

28th May 2023 – Pentecost

THE ORWELL AND DEBEN RURAL BENEFICE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Today's 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. **Amen**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	28 th	– Acts 2:1-21; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23.
Monday	29 th	– 2 Chronicles 17:1-12; Romans 1:1-17.
Tuesday	30 th	-- 2 Chronicles 18:1-27; Romans 1:18-end.
Wednesday	31 st	-- 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Mark 3:31-end.
Thursday	1 st June	--- 2 Chronicles 20:1-23; Romans 2:17-end.
Friday	2 nd	– 2 Chronicles 22:10-end 23; Romans 3:1-20.
Saturday	3 rd	-- 2 Chronicles 24:1-22; Romans 3:21-end.

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday May 28th - Pentecost

10am	St Mary Bucklesham Morning Prayer
10am	St Peter Levington Holy Communion
10am	St Mary & St Martin Kirton Holy Communion

Sunday June 4th – Trinity Sunday

9am	St Ethelbert Falkenham Morning Prayer
9am	St Mary Newbourne Holy Communion
10am	All Saints Waldringfield Morning Prayer
10-30am	St Martin Nacton Holy Communion

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray 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, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. **Amen**

A prayer for the interregnum

Heavenly Father, during this vacancy, guard and grow this Benefice as we serve you together in this period without a Rector. We ask now that you will help us to share responsibility, grow in faith, love one another, care for those in need, reach out to others, and welcome newcomers. Holy Spirit, Guide those who are seeking the right person for us, and those who are seeking the right place for their ministry, that together we may discover your way for the future and see your kingdom grow. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

June Events

Monday June 5th 10-12 noon Bucklesham Coffee and Library

Tuesday June 6th Kirton Bible Study 8pm

Wednesday June 7th Mothers' Union Kirton Church Hall 2pm

Monday June 12th Bucklesham Bible Study 2pm

Wednesday June 21st Benefice Book Club 2pm

Saturday June 24th see below

Wednesday June 28th Kirton Church prayer for Persecuted Church

Psalm 104:26-35

There the ships go to and fro, and Leviathan, which you formed to frolic there.

²⁷ All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time.

²⁸ When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.

²⁹ When you hide your face, they are terrified, when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust.

³⁰ When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

³¹ May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works—

³² he who looks at the earth, and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and they smoke.

³³ I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

³⁴ May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the LORD.

³⁵ But may sinners vanish from the earth and the wicked be no more. Praise the LORD, my soul.
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Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union is an international organisation that supports families and family life worldwide. We have a branch in the Orwell and Deben rural benefice that meets monthly in Kirton church hall at 2 pm on the first Wednesday of each month. We have an interesting mix of visiting speakers in a warm and friendly environment where we support and encourage one another. We round off our meetings with refreshments and there is always a lovely selection of home made cakes! The next meeting is on Wednesday June 7th so come along and join our happy band.

Pimms, song and scones

Please pop a "keep free" in your diary for **24th June** at 7pm when Falkenham Church will be putting on an evening of Pimms, song and scones at the Church, in conjunction with the Pop Chorus choir. Back by popular demand, the choir will bring us their repertoire of feel-good pop songs in glorious multi-part harmony. There will be Pimms and lemonade, soft drinks as well as scones, jam and cream in the interval. There will be no charge for entry or the refreshments but donations will be invited for Church funds. There will be a raffle for a food/drink hamper and tickets will be sold on the night, with proceeds again to Church funds.