

**Spring is here...** though as I write the temperature doesn't let me know!

This month is an historic month. Three bank holidays! For everyone under 71 it will be the first coronation we have witnessed. Whatever your view of the monarchy, it will be a memorable occasion as the world watches on.

At the other end of the month it is Pentecost. 28 May.

Pentecost is sometimes known as the birth of the church. The day we remember when the disciples first received the gift of the Holy Spirit.

On that day, the many people gathered in Jerusalem from many different countries saw and heard Peter and the other disciples speaking but everyone heard it in their own language. From that day the disciples were no longer hiding away scared at what might happen to them. They had confidence that God was with them. And as the church grew more people were blessed by the Holy Spirit and many received new gifts; things like

wisdom, compassion, understanding, the ability to speak about Jesus, to pray for people, gifts of generosity and creativity. We can read more about it in the Epistles, especially Ephesians, Galatians and 1 Corinthians 12.

It was God equipping his people to do His work. For many who read about it, it seems somewhat strange but for those who in faith seek to understand and live into all that God has for them, the Holy Spirit brings transformation of life. It is the Holy Spirit who strengthens our faith, gives us courage when things are tough, peace when troubled and wisdom beyond our knowledge.

The Holy Spirit is not to be feared as God only wants good things for his people. And no matter how old we are there is always more from God.

Do you want more from God?

This month, let's us together seek to know more of God and the gifts he wants to give us today and pray that we would have courage to receive them.

## Services this month.

10am unless stated

### 7 May

Communion in St. James, Ashwick with prayers for the King

### 14th May

Morning worship in All Saints, Oakhill

### 21st May

Communion in St. James Ashwick

### 28th May

Pentecost  
Communion service  
Holy Trinity Binegar

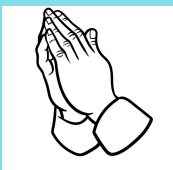
### 4pm

Wild Church Picnic in the Fair Field  
Community Orchard (bring your own)  
Campfire provided!

### 4th June

Communion in St. James Ashwick

## PRAYERS



10am Tuesdays  
Farmyard chapel  
Simbriss Farm

This short time of prayer is quiet and reflective. Time to centre on God and pray for our villages, family and friends.

## OPEN GARDEN

Simbriss Farm  
13&14 May  
2-5pm

£4 (children free) in aid of  
Dorothy House Hospice



*Bishop Michael to play historic role at Coronation*

The Cabinet Office has announced that 13 individuals will play historic roles at the heart of the Coronation. Among them are Bishop Michael and Paul Butler, Bishop of Durham, who will act as Bishop Assistant to The King.

Commenting on the announcement, the Rt Revd Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath and Wells says, "I am deeply honoured that as the Bishop of Bath and Wells I will have the privilege of supporting His Majesty King Charles and Her Majesty the Queen Consort during the service of Coronation. It is a truly historic moment and humbling to realise that this continues a tradition dating back to Richard I in 1189. The church family in Bath and Wells will be praying for their Majesties as we approach the Coronation and marking the event itself with services of celebration, community events and volunteering."



## A prayer for the King

Almighty God, the fountain of all  
goodness,  
bless our Sovereign Lord, King Charles,  
and all who are in authority under him;  
that they may order all things  
in wisdom and equity, righteousness  
and peace,  
To the honour of your name,  
And the good of your Church and  
people;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

