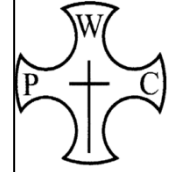




Whittlesey, Pondersbridge & Coates

Church of England Churches

TEAM MATTERS



May 2018

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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 10th. 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 20th. 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 27th. 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.

God bless to you all.
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Full details of Sundays and other services inside. You are welcome to join us at our services:

Regular Weekday Services:

Monday: 8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer at St Mary's
Tuesday: 9.15 a.m. Holy Communion at St Andrew's
Wednesday: 9.15 a.m. Holy Communion at Holy Trinity
Thursday: 9.15 a.m. Holy Communion at St Mary's
Friday: 8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer at St Andrew's,
12 noon Midday Prayer at St Mary's.

Sunday 6th May – Sixth Sunday of Easter – White

First reading Acts 10: 44-48
Second reading 1 John 5: 1-6
Gospel John 15: 9-17
Page numbers for Holy Trinity Pew Bibles 1. 1105 2. 1228 Gospel. 1083

8.00am St Andrew's – Holy Communion
9.30am St Andrew's – Holy Communion
9.30am Holy Trinity – Morning Praise
11.00am St Mary's – Morning Praise
11.00am St Thomas' – Holy Communion

Anniversaries

Holy Trinity: 7th John Noel Wells, 11th Roger Michael Dixon-Spain,
St Andrew's: 9th Vera Noble Turner, Colin Walter Wade, 10th Michael Joyce
St Thomas': 10th Aubrey Stanton Dean,
St Mary's: 6th Edith Mary Parker, 10th Patricia Warren, 12th Ellis Royal Fitzjohn

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Thursday 10th May – Ascension Day – White

First Reading Acts 1: 1-11
Second Reading Ephesians 1: 15-end
Gospel Luke 24: 44-end

9.15am St Mary's – Holy Communion with hymns

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Sunday 13th May – Seventh Sunday of Easter – White

First reading Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26
Second reading 1 John 5: 9-13
Gospel John 17: 6-19
Page numbers for Holy Trinity Pew Bibles 1. 1092 2. 1228 Gospel. 1085

9.30am St Andrew's – Morning Praise
9.30am Holy Trinity – Holy Communion
11.00am St Mary's – Holy Communion .
11.00am St Thomas' – Morning Praise

Anniversaries

Holy Trinity: 14th 1980 Sybil Alice Wood,
St Andrew's: 15th Arthur Henry Lee, Margaret Josephine Tinkler,
18th George Edward Barnes
St Mary's: 13th Gerald Charles Bridger, May Scott, 14th Andrew John Shepperson,
Muriel Eileen Lindsey, 16th Norman Reginald Foster, 17th Robert (Bob) Taylor

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Sunday 20th May – Pentecost Sunday - Red

First reading Acts 2: 1-21
Second reading Romans 8:22-27
Gospel John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
Page numbers for Holy Trinity Pew Bibles 1. 1093 2. 1135 Gospel. 1084

9.30am St Andrew’s – Holy Communion
9.30am Holy Trinity – Morning Praise
11.00am St Mary’s – Holy Communion
6.00pm St Thomas’ – Holy Communion

Anniversaries

Holy Trinity: 22nd Robert Alan Welbourn,
St Andrew’s: 20th Audrey Eileen Lee, 22nd Alwyn Mullis, 24th Edna Mary Band,
26th Bessie Webb, 26th Rev. Harold John Weston
St Mary’s: 21st Georgina Western, 22nd Mary Turvey

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Sunday 27th May – Trinity Sunday – White

First reading Isaiah 6: 1-8
Second reading Romans 8: 12-17
Gospel John 3: 1-17
Page numbers for Holy Trinity Pew Bibles 1. 691 2. 1134 Gospel. 1065

9.30am St Andrew’s – Morning Praise
9.30am Holy Trinity – Holy Communion
11.00am St Mary’s – Holy Communion
6.00pm St Thomas’ – Evening Praise

Anniversaries

Holy Trinity: 30th Margaret Raymond Stephens, 30th Thomas Redhead,
31st John Ernest Archer, 31st John Bates, June 2nd Doris Lilian Rippon
St Andrew’s: 27th Christopher Walker, 30th Ida Porter, June 1st Samuel Hilliam,
2nd Reginald William Rycraft, Terence Wilfred Norfield
St Thomas’: June 1st Dora Lewis
St Mary’s: 29th J. Edgar Miller, 30th Gordon Turvey, June 2nd Clara Gray,
Evelyn Joyce Bunty Stocker

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Thursday 31st May – Feast of Corpus Christi – White

First Reading Genesis 14: 18-20
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26
Gospel John 6: 51-58

9.15am St Mary’s – Holy Communion with hymns

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Sunday 3rd June – 1st Sunday after Trinity - Green

First reading Deuteronomy 5: 12-15
Second reading 2 Corinthians 4: 5-12
Gospel Mark 2: 23 – 3:6
Page numbers for Holy Trinity Pew Bibles 1. 184 2. 1161 Gospel. 1004

8.00am St Andrew’s – Holy Communion
9.30am St Andrew’s – Holy Communion
9.30am Holy Trinity – Morning Praise
11.00am St Mary’s – Morning Praise
11.00am St Thomas’ – Holy Communion

Anniversaries

Holy Trinity: 3rd Jean Sansby, 8th Frederick Arthur Wortley

St Andrew’s: 6th Florence Duddington

St Thomas’: 5th Isabel Barbara Claxton

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Around the Team in May

“Thy Kingdom Come” Join the global wave of prayer 10th to 20th May - 2018

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 10th May to Pentecost 20th 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*

Sunday May 13th to Saturday May 19th Christian Aid Week

Saturday 12th Christian Aid Concert in the evening at Queen Street
- please look out for further details.
Wednesday 16th 10.00 am onwards at 42 South Green. Plant Sale.
Coffee/Tea and refreshments. Cake stall and raffle. All welcome
Friday 18th 8.30 am to 10.00 am cake stall at the Buttercross

Art & Crafts Exhibition – Friends of St Mary’s

Friday 18th 2 May 10 am – 5 pm.

Saturday 19th May 10 am – 5 pm.

Sunday 20th May 10 am – 5 pm

At St Mary’s Church, Whittlesey. Entrance Fee £2 for adults. Under 16 are FREE

PCC meetings in May

22nd – St Mary’s in church at 7.30pm
23rd – Holy Trinity the church at 7.30pm
27th – St Thomas’ after evening service
29th – St Andrew’s in the hall at 7.30pm