

Sunday 31 May 2020

Pentecost - Come Holy Spirit

Dear All

This week we look forward to celebrating Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit. We also come to the end of the 'Thy Kingdom Come' prayer initiative, I hope you have found ways to engage with that through this past week, praying for friends and neighbours. Many thanks to Katherine for posting the regular prompts on our Facebook page.

Sunday Service

This week will be an All Age Communion service for Pentecost, and I'm delighted that Matt Green will be preaching. Sadly, we still cannot share physically in Communion and so I will invite you, as I did at Easter, to join in a 'spiritual Communion' through prayer. It's also traditional, at the end of the Pentecost service, to light individual candles, so you might like to have one ready with some matches before the service begins. As ever, the links for our service and for the service sheet will be on our [website](#). If you are having any trouble accessing it, please do ask for help, we don't want anyone missing out!

Thy Kingdom Come (21-31 May)

A reminder that these are the last few days of Thy Kingdom Come. Please continue to pray for your friends and people in your neighbourhood; use the TKC resources and prompts on the Facebook page; and display the poster in your window if you haven't already.

A Better World - Artwork

In June we are going to be following a sermon series based on the Tearfund resource 'The World Rebooted', thinking about how we might build on recent experiences to create a better world for the future. If you like doing artwork – drawing, painting etc – please would you create a picture of the changes you would like to see, take a photo of it and send it to me electronically, or post the original through my door with a brief explanation of what it shows? I am hoping to make a display and use them in Sunday services through June. It would be lovely to see your ideas.

Christian Aid

Thank you to all those who have already contributed to Christian Aid Week. Great News - so far locally we have raised just over £7,000. Certainly well worth a celebration. There is still time to donate via the local Just Giving Page on the Christian Aid Website.

All your donations are greatly appreciated and will support much needed work in poor communities. In addition to the various challenges these people have, they, like us, continue to face coronavirus but without the resources that we have around us.

Many thanks, Jane North.

Flower Festival

It feels sad to reflect that this weekend would have been the flower festival. However, you can still visit - virtually - a blog about the Sing for Joy! Flower Festival held in 2016:

<https://stmaryincharnwoodflower.blogspot.com/p/sing-for-joy-2016.html>

[AND we might have a proper flower arrangement to enjoy, courtesy of Pam, at our Sunday service!]

Wednesdays at 12

We're onto the third video this week in the series 'Exploring Prayer' by the Archbishop of Canterbury which can be found here: [Exploring Prayer 3](#).

"Come, Holy Spirit, come! In flame our souls with love, transforming every heart and home with wisdom from above." (from the hymn 'Come Holy Spirit' with words by Michael Forster.) With love in Christ, Adele