When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. **7** Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" **8** Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? **9** Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome **11** (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" **12** Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" **13** Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."**14** Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. **15** These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! **16** No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: **17** "'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

18 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. **19** I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. **20** The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. **21** And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-23

19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" **20** After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." **22** And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. **23** If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Post Communion:

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to ever 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.

