

**To all Friends of Christ Church, West Wimbledon:  
MICHAEL'S MESSAGES CORONAVIRUS 16**

**WE CELEBRATED THE FEAST OF PENTECOST ON SUNDAY WITH A UNITY PRAYER:**

Under lockdown, Churches Together in West Wimbledon – Anglicans, Roman Catholics, Methodists, Salvation Army and Quakers – used the initiative to prepare and share a Pentecost Unity Prayer online. Thank you to Pat Spencer for co-ordinating those from Christ Church who shared in this – Tish Mousell, Harry Naylor, Caroline and Sophie Errington, Mark Adams, Alex Park, and Mark, Harry, Lucy and Olivia Naylor. You can watch the prayer by copying and pasting this link: <https://vimeo.com/423947838> - and here is the text of the prayer:

*Gracious God, on this day of Pentecost you call us to make one cloth woven from a variety of traditions and a variety of cultures and we bring before you now the threads we have to offer. We bring from our traditions the things we treasure and value and the things we could let go, the things that inspire and encourage us, the things which only embarrass us, the things that are gifts to the whole church and things that are stumbling blocks in our pilgrimage together.*

*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.*

*So that together the mystery of God enfolds us, the wisdom of God upholds us, the fragrance of God surrounds us, the brightness of God enlightens us, the wonder of God renews us, the love of God flows through us and the peace of God moves within us.*

*Gracious God, on this day of Pentecost, we pray together as one Church, in the precious name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

**SOME OF OUR CHILDREN** have been able to do a drawing during our Sunday services and it has been good to be able to see them at the end....we hope and pray that those who have returned to school will settle quickly – and that those who are still home schooling are able to enjoy this different way of learning – we pray especially for our schools and for all the teachers and teaching assistants.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who are keeping in touch with other members of the Christ Church congregation. Do carry on phoning or emailing each other! Some of you have been able to have a walk up to the Church and sit in the grounds – you are always welcome to do that. Thank you too to the rota of those who are working hard to keep our new back garden lawn well-watered in this exceptionally dry spell of weather. We will all be able to enjoy the new garden in due course.

**THE PEWSHEET** has an important **FINANCE** message from John Davey, our Honorary Treasurer, about the financial situation facing us at Christ Church – do take a moment to read it on the website. There is also an important notice about the needs of the **WIMBLEDON FOODBANK** – these needs will be updated in the pewsheet. They continue to welcome financial donations via their website – and food can also be left at two addresses. Thank you to all those who are generously supporting the work of the Foodbank serving our area.

**PLEASE DO GET IN TOUCH** with me if there is anything you need help with – or you just fancy a chat! Everyone at Christ Church is much in my thoughts and prayers as we try to ‘Keep calm and carry on.’ It goes without saying that we are much looking forward to the time when life begins to return to some sense of normality for all. I am sure that will happen and that we will meet again – eventually!

With my continuing best wishes, thoughts and prayers for you all, Michael

2/6/20