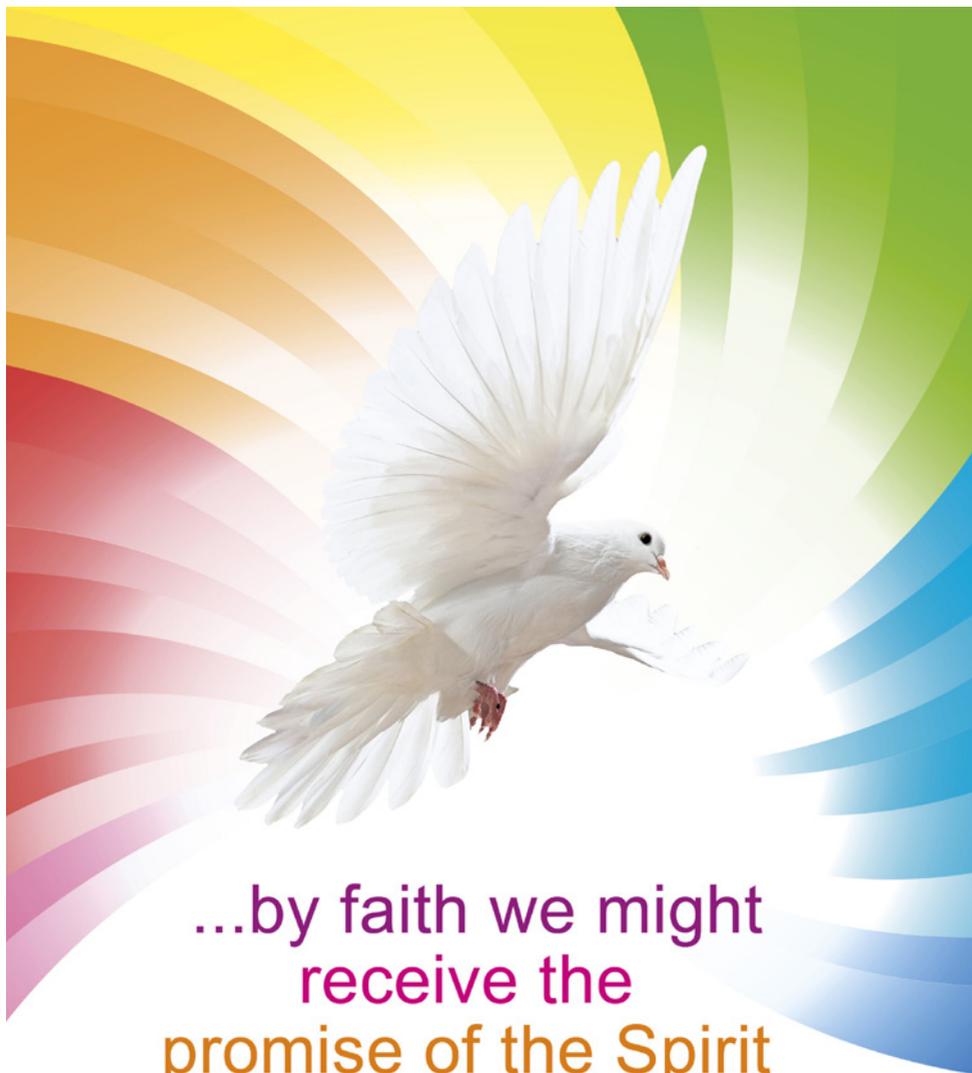


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May 2021



...by faith we might
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promise of the Spirit

Galatians 3:14

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Rogation Sunday - Beating the Bounds

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Sunday	Seed	Storm
May	Land	Prayer
Rogation	Romans	Cross
Beat	Processed	Boundaries
Bounds	Cornfields	Crops
Asking	Spring	Harvest
Blessing	Earthquake	maps

The first Sunday in May is Rogation Sunday. This is when many parishes still 'beat the bounds'. Rogation means an asking of God - for blessing on the seed and land. The practice began with the Romans, who processed around the cornfields each Spring, singing and dancing, sacrificing animals, in order to get rid of evil. About 465 AD the Western world was suffering from earthquake and storm. Mamerius, Bishop of Vienne, aware of the pagan custom, ordered that prayers should be said in the ruined or neglected fields. Thus 'beating the bounds' became a Christian ceremonial. It arrived in England early in the eighth century. Each Spring, led by the priest, a little party from the parish would set out with a Cross to trace the boundaries of the parish. They'd implore God to keep their corn and roots and boughs in good health, and bring them to harvest. In the days when maps were scarce, 'beating the bounds' helped remind everyone just where the boundaries were. Do you know yours today?

Mark's Message



Rev. Mark Waterstreet,
Curate in Charge

It was lovely to be able to hold our first service in church this year last Sunday 18th April, and to be able to see and speak with others in person. We were also able to pray for the Queen and the Royal family, following the death of Prince Phillip and for our community here in Dosthill.

As we continue to recover from the effects of the lockdown, it would seem an opportune time to consider what is really important to us and sustains us, and what our hopes are for the future?

Is there anything that we would like to leave behind?

Is there anything we would like to take with us?

Is there anything we would like to start doing?

The Resurrection of Christ celebrated on Easter Day, gives us as Christians hope now and for the future. In Matthew's Gospel Jesus says 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

It is evident that there is an ongoing search for rest in our world. This was supported by a recent newspaper article which reported that there has been a doubling of internet searches for the word 'prayer'. In April last year, a service led by Justin Welby from his kitchen, was viewed by five million viewers, the largest congregation recorded in history.

As we navigate our way out of lockdown, perhaps we'll discover new ways of viewing things as our lives are transformed one day at a time from the inside to the outside. and a new purpose and confidence as we become more aware of ourselves and others.

We at St Paul's will also be looking afresh at ways of being church as we reopen our doors and begin to welcome people back, why not join us?

With Blessings, **Mark**

Wardens' Update



Roy Baker and Pauline Peace,
Church Wardens

We hope you are keeping well. It is good to see that the vaccine is being rolled out at a pace and that life is slowly getting to something like near normal.

We wish to express our condolences on the passing of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh on Friday April 10th, a true servant of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth. Our thoughts and prayers are with Her Majesty the Queen and the Royal Family during this sad time. St. Paul's marked the passing of Prince Philip, by opening the church on Sunday and Wednesday mornings for private prayer and for people to light a candle in his memory. Also, the Union Flag was flown at half mast until after the funeral. Thanks to Garry Malpas for organising the flag.

Congratulations to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on celebrating her 95th birthday on April 21st.

Last month saw services being held in Church with a Holy Communion on April 18th at 6.30 p.m., which received a good response from a socially distanced congregation, as was indeed the second service on April 25th, again held at 6.30 p.m. Thanks to Lynn Smith for putting the bows across the pews, a welcoming addition. Although these services were both held at 6.30 p.m., next month will see the return of the morning service. As we said last month, during May services will still have to be by prior booking, wearing face masks and will be socially distanced. Then from June 21st if the Prime Minister gives the go ahead we



Easter Sunday sunrise service

hope to return as near to normal as possible, with a morning and evening service. Zoom and the online Evening service will continue during May.

On Easter Sunday morning 20 of our congregation braved the cold to join our Sunrise Holy Communion service held at 6.00 a.m. in the churchyard behind the Norman Chapel. This was led by our Area Dean, Revd Canon Louise Shaw with a Bible reading, read by Carolyn Baker. Also earlier in the week an Easter Day service had been recorded, with Mark leading, assisted by Carolyn, Joan and members of the Youth and Children group. This service was then streamed online on Easter Day. The Youth and Children group also held an act of worship to celebrate Easter at 10.30 a.m. in the Church grounds. They then joined in the W.I. Easter Bunny trail in their family groups. Morning Zoom and evening online services continued during April.

We would like to thank Louise, Mark, Carolyn, Joan and Carol Webb for leading or taking part in services, whether online or in Church. Also a big thank you to Simon for recording the Easter Day service. Another person we should also thank is Patrick Shaw who every week puts together the Evening online services. Thank you to Graham for playing the organ.

It is good to see the gardening team back in action again; they really do make our churchyard look so beautiful. Every week they give up their Wednesday mornings to help make our churchyard look so lovely. Our gratitude very much goes out to them.

Thanks to you all for the support you give the church in many different ways.

God Bless, **Roy and Pauline**

May Services

The following services are in church or on Zoom as indicated.

2 May

11am Holy Communion

9 May

11am All Age

16 May

11am Zoom Service - All Age

6.30pm Holy Communion

23 May

11am Zoom Service - Pentecost online/in church grounds TBC

6.30pm Evening Prayer

30 May 5th Sunday

9am Holy Communion

11am All Age - Zoom Service

All services must be booked in advance, please contact the wardens, details on back page.

Evening prayer services will continue on Youtube

News & Views



Dosthill WI

Over the Easter weekend, we organised an Easter Bunny Egg Hunt for Dosthill.

Over 300 people signed up to find the 23 bunnies hidden in a trail, which took in Dosthill Park and The Broom. Each bunny had an alphabet letter which, when unscrambled, spelt HAPPY EASTER LOVE DOSTHILL. All those who finished the Hunt were given a yummy Easter egg.

Earlier that week, there was a mini Easter Egg Hunt especially for Nelly's Outdoor Learning in Dosthill. Nelly's children



Dosthill WI Ladies ready to go!...(left to right) Julia Evans, Julie Ward, Linda Gill and Bev Lander.

regularly help us with little gardening tasks in The Broom such as planting seeds and bulbs, while learning about nature at the same time.

The proceeds from the weekend of £722, will go to local charities and good causes in Dosthill, the details of which will be announced as soon as possible. This also includes monies raised from a competition to win a giant Easter egg, kindly donated by the Dosthill Boys' Club, together with donations towards the creation of a sensory garden in The Broom.

Throughout the weekend, everyone was reminded to stay safe and keep to the Covid-19 guidelines on social distancing at all times, and cleansing wipes and sanitiser were always at hand!

We would like to thank everyone who took part, visited, and helped us in any way and a massive thank you to our WI



Nelly's Outdoor Learning on their mini Easter Egg Hunt in The Broom.

members, Bev Lander and Sue Hollis for all their hard work!

The event will also form part of Dosthill's portfolio for this year's RHS It's Your Neighbourhood Campaign, which may be a digital campaign, depending on how things go with the Covid restrictions.

Julie Ward

STOP PRESS... We are hoping to resume our meetings again in July at the Dosthill Boys' Club, subject to the guidance on Covid. In the meantime, we are keeping in touch on Zoom and email. If you would like to become a member, just email our Secretary, Chris Jones at caj6wi@gmail.com for more information.

Monica's Thanks

Well we are coming steadily out of lockdown and getting back together in our beautiful church. A big thank you to all the online services which have helped us worship together, for all the readings and prayers we have listened to. A big thanks for the service at 6.30 pm on Sunday night 18th April, it was lovely to hear the organ and look forward to singing (not that my voice is anything to celebrate!) the national anthem gave me goosebumps. Well done to the young children and parents who went plogging around Dosthill collecting all the 7 bags of rubbish. A big welcome to Mark Waterstreet as our Curate in Charge, I look forward to worshipping with you more. Stay safe and look forward to seeing everyone back in church, God bless. **Monica Ward.x**

St Paul's Go Plogging!

St Paul's Youth and Children recently took to the streets of Dosthill to undertake a morning of Plogging (litter picking combined with exercise).

The St Paul's Youth team had a great morning tidying up Dosthill and completed 4.5 miles around different areas of the village between all of the groups. The families split into groups, in order to comply with Covid regulations by following the rule of six or two families.

The occasion was a sponsored event to raise funds for our friend, Sonya Britton and her family. Sonya , sadly, has Huntington's disease and the money donated will contribute to vital fundraising to enable the family to raise enough money to purchase a lift to allow Sonya to move around her house safely.

The children enjoyed the event and a chance to meet together to do something useful to help out. During the event, a number of members of the public complimented the various groups on their good efforts and one group even managed to get a donation of chocolate for their good deed from a local resident. In total seven bags of rubbish were collected.

We wish to thank everyone who has sponsored the children and can confirm (at the last check) the group has raised in excess of £1,300. If anyone wishes to donate the Go Fund me page is still online at <https://gofund.me/5e2e7fdd>

Kate Pratt



St Paul's Youth and Children Group going Plogging

Poetry Corner



Springtime

When clouds were grey and heavy
And spring was but a dream,
Thoughts were drawn to blossoming
trees
And the morning sun's first beam.

As we wave farewell to winter
And the grey clouds drift away,
There's a pleasing freshness in the air
To herald this bright new day.

Springtime opens her sleepy eyes
And smiles at us once more,
Refreshed from winter's slumber
She makes our spirits soar.

Trees awake in misty green
Caressed by the welcome sun,
Catkins ruffled by the breeze
All things vernal have begun.

Fingers of light adorn the hills
And crown the gilded land,
April's beauty warms the heart
As mother nature planned.

Bluebells carpet the forest floor
Birds begin to sing,
Busy now with nests to build
Forever on the wing.

The fragrance of hyacinths in the air
Golden daffodils oh so bright,
Blackthorn hedges as white as snow
All make the season right.

Stop and ponder for a while
Was there ever a sight so fair?
Time stands still in reverie
Nature's treasures are everywhere.

Sweet Springtime won't you stay with us
And linger for a while,
For when the sun is shining
The whole world wears a smile.

But soon she has to leave us
Her time now with us gone,
Although her song has ended
The melody lingers on.

Lynn's Recipes



I hope you all enjoyed Easter, at least we had good weather which helped with the outside meeting with family and friends.

I baked the featured Easter cake (photo below) which I realised was about 1,500 calories per slice and I served it with homemade custard, so probably about 2,000 calories!

On that note, I decided to feature healthy recipes for May as I am now on a strict diet. Too much over indulgence and not enough restraint.

Hope you enjoy the recipes!

My Easter cake, so fattening!

Asparagus and new Potato Frittata

So lovely to eat seasonal produce and Asparagus is one to kick off the year.

200g new potatoes, quartered
100g asparagus tips
1 tbsp olive oil
1 onion, finely chopped
6 eggs, beaten
40g cheddar, grated (half fat cheddar is available)
rocket or mixed leaves, to serve

STEP 1

Heat the grill to high. Put the potatoes in a pan of cold salted water and bring to the boil. Once boiling, cook for 4-5

mins until nearly tender, then add the asparagus for a final 1 min. Drain.

STEP 2

Meanwhile, heat the oil in an ovenproof frying pan and add the onion. Cook for about 8 mins until softened.

STEP 3

Mix the eggs with half the cheese in a jug and season well. Pour over the onion in the pan, then scatter over the asparagus and potatoes. Top with the remaining cheese and put under the grill for 5 mins or until golden and cooked through. Cut into wedges and serve from the pan with salad.

Rhubarb, Marzipan and Citrus Cake

Ok I agree, this is not a low calorie recipe but it is seasonal with late Spring rhubarb and it's delicious.

300g softened butter
400g thin-stemmed rhubarb, cut into thick pieces
350g golden caster sugar
1/2 orange, zested
1/2 lemon, zested
3 large eggs
200g self-raising flour
50g fine polenta
50g ground almonds
1 tsp baking powder
100g marzipan, chopped into small chunks



STEP 1

Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Butter and line a 20 x 30cm traybake tin with baking parchment. Toss the rhubarb in 50g sugar and set aside to macerate for 20 mins.

STEP 2

Tip the butter, remaining sugar and zests into a large bowl. Beat with an electric whisk until light and fluffy. Add the eggs, one at a time, mixing well between each addition. Add the flour, polenta, almonds, baking powder and a good pinch of salt, and mix until just combined. Fold through half the rhubarb (reserving the rest for the top), plus any juices, and the marzipan.

STEP 3

Scrape the mixture into the tin. Smooth the surface up to the edges and top with the remaining rhubarb. Bake for 45-50 mins until risen and golden, and a skewer inserted in the centre of the cake comes out clean. If there is any wet mixture, return it to the oven for 5 mins, then check again. Cool in the tin for 10 mins, then serve warm with crème fraîche, or cool completely to serve as a cake. Will

keep in an airtight container for three days.

One Pan Salmon With Roast Asparagus

This is healthy and easy and uses the short season of British Asparagus.

- 400g new potato, halved if large
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 8 asparagus spears, trimmed and halved
- 2 handfuls cherry tomatoes
- 1 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 2 salmon fillets, about 140g/5oz each
- handful basil leaves

STEP 1

Heat oven to 220C/fan 200C/gas 7. Tip the potatoes and 1 tbsp of olive oil into an ovenproof dish, then roast the potatoes for 20 mins until starting to brown. Toss the asparagus in with the potatoes, then return to the oven for 15 mins.

STEP 2

Throw in the cherry tomatoes and vinegar and nestle the salmon amongst the vegetables. Drizzle with the remaining oil and return to the oven for a final 10-15 mins until the salmon is cooked. Scatter over the basil leaves and serve everything scooped straight from the dish.

Days Gone By



Printed courtesy of the British Newspaper Archive

10.5.1968

Dosthill Mystery

Mr Edward Pickworth, of Dosthill Farm (where he has been a tenant for 43 years) found among rocks in one of his fields what may possibly be a cannon ball. Made of iron, circular, over 4 lbs in weight and 8 inches in diameter it will be examined by Tamworth Museum. As the farm is quite close to Whateley Hall (whose occupiers in the 17th century may have been of Royalist sympathy) this cannon-ball may have been shot in Cavalier-Roundhead skirmishes here.

14.9.1973

St Paul's Church

A gift day service was held in the church on Saturday to raise money for essential church purposes. Throughout the day the Rev. Binnie sat in the church to receive gifts from members of the congregation and local traders, altogether £97 was raised.

On Sunday a new oak lectern was dedicated at the evening service in memory of Miss Sherrit whose legacy to the church was the promise of a new lectern. She was for many years a Sunday school teacher, churchwarden, and keen worker for the church and the village. The lectern was presented on behalf of the people by Mr Horace Andrews who was a colleague of Miss Sherrit.

20.4.1979

VIP Guest At Window Dedication



Church organist Horace Andrews was the V.I.P. guest at a special dedication service. A stained glass window at St Paul's church Dosthill is a lasting tribute to

his own 46 years at the keys. The 68 year old former Stoneware worker took his usual place at the organ for the service. Few people have had the privilege of such an accolade within their own lifetime and Horace admitted that he was "overcome with emotion."

The window depicts St Cecilia the patron saint of music. It features Mr Andrews' initials and the opening notes of Immortal Invisible, God only wise -his favourite hymn. The congregation included an ex vicar the Rev. Bob Jenkins and a former Priest-in-charge Canon Edward Thomas. Presentations were made after the service, including a portable television and an autograph book signed by everyone who contributed to the fund. A reception in the old Sunday school followed the service.

All in the month of May

from Parish Pump

It was... 200 years ago, on 5th May 1821 that Napoleon Bonaparte, Emperor of France (1804 – 1815) died of stomach cancer. He was in exile on the island of Saint Helena in the South Atlantic, aged 51.

175 years ago, on 30th May 1846 that Peter Carl Fabergé was born. This Russian goldsmith and jeweller was best known for his fabulously decorated Fabergé eggs.

150 years ago, on 11th May 1871 that John Herschel, British astronomer, mathematician, chemist and pioneering photographer died. Amongst other things, he named seven of Saturn's moons and investigated colour blindness. He was also President of the Royal Astronomical Society three times.

100 years ago, on 3rd May 1921 that Ireland was divided into Northern Ireland and Southern Ireland (now known as the Republic of Ireland).

Also 100 years ago, on 15th May, that the British Legion was founded.

90 years ago, on 1st May 1931 that the Empire State Building in New York City was officially opened.

70 years ago, on 3rd May 1951 that the Festival of Britain and the Royal Festival

Hall in London were opened. The aim of the Festival was to lift the nation's spirits by celebrating British industry, arts and science.

Also 70 years ago, on 9th May 1951 that the Lake District National Park was established. It was Britain's second national park.

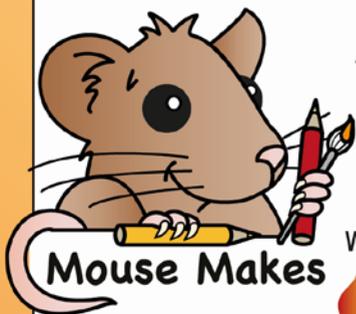
65 years ago, on 24th May 1956 that the first Eurovision Song Contest was held in Lugano, Switzerland. It was won by Switzerland.

60 years ago, on 1st May 1961 that betting away from racecourses was legalised in the UK and the first betting shops opened.

Also 60 years ago, on 28th May 1961 that Amnesty International was founded in London.

40 years ago, on 13th May 1981 that Pope John Paul II was shot and seriously wounded by a Turkish gunman in an assassination attempt in St Peter's Square, Vatican City.

30 years ago, on 16th May 1991 that Queen Elizabeth II became the first British monarch to address the US Congress.



Re arrange the scrambled letters to find the missing words.

The Holy Spirit
VSEIL
with us and in us.

The Holy Spirit
helps us to
WKNO
we belong to God.

The Holy Spirit
HCTSEEA
us about God.

The Holy Spirit
KPESSA
God's word to us.

The Holy Spirit
PHLSE
us to tell others
about Jesus.

The Holy Spirit
helps us when we
AYPR



On the day of PENTECOST
the disciples were gathered
together in one place...

What sound did they hear?

Acts 2:2

What did they see?

Acts 2:3

What filled them?

Acts 2:4



How did they speak?

Acts 2:4



What did the crowd hear?

Acts 2:6



Which countries
had they come from?

Acts 2:9



What was
their reaction?
Acts 2:12-13



Who explained
what was
happening?
What did he say?

Acts 2:14-36

How many
people were
baptised
that day?

Acts 2:41



Change each letter to the
letter before it in the
alphabet and see what
the Holy Spirit
produces in us:

KPZ
IVNJMJUZ
TFMG DPOUSPM
GBJUIGVMOFTT
LJOEOFTT
QBUJFODF
QFBDF
MPWF
HPPEOFTT

Galatians 5:22

What is the work of the
Holy Spirit? What does He do?
Fill in the missing letters.

TEAC _ ES
COMF _ RTS
REVEA _ S
IN _ OU
TRAN _ FORMS
HEL _ S
GU _ DES
_ GENEWS
CONV _ CTS
SANC _ IFIES

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April

Funerals

- 7** Lorraine Bache
- 8** Harry Jordan
- 8** Jennifer Jones
- 9** Kaye Smith
- 29** Janet Jackson

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April's solution:

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Article submission deadline:

3rd Friday of the month please

Quick Sudoku: Solution in next issue

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