



Pew Sheet for 24th May 2026

A warm welcome to everyone attending today's service

Pentecost

Please come into the hall for refreshments after the 09:30 service.

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.

Hymns:

CP175	Come Down O Love Divine
CP399	Christians Lift Up Your Hearts
CP191	O Thou who Camest from above
EWS155	Spirit of the Living God
CP192	On the day of Pentecost
EWS117	Lord the Light of your Love

Although there is no formal collection during the offertory hymn, please feel free to make a contribution to the work of St. Mary's either in the Treasury box at the back of church, or using the card reader, also at the back of church. Thank yo

Readings

Acts 2: 1-21

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

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 people 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."

Peter Addresses the Crowd

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews 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.'

John 7: 37-39

Rivers of Living Water

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.' " Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive, for as yet there was no Spirit because Jesus was not yet glorified.

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.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

SUNDAY 24TH MAY – we welcome Rt Revd Alwyn and his wife to our service.

SUNDAY 7TH JUNE - 9.30AM FAMILY FRIENDLY COMMUNION SERVICE led by Children and young people.

SUNDAY 14TH JUNE - 9.30am Vocation Sunday - Special speaker **Mr Craig Holmes**, DDO of the Diocese of Guildford

SUNDAY 5th JULY - 9.30am Youth Sunday - Special Speaker Mr Oli Deeks, Guildford Diocese Youth Worker.

SUNDAY 12TH JULY SECOND YOUTH CONVERSATION – 6pm with Mr David Lelliott.

Each Sunday, following the 9:30am service, someone is available in St Mary's Chapel to listen, pray, and offer pastoral support.

The church is also open every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:30am to 12:00pm for anyone who would like to come in for quiet prayer, reflection, or simply to spend time in the presence of God. On Thursday mornings from 9am I join Rod to pray together at the Church using the Church of England morning prayers. All are welcome.

In addition, we hold an 8:00am Holy Communion service on the first two Sundays of each month.