



Whittlesey, Pondersbridge & Coates

Church of England Churches

TEAM MATTERS



May 2013

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During this month we celebrate three major festivals: Ascension Day, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday.

Ascension Day is exactly forty days from Easter Sunday and is on Thursday, May 9th. It marks the final appearance of the risen Jesus to his friends and his return to his Father. On this day the Paschal (Easter) candle is extinguished and is not lit again for Sunday services. The account of the Ascension can be found in the Acts of the Apostles chapter 1 verses 1-11 and in Luke chapter 24 verses 44-53.

Fifty days from Easter Sunday, and ten days after Ascension Day, there is the festival of Pentecost, also known as Whitsunday and is on May 19th. It is the day on which we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. You can read what happened in the Acts of the Apostles chapter 2. The word Whitsunday is said to derive from the white robes worn by the newly baptised on that day. This special day is sometimes called the birthday of the church.

The apostles had witnessed Jesus' death and resurrection. Before he left them on Ascension Day to be with his Father he told them that they would receive power when the Holy Spirit came upon them. And it did come, at Pentecost, and it transformed their lives.

A week after Pentecost we celebrate Trinity Sunday which is on May 26th. On this day we commemorate the Holy Trinity and reflect on God in the three Persons as Father (the Creator who made us), Son (who came to earth for us in Jesus) and Holy Spirit (who is at work in our lives).

On these three major festivals may we ask God to deepen our faith and enrich our experience of His living, loving and transforming presence.

**With every blessing
Gill and Nigel**

Full details of Sundays and other services inside.

You are welcome to join us at our services:

Sunday 5th May– Easter 6

8.00 a.m. St Mary's - BCP Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. St Andrew's - Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity - Morning Service
11.00 a.m. St Mary's - Morning Service
11.00 a.m. St Thomas' - Holy Communion

Readings: Acts 16: 9-15
Revelation 21: 10, 22 – 22:5
John 14: 23-29

Anniversaries of Death:

Holy Trinity: 7th John 'Noel' Wells, 11th Roger Michael Dixon-Spain
St Andrew's: 5th Kathleen Mary Barker, 9th Vera Noble Turner
St Mary's: 6th Edith Mary Parker, 10th Patricia Warren
St Thomas': 10th Aubrey Stanton Dean

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Sunday 12th May – Easter 7

9.30 a.m. St Andrew's - Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity - Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. St Mary's - Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. St Thomas' - Morning Service
4.00 p.m. Queen Street Chapel – Churches Together Commissioning
Service for Christian Aid Week

Readings: Acts 16: 16-34
Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20 to end
John 17: 20 to end

Anniversaries of Death:

Holy Trinity: 14th Sybil Alice Wood
St Andrew's: 15th Arthur Henry Lee, Margaret Josephine Tinkler,
18th George Edward Barnes
St Mary's: 12th Ellis Royal Fitzjohn, 13th Gerald Charles Bridger,
May Scott, 14th Andrew John Shepperson, Muriel Eileen Lindsey,
16th Norman Reginald Foster, 17th Robert (Bob) Taylor

Sunday 19th May – Pentecost

- 8.00 a.m. St Andrew's - BCP Holy Communion
- 9.30 a.m. St Andrew's - Morning Service
- 9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity - Holy Communion
- 11.00 a.m. St Mary's - Holy Communion
- 6.00 p.m. St Thomas' - Holy Communion followed by PCC meeting

Readings: Acts 2: 1-21
Romans 8: 14-17
John 14: 8-17, 25-27

Anniversaries of Death:

Holy Trinity: 22nd Robert Alan Welbourn
St Andrew's: 20th Audrey Eileen Lee, 22nd Alwyn Mullis,
24th Edna Mary Band
St Mary's: 21st Georgina Western, 22nd Mary Turvey

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Sunday 26th May – Trinity Sunday

- 9.30 a.m. St Andrew's - Holy Communion
- 9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity - Holy Communion
- 11.00 a.m. St Mary's - Holy Communion
- 6.00 p.m. St Thomas' - Evening Service

Readings: Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31
Romans 5: 1-5
John 16: 12-15

Anniversaries of Death:

Holy Trinity: 30th Margaret Raymond Stephens, Thomas Redhead,
31st John Ernest Archer, John Bates
St Andrew's: 26th Bessie Webb, Rev. Harold John Weston,
27th Christopher Walker, 30th Ida Porter, June 1st Samuel Hilliam
St Mary's: 29th J. Edgar Miller, 30th Gordon Turvey

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Holy Trinity 100 Club Winners April: £50 Edie Evans, £30 Alec Bates, £15 Barry Baxter

Events around the Team in May:

7th 10.15am Park Lane School Assembly

7th 7.30pm Team Council AGM at St Thomas'

9th Ascension Day 9.15 Holy Communion with Hymns at St Mary's

9th 7.30pm Fashion Show and Sale in Holy Trinity Church. Tickets £3.50

11th 7.30pm Friends of St Andrew's Quiz night in the hall

12th Christian Aid Week begins

13th 7pm Friends of St Mary's committee meeting

14th 7.30pm Holy Trinity PCC Meeting in Church

15th 9.30am Christian Aid coffee morning at 42 South Green, Coates

15th 7.45pm St Andrew's PCC Meeting in Hall

16th 10.00am New Road School Visit to St Mary's

16th 11.30am Churches Together Ministers' meeting at The Rectory

17th Christian Aid Cake Stall at the Buttercross

18th 6.00 for 6.30pm Thanksgiving Supper for Christian Aid week

In St Andrew's Hall

19th St Thomas' PCC meeting after Holy Communion

20th 7pm Friends of Holy Trinity meeting in church

21st 7.30pm St Mary's PCC meeting in St Andrew's Hall

21st 7.30pm Mothers' Union meeting in Holy Trinity

23rd 7.30pm Prayer Group at 8 The Grove

30th Corpus Christi 9.15 Holy Communion with Hymns at St Marys

Please remember in your prayers: all those in residential homes, hospital or hospice and for David Hilton, June Bedford, Mark Twigg and those known personally to us.

The families of those who died in April: Beryl Margaret Dimmock, Frank Thomas Nicholson, May Hailstone, Ivy Williams, Kathleen Marriott, Margaret Lynn, Frederick Tyrell Harris, Edwin and Joyce Hudson, Dennis Harold Fenn, Charles Lovell, Joyce Williams, Doris Plummer, Russell Coomber

Regular Weekday Services:

Monday: 8.00am Morning Prayer at St Mary's

Tuesday: 9.15am Holy Communion at St Andrew's

Wednesday: 9.15am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity

Thursday: 9.15am Holy Communion at St Mary's

Friday: 8.00am Morning Prayer at St Andrew's,
12 noon Midday Prayer at St Mary's

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