



The Parish Church of

St John the Baptist

Serving the communities of Bodicote,
Cherwell Heights and Longford Park

Our Parish Prayer Ever living God, give us the courage to be your church in the community and for the community, and teach us new ways to share your love with all those around us. Amen.

Sunday 24 May Pentecost

Collect

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the
gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath
of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

First Reading: Acts 2: 1-21

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.’

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13

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

Gospel Reading: John 20: 19-23

When it was evening on that day, 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.”

Post-communion Prayer

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.

Amen

Notices

Bishop Loveday School needs your help. The school is seeking a new committed and enthusiastic Foundation Governor to join the governing body and help guide the strategic direction of our school, whilst up holding the Christian values and ethos. You don’t need to be an education expert just keen to share some of your time and skills to serve your community and help shape the future of

the school. To find out more speak to a current governor: Libby, Marian or Helen.

A huge “thank you” to all who supported last week’s **community fete** in any way - whether you donated to the stalls, bought raffle tickets or helped on the day. It was a lovely afternoon, despite the weather not being quite as we would have wished! Lots of families came along and enjoyed all that was on offer.

Together, the various charities and community groups taking part raised well in excess of £700 between them for their groups. As a church, we raised roughly £1,200 from the raffle and other stalls we ran. Thank you to all involved.

If you are interested in finding out any more about the various organisations that took part, please contact Ann as she has all the contact details and can put you in touch.

Diary for this week

All in church unless otherwise stated

Sunday 24 May

8am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.45am All-age Parish Communion
7.00pm Pentecost Praise

Monday 25 May

8.30am **NO** Morning Prayer this week due to Bank Holiday

Thursday 28 May

Vicar’s day off

Sunday 31 May

8am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.45am Parish Communion with Sunday Club

Readings for 31 May

Isaiah 40: 12-17, 27-end,
2 Corinthians 13: 11-end.
Matthew 28: 16-end

This week we pray for all who live or work in The Rydes and Rydes Close.

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