

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

The reading from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading.

Either Acts 2:1-21

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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."

Or Numbers 11:24-30

PSALM Psalm 104:25-35. 37

R Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

O Lord, how manifold are your works! in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. **R**

Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, creatures both small and great. There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, which you have made for the sport of it. **R**

All of them look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it to them, they gather it; you open your hand and they are filled with good things. You hide your face and they are terrified; you take away their breath and they die and return to their dust. **R**

You send forth your Spirit and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth. May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in all his works. He looks at the earth and it trembles; he touches the mountains and they smoke. **R**

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.

May these words of mine please him; I will rejoice in the Lord. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Alleluia! **R**

SECOND READING

Either 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

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 baptised into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Or Acts 2:1-21

GOSPEL

Either John 20:19-23

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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."

Or John 7:37-39

POST COMMUNION

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.

May 24th 2026 – Pentecost Sunday – Parish of the Harwich Peninsula

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting: The report booklet and the accounts are available if you missed them ahead of the meeting. The results of elections will be made known. Our next meeting as a Parochial Church Council is July 8th (Wednesday) at 7pm. The venue will be announced.

Bible Study: there is an opportunity to join a Bible Study at All Saints on Wednesday 27th May and 24th June 7-9pm. More details from Sioux Thorpe.

Children's Society: boxes can be handed in now and we will ensure they reach Enid Godfrey.

The Leprosy Mission: Thank you to everyone who donated to our recent Leprosy Mission collection. With your generous support an amazing £212.10 will be sent to help support the Mission's work in the treatment of, and education around, this terrible condition. Enid.

Thy Kingdom Come: each church has copies of Archbishop Sarah Mullally's booklet God With Us. Please take as many copies as you can use from Ascension Day to Pentecost and pray! The beautiful booklet has been provided at no cost to the parish.

Parish Development: the Rector will be using 3 Sundays in June to explore the history and outlook of St Nicholas with the congregation there, using material from the Rev. Dr Richard Impey with whom Ian worked in the diocese of Sheffield; our story, our size, our stage, our purpose and our outlook.

Deanery Service with Bishop Guli on Sunday 31st May 3pm - PRAISE IN THE GARDEN at Little Bentley Hall. All are welcome but we do need a little help. We are seeking Cakes or Tray Bakes as we expect around 300 or more to join us for this event; if you can offer this could you let Nigel know (nigel@garden-shows.com) and deliver to his home, Bentley Manor, Church Road, Little Bentley CO7 8SE (Opposite St Mary's Church, Little Bentley) before the event, if possible on Saturday 30th May. Please let him know how many you can make. If any of you would like to help with serving Teas and cake after the service, please let Nigel know. After the service visit the wonderful Gardens and Waterways there, renowned as one of one of the finest private gardens in East Anglia.

Coffee Morning at All Saints: Saturday 6th June, All Saints are having a coffee morning. 10am-12pm. Donations of raffle prizes, homemade cake, books and jigsaws greatly appreciated. Also help on the day, many thanks, Maureen. 07871 643339.

Garden Party: Saturday 20th June, 10am-12pm at 15 Mayes Lane, CO12 5EJ. There will be a Raffle, cake stall, plant stall and bingo. Any donations for raffle or stalls welcome. Please contact Dawn on 07963 707825.

Seafarers Update: We recently met David Offord from the Felixstowe Seafarers Mission to pass on 100 hats and a load of toiletry items. Grateful thanks to everyone who contributes in any way. We will continue to collect both of these and are hoping to hold a "woolly hats day" in the Autumn. Janet and Diane.

Rector's holiday: please note the Rector will be away until 1st June. He is very grateful to those offering cover during those weeks, especially the Rev. Stephen Northfield and the Rev. Claire Scargill.

Baptised in May: Mia Valerie Louise Judd; Hallie-Ann Jane Newberry

Married in May: Eleanor Grace Hubbard and Daniel Thomas **Blessing after a wedding:** Simon and Min

Departed in April/May: Marlene Angela Heather Broom; Daniel James Sime; Betty Edith Holbrook; Richard Arthur Mason; David Thorpe; Susan Frances Clark; Peter Savage; Rachel (Ron) Calver; Jean Brooksbank; Deborah Gordon; Linda Smith; Ian Edward Stevens.

St Michael's worship 9am each Sunday (Communion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays)

All Saints worship 10.30am each Sunday (Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays)

St Nicholas worship 10.30am each Sunday (Communion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays)

You should be able to access the hearing loop in each building – please let us know if you cannot

1st Sunday of every month: Prayer Book Evensong at St Nicholas at 5pm

2nd Sunday of the month: Pop Up church at St Michael's at 3pm

3rd Sunday of every month: Prayer and Praise at St Michael's at 5pm

4th Saturday of every month (except August and December): Messy Church in the Esplanade Hall from 2-4pm. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

1st Tuesday of every month: Hymns and Service at Don Thomson Residential Home at 11am

2nd Monday of every month: Hymns and Service at Lime Court Residential Home at 11am

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www.harwichparish.co.uk or www.achurchnearyou.com or our Facebook pages.

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