



The Benefice of Crockham Hill and Westerham



Sunday 24th May, Pentecost (Whitsun)

8.00am Holy Communion in Traditional Language at Westerham. A quiet service based on the poetic liturgy of the Book of Common Prayer, without hymns.

10.00am, Holy Communion at

Crockham Hill: a relaxed, welcoming service in modern language with hymns. **Readings: 8am and 10am:** Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23

10.30am, Holy Communion at Westerham: in modern language with hymns. Please join us for refreshments and a chat afterwards.

Readings: Acts 2:1-21; John 7:37-39

After the 10.30am service: *2nd Sunday* planning meeting. Everyone's welcome.

Whoever you are, wherever you live, whichever church you consider 'yours', whatever life is like for you and regardless of money, status, (dis)ability or anything else, you will be welcome at any service in the Benefice.

Day	Time	Church diary this week
Tues – Sat	9.00 – 9.30am	Morning Prayer (Westerham) in the Resurrection Chapel; a short service of prayer and readings
Tuesday	10am – 12 noon 7.45pm	Coffee Time at Westerham Community Hub in the JFR. Join us for tea, coffee, snacks and friendship Bellringing practice
Wednesday	10am 10am – 12 noon	Midweek Communion (Westerham): a said service. Jigsaw Group at Westerham Community Hub in the JFR. Come along for refreshments and a chat
Thursday	7.00pm	Choir practice in the John Fryth Room

Sunday 31st May, Trinity Sunday

Readings: 2 Corinthians 13:11-end; Matthew 28:16-end

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12.30pm, Baptism of Finlay at Crockham Hill

The **Westerham Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCM)** were held on **Wednesday 20th May**. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to the reports and accounts.



An updated list of Parochial Church Council members and officers will be added to the website and noticeboard in due course and a report on the meeting will appear in next week's newsletter.

Saturday 30th May, 10am to 4pm, A Prayer Festival at St Benedict's Centre, West Malling. Please see poster for details.

Choral Evensong at Lancing College Chapel: Many of us will be travelling to Lancing College Chapel on Sunday 7th June to hear the choir sing choral evensong. This promises to be a wonderful event and a great way to hear the choir in a completely different setting. We have hired a coach and the cost per head is £20. At the time of writing there are a few places still available on the coach, so please email the Benefice Office if you would like a seat on the coach. Thank you.

A big boost for the Westerham organ refurbishment fund:

The fundraising effort for the elderly organ received a huge boost in the last couple of weeks: the Heritage Trust pledged £50,000 of their funds to the appeal. Not only is this a generous sum, but it also raises the fund to a level where we can apply to other grant-awarding organisations for help. The Working Group has high hopes of another substantial pledge soon and has two further grant applications on the go.

Our heartfelt thanks go to the Heritage Trust, for whom this is the largest allocation of the funds which their hard work has raised over the last few years.

The Working Group moves forward feeling positive - and confident - both that the remaining funds needed will be achieved and that we can remove or reduce to an absolute minimum anything which might possibly get in the way of completing the refurbishment!

At the Westerham and Crockham Hill Annual Town Meeting last week, **Margaret and Fred Webb** were awarded the 'Environmental Hero' award for their dedicated work in keeping Westerham clean and beautiful - especially their years of litter picking in all weathers. Congratulations to you both and thank you.

Bell Sunday on the BBC: in advance of Bell Sunday on 17th May, *The One Show* showed an item on bell ringing in Kent which included footage of the Westerham ringers in the tower and a brief word with Margaret, who said, "I've only been ringing for 40 years!"

Trinity School in Sevenoaks is looking for an Assistant Chaplain, who does not need to be ordained. Follow the link for more information: [Opportunities at Trinity School - Trinity School](#)

A Prayer for Peace: God of peace and justice, we lift up to you the peoples of Ukraine, the Middle East and Sudan today. We pray for all the world's war zones, for the laying down of weapons and end to calls of violence; for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them; for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, asking you to hold, protect and provide for them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

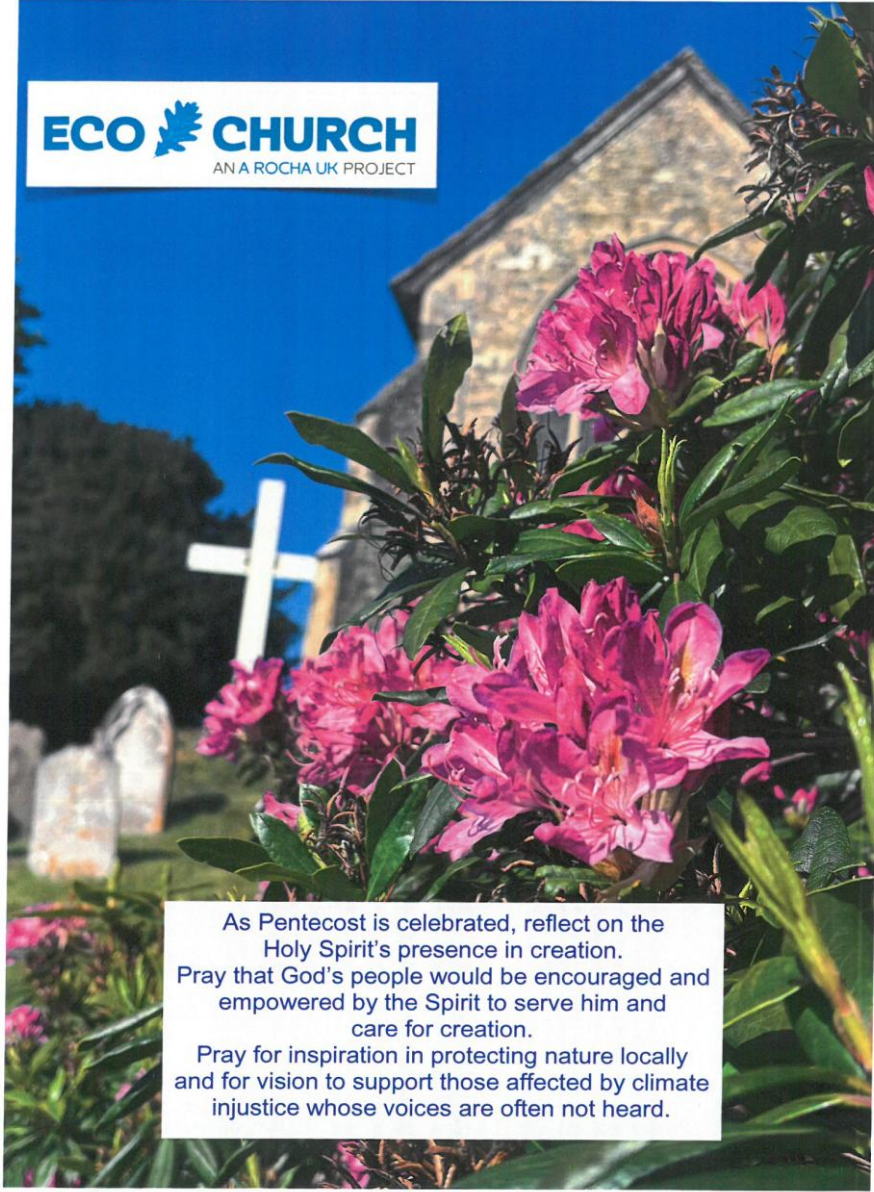
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As Pentecost is celebrated, reflect on the Holy Spirit's presence in creation. Pray that God's people would be encouraged and empowered by the Spirit to serve him and care for creation.

Pray for inspiration in protecting nature locally and for vision to support those affected by climate injustice whose voices are often not heard.