



**St Andrew's Whittlesey, St Mary's Whittlesey,
St Thomas' Pondersbridge and Holy Trinity Coates**
Church of England Team Ministry:
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Sunday 31st May 2020

"Thy Kingdom Come" Join the global wave of prayer 21st May to 31st May 2020
Feast of the Ascension to Feast of Pentecost

The three aims are:

To join in prayer with the whole family of God the Father
To pray for the empowering of God the Holy Spirit
That we may be effective witnesses to God the Son, Jesus Christ.

The Prayer for thy Kingdom Come

Please read the prayer which thousands of people across the world will be praying during *Thy Kingdom Come*. Prayer period from the daily from Ascension Day Thursday 21st May to Pentecost Sunday 31st May

***Almighty God, your ascended Son has sent us into the world
to preach the good news of your kingdom:
inspire us with your Spirit and fill our hearts with the fire of your love,
that all who hear your Word may be drawn to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen***

PRAYING FOR YOUR 5 DURING THY KINGDOM

COME. Thy Kingdom Come encourages every Christian to pray for 5 individuals so that they would know God's love for them in Christ.

SATURDAY Silence

Pray for the Holy Spirit to put on your heart the desires of heaven for your 5.

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Thy Kingdom Come
Pray 'Come Holy Spirit' for your 5 friends, that they may joyfully enter the Kingdom of God and find themselves used by God to pray and act 'Thy Kingdom Come'.

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Christian Aid Week 10th – 16th May

I have banked £300 in cheque and cash donations. Many thanks to all who donated by whatever means.



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The Collect for Pentecost Sunday

**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 forever
Amen**

A Daily Prayer for our times

Father God, as people and nations of the world, help us to realise our dependence upon one another. We pray for healing among the sick, wisdom among our leaders, protection and effectiveness for health workers, and responsible behaviour by each of us as individuals. Most of all, Lord, we pray that you dispel our fears, for you 'did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline' (2 Tim 1:7).

For Jesus's sake. Amen

A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus for daily use.

***Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.
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**Our regular services in church may have been suspended,
Our church buildings may be closed.
We are now a church at home united in the Spirit.
Let us pray for each other.
Let us be good neighbours.
May God bless us all.
Our churches pastoral work continues.
Please contact us by phone if you need to or just what a chat.**

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Please make use of the daily cycle of readings.

Sunday 31st May – Pentecost Sunday – Communion via Zoom conference call at 10.00 am

First reading **Numbers 11: 24-30. Second reading** **Acts 2: 1-21**
Gospel **John 20: 19-23**

Monday – Saturday

Monday	Feast of the visit of Mary to her cousin Elizabeth - Morning Prayer –	Psalm 85, 150	1 Samuel 2: 1-10	Luke 1:39-56
Tuesday	- Morning Prayer -	Psalm 132, 133	Joshua 1,2	Luke 9:28-36
Wednesday	- Morning Prayer –	Psalm 119: 153-end	Joshua 3	Luke 9:37-50
Thursday	- Morning Prayer –	Psalm 143, 146	Joshua 4:1 – 5:1	Luke 9:51-end
Friday	- Morning Prayer –	Psalm 142, 144	Joshua 5:2- end	Luke 10: 1-16
Saturday	- Morning Prayer –	Psalm 147	Joshua 6:1-20	Luke 10: 17-24

Sunday 7th June – Trinity Sunday – Service via Zoom call at 10.00 am

First reading Isaiah 40: 12-17, 27-end. **Second reading** 2 Corinthians 13: 11-end
Gospel Matthew 28: 16-20.

Please remember in your prayers:

Those who are in residential homes, hospital or hospice & those known personally to us:
All NHS staff, care workers, emergency services, funeral directors and all key workers.

Prayers are requested for Marie Rogers, Deborah Law, Terry Randells, Emma Aindow Gregory, Lizzie Monk, Richard Willows, Joan Kefford, Cheryl Tyner

The families and friends of those who have recently died:

Marie Stimson, Barry Walter Baxter, Susan Tame, Ivy Savage, Margaret Borman, Audrey Rose Warren, Christopher Barnett

Anniversaries:

Holy Trinity: 31st John Ernest Archer, John Bates JUNE 2nd Doris Lilian Rippon, 3rd Jean Sansby

St Andrew's: June 1st Samuel Hilliam, 2nd Reginald William Rycraft, Terence Wilfred Norfield, Frederick Brian Butcher, 6th Florence Duddington

St Thomas': June 1st Dora Lewis, 5th Isabel Barbara Claxton

St Mary's: June 2nd Clara Gray, Evelyn Joyce Bunt

Please make use of this Address prepared by Jane

Pentecost 2020 - Whittlesey
Numbers 11:24-30 Acts 2:1-21
John 20:19-23

Numbers, Moses gathered 70, elders mind you, none of this needing younger people to grow the Kingdom. The LORD, as written in my Lectionary, The LORD came in the cloud and spoke to him and at the same time took some of the Spirit that was on him and shared it with the 70. These elders then prophesied, but, this was to be the only time that they were enabled to do this. Two of their number who had remained in camp also prophesied that day. From then on they were helpers to Moses and had been authorised, commissioned by God through the Holy Spirit for all that they had to do to help Moses run a nation.

Acts, the familiar reading of the sound of a violent wind and the divided tongues as of fire coming amongst, and on those all gathered together. All of them, regardless of age, were filled with the holy Spirit. They were all given the ability to speak in many languages by the Holy Spirit. Someone says that they are all drunk, but Peter, yes the one that had betrayed Jesus, Peter it is that stands there and tells them the truth. The truth that all this had been spoken of through the prophet Joel. Including the news that both their sons and daughters were to prophesy. The group of 11 who had run away terrified are now equipped, commissioned by God through the Holy Spirit for the spreading of the Good News through the world for all time until Jesus' return in glory.

And for our last reading from the Gospel of John, the one where the disciples are in the locked room and Jesus stands amongst them saying "Peace be with you. As my Father has sent me, so I send you." He then breathed on them and they received the Holy Spirit and were told that they could now forgive sins of any and they would be forgiven.

In a book on Numbers by Raymond Brown I found a really useful passage, to end with: "Those who obey God's voice. Pursue his will and enter his service will never be denied the unfailing supply of the Holy Spirit's resources, wisdom, guidance, grace, love, patience and strength will be generously and continually given". We will be equipped and enabled, and commissioned to further the Kingdom of God in these villages and beyond.

A Poem with food for thought.

Written originally as a personal statement of faith.

“I go to church because I have a
lot to thank God for.
I am a regular church goer.
My family went to church and
encouraged me.
I could not attend church when I
had three young children.
I have no doubts about my belief.
I am christened and confirmed.
I go to Communion, we have very
few family services.
The most important part of my faith
Is knowing death is not the end.
I feel its important to go to church
To give thanks and praise in God’s house
I feel others should go to church
Particularly if they need help and
guidance.
Going to church keeps me in touch with
others with the same ideals.
I would miss church very much, and
would hope the time never comes
when I am unable to attend.”

By Doris Band who was a regular member of our congregation.

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Pentecost Morning Praise

Minister: Come Holy Spirit, Source of Life.
All: **Kindle in us the fire of your love.**

The Collect of the day

Minister 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 forever.

Prayers of Penitence

Minister: What God has prepared for those who love him, he has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything. Let us then in penitence open our hearts to the Lord, who has prepared good things for those who love him.

(Pause for reflection)

**All Spirit of Jesus, you came upon the disciples as though in wind
And flame, filling them with your power and authority. We confess
that our lives show little evidence of your power at work in us, and our witness
little sign of your authority. Forgive us, we pray, and fill us anew with the
power of your Spirit, that our tongues may declare your glory, and our lives
reveal your love, for the sake of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Minister; Almighty God, whose Spirit comes upon all who are open to him, grant us forgiveness of all our sins, peace in our hearts and strength to live for him day by day, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings

At the end of each reading: This is the Word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.....

All: Glory to you O Lord

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you O Christ

Hymn

Minister: Let us declare our faith in God.

**All We believe in one Holy Spirit, giver of different spiritual gifts.
We believe in one Jesus Christ, Lord of various kinds of service.
We believe in one heavenly Father, working in various ways.
We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Intercessor: Come Holy Spirit:

All: **Holy Spirit come!.**

Intercessor: Being made one by the power of the Spirit, let us pray with confidence
As our Saviour taught us:

All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not
into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Minister: God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us, and as a pledge of
what is to come has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Minister: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Blessing of Light

A minister says

Minister Blessed are you, sovereign God, overflowing in love.
With Pentecost dawns the age of the Spirit.
Now the flame of heaven rests on every believer.
Strong and weak, women and men tell out your word;
the young receive visions, the old receive dreams.
With the new wine of the Spirit they proclaim your reign of love. Amid the birth pangs
of the new creation the way of light is made known. Source of freedom, giver of life,
blessed are you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Commission

Minister For fifty days we have celebrated the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over the powers of sin and death. We have proclaimed God's mighty acts and we have prayed that the power that was at work when God raised Jesus from the dead might be at work in us.

As part of God's Church, I call upon you to live out what you proclaim. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will you dare to walk into God's future, trusting him to be your guide?

All **By the Spirit's power, we will.**

Minister Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in love?

All **We will.**

Minister Will you dare to share your riches in common and minister to each other in need?

All **We will.**

Minister Will you dare to pray for each other until your hearts beat with the longings of God?

All **We will.**

Minister Will you dare to carry the light of Christ into the world's dark places?

All **We will.**

The Blessing

Priest May the Spirit, who hovered over the waters when the world was created, breathe into you the life he gives.

All **Amen.**

Priest May the Spirit, who overshadowed the Virgin when the eternal Son came among us, make you joyful in the service of the Lord.

All **Amen.**

Priest May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost, bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.

All **Amen.**

Priest And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Minister Filled with the Spirit's power, go in the light and peace of Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia.

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia,**