

The Church of St Francis

5th June 2022



PENTECOST

With Celebration and Thanksgiving for
Her Majesty the Queen's 70 year reign



COME HOLY SPIRIT
OUR HEARTS INSPIRE!



**Gracious God,
we give you thanks for the reign of your servant
Elizabeth our Queen,
and for the example of loving and faithful service
which she has shown among us.
Help us to follow her example of dedication
and to commit our lives to you and to one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

FOR OUR PRAYERS

We pray for those who have asked for prayer: Huggy; Gloria; Sharon; Joyce; Maureen; Alex & Amanda; Richard & Shirley.

Praying too for all those who are managing long term issues including: Alan & Maureen; Kathryn, Willow, & Edward; Megan & Jeanette; Sheila W; Charlotte, Maegan & Carson; Rosemary; Cynthia & David; John and Jane; Rosie and Pete; Shirley.

We continue to pray for Woodside House Care Home; Omnia; and Hebron House.

We remember those who have died in recent days, among them: Ian Bentley [Priest]; Ann; praying for those who loved them and for all who mourn the loss of a loved one or a friend.

**The Church of St Francis
Heartsease**



Heavenly Father

**We ask your blessing upon us.
Hold the Heartsease Community,
and all the world,
in your arms of love.**

Be with us.

**Give us your strength,
peace, and healing grace.**

**Watch over us,
protect us from harm;
and keep in safety**

**all those who care for the sick
and attend to our needs,
in Jesus name we pray.**

Amen

A PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE & THE WORLD

**God of Peace and Justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine and
all those other places in the world torn
apart by war, terrorism and violence.
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**



COLLECTS FOR PENTECOST

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

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



POST COMMUNION PRAYER FOR PENTECOST

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

READINGS FOR PENTECOST

THE WORD OF GOD

You may notice that we do not always use all the readings in our Sunday

service – we include them in the bulletin for you to reflect upon them throughout the forthcoming week.

GENESIS 11:1 – 9

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, 'Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.' And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, 'Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.'

The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the Lord said, 'Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech.'

So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

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.

^{37b} **Bless the Lord, O my soul. Alleluia.**

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."

ROMANS 8: 14 – 17

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

JOHN 14: 8 - 27

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

HOME COMMUNION



If you or someone you know lives in the parish of St Francis and would like to receive the Sacrament at home because of illness or mobility difficulties, please contact Revd Janet. Tel: 07368 832294

**SERVICES NEXT WEEK
ALL WELCOME**

Mon: Morning Prayer – 9am

**Tues: Morning Prayer – 9am
Evening Prayer – 5pm**

**Weds: Morning Prayer – 9am
Holy Communion [BCP] – 11.30am
Evening prayer – 5pm**

**Thurs: Morning Prayer – 9am
Evening Prayer – 5pm**

**Sunday: Holy Communion
for Trinity Sunday**



**THURSDAY MORNING
IS COFFEE MORNING
In the Church Lounge
10am – 12pm
EVERY WEEK**



**ALL WELCOME
Why not pop in and catch up with
some old friends – and maybe
even make some new ones!**

**WHAT'S ON AT ST FRANCIS
NEXT WEEK...**

**LET IT GROW
EVERY WEDNESDAY
@ 9am – 11.30am**



**Weeding, Sowing, Planting,
&
10.15 am Tea And Cake Break
LOTS OF FRESH VEG TO BE PICKED
COME AND GET IT!**

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