

Sunday 31st May

10.30am Sunday Online Service
(Links under Notices and in email)

11.15am Coffee together through “Zoom”
(Links found in email)

Readings:

Acts 2: 1-13

The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues^[a] as the Spirit enabled them.

5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. 7 Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?” 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? 9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ^[b] 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” 12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” 13 Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

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The 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. **Amen.**

The 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. **Amen.**



Newsheet for Sunday 31st May

Last Sunday, Sunday Worship on BBC Radio 4 led by the Bishop of Sheffield, included both comment on ‘disappointed hopes and waiting’ and these prayers from Sophie Jelley, the newly appointed Bishop of Doncaster, Resident Minister at St John’s 2003-2010

Loving God, in these days of Coronavirus we begin our prayers conscious of those who mourn the loss of loved ones and whose lives have been forever changed. We pray for all those front line and key workers, for those in education and social care and we ask for your peace and provision that they may know your strength to sustain.

Lord of life; bring your hope

We pray for those especially disrupted, those whose life events and celebrations have been cancelled or postponed and those whose future hopes and dreams feel distant and uncertain. We pray for world leaders internationally and closer to home, for wisdom, insight and clarity and for vision of community that goes beyond national borders.

Lord of life; bring your hope

As those entrusted with the care of your creation we pray for a right judgement in the stewardship of the earth as lockdown begins to ease and for our future commitment to the wellbeing of the environment. We pray for your Church throughout the world as we gather in our different ways. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us so that we and all your children may be free to worship you all our days. Finally; we take a moment in quietness to recall the goodness of God and to invite his grace to make us worthy of our calling.

Lord of life; bring your hope. Amen

Dear Friends

What will future church services look like? Will we be socially distanced, sitting in our masks, and not allowed to sing? Whatever happens, it probably won't be as strange as the meeting on the day of Pentecost. Without warning, it sounded like a jet fighter was taking off. Just as they were trying to work out what was happening, it looked as if everyone's head was on fire. Then to top it off, they all started speaking foreign languages. I've been to some memorable gatherings, but this was something else. Maybe, before we rush to all meet together again, we should be wary, that if God chooses to show up as well, anything can happen!

Richard
(Revd Richard Bodle - Vicar of Churt and Hindhead)

Links:

Sunday service: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZkgadiz6ASqZZS-GzYcEmg>

St Alban's website: <http://stalbanshindhead.org.uk>
Resources for daily prayer:
<https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/time-to-pray> and
<https://www.24-7prayer.com/dailydevotional>

Pentecost; celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit

Pentecost (which comes from the Greek *peninta* for ‘fiftieth’) marks fifty days since Easter Day and brings the Easter season to an end. It is a major feast of the Church’s year when we recall how God’s Holy Spirit was given to the disciples after Jesus’s Ascension, empowering them to begin the work of making disciples of all nations. Jesus had promised his followers that, although they would not see him after his Ascension, they would receive the Holy Spirit to guide and inspire them.

St John's bells

Occasionally and at the discretion of the Vicar and Churchwardens, the bells may be rung at times other than for services as on Ascension Day. We all so hope that the bells will ring out again regularly every Sunday very soon.

Joan Lemon would like to say thank you to everyone who has phoned her or helped her. God Bless you all.

Vacancy update Due to the unusual times that we are currently experiencing, all appointments have been suspended. Therefore, the process of seeking a new Resident Minister will take a little longer than expected. But please be reassured that the PCC is working on the Parish Profile and this will be made available to potential enquirers as soon as possible.

St John's Prayer Focus
Suggestions for our weekly prayers
Please pray for:

Monday Richard & Derek & our Churchwardens
Tuesday Thank you for our Sunday service
online
Wednesday All the churches during lockdown
Thursday Thank God for all the fresh air &
sunshine we are able to enjoy at the moment
Friday Thank God for Jesus the same yesterday
today & forever
Saturday For schools as they begin to reopen
Sunday God to bless all those who have helped
others during this time

Parishioners Prayer Requests:

Please pray for Marriages that are struggling or
under pressure as a result of isolation and lock down.

Pray for those unwell & their families. Please
pray for Jean Benson after a fall.

Please Pray for those recently bereaved:
For Joan Lemon on the death of her sister Margaret.
And Mary Davis & family after the death of John.

Friends of St John's Churt Village BBQ

It is with much regret, but as expected under the current circumstances of the Covid 19 lockdown and social distancing, the Friends of St. John's have made the decision to cancel the Churt Village BBQ which was to be held on Saturday 27 June this year. We will miss the opportunity for us all to get together again and enjoy a summer evening of great company, live music, BBQ food and Bar on Redhearne Green, let us hope that some form of gathering, perhaps as a form of thanks giving, may still be possible this year. The Friends of St John's Team would like to thank you all most sincerely for your continued support of our fund raising events to maintain our beautiful village Church.

Our best wishes and stay safe,

Hugh Trotter

Chair Friends of St John's

The Friends Team:- Lisa Margretts, Julia Deacon,
Emma Love, John Brain, Richard Bourne
and Nicola Perkin - Event Support

Church services available this week on radio or tv and please note still available if missed.

BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship- Previous services continue to be available for several weeks online at BBCRadio 4 and Radio 3. If you missed Sophie Jelley last Sunday 24 May on 'disappointed hopes and waiting' and her prayers it is not too late.

BBC Radio 4; a service for Pentecost - Sunday

31st May 8.10am City Church, Cardiff.

BBC Radio 3 Choral Evensong - Sunday 31st May

3.00pm from St David's Cathedral, Pembrokeshire

BBC Radio 3 Choral Evensong – Wednesday 3rd

June 3.30pm from St Mary Collegiate Church,
Warwick

The Wildflowers in St John's Churchyard

To encourage, enjoy and to record the many varieties of wildflowers, of which there are many in the churchyard, we are once again rotating a section that will remain uncut for a season. We hope that all will accept the temporary untidiness of this small area but also enjoy the display.