

The Greenway Benefice Sunday Sheet

Holy Trinity Badgeworth, St Paul's Shurdington, and St Mary's Witcombe with Bentham

(Sunday services, readings and prayers are on this sheet, please look in the Three in One for other news and notices)*

Sunday 24th May 2026

Pentecost Sunday



Today's Services:

10.30am St Mary's Benefice Holy Communion
*This will be the only service in the Benefice today-
all welcome.*

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.

Lectionary Readings

Acts 2.1–21

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. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ "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.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Psalm 104.26–36, 37b

26 O Lord, how manifold are your works! •
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

27 There is the sea, spread far and wide, •
and there move creatures beyond number, both small
and great.

28 There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan •
which you have made to play in the deep.

29 All of these look to you •
to give them their food in due season.

30 When you give it them, they gather it; •
you open your hand and they are filled with good.

31 When you hide your face they are troubled; •
when you take away their breath,
they die and return again to the dust.

32 When you send forth your spirit, they are created, •
and you renew the face of the earth.

33 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; •
may the Lord rejoice in his works;

34 He looks on the earth and it trembles; •
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

35 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; •
I will make music to my God while I have my being.

36 So shall my song please him •
while I rejoice in the Lord.

37 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth
and the wicked be no more. •

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Alleluia

1 Corinthians 12.3b–13

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. ¹³ 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.'²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

John 7.37–39

37 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,³⁸ 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."'³⁹ 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.

ECO tip for May

World Bee Day is on 20th May – why not help care for creation by looking after bees and other pollinators this month.

Take part in 'No Mow May' to allow bees access to wildflower pollen, and make water available. In the longer term try to grow more nectar rich flowers, shrubs and trees.

If you do not have a garden, window or balcony boxes are all helpful to give pollinators more chances to thrive.

This week's prayers

Please remember in your prayers:

- Those living in Greenway Lane and Greenway Close.
- Those who maintain and care for our village halls and Social Centre.
- We are also praying for the people of Ukraine and the Middle East, that they may freely live in peace.

Shurdington Primary School

We are continuing our school links, and we pray for the staff and pupils. This term's school value is Thankfulness.

Our Frontline Prayer

We thank you, Heavenly Father, for the gift of this community. We commend one another to you on our different frontlines.

Wherever we are, whatever we do, whoever we are, may the Holy Spirit guide us in all things so that we may do God's will in the world, in the service of Jesus Christ and with great joy. Amen

In Church next week

Sunday 7th June Trinity Sunday

8am	St Paul's	Holy Communion BCP
9:30am	St Paul's	Worship
11am	Holy Trinity	Worship
11am	St Mary's	All-age Worship