

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

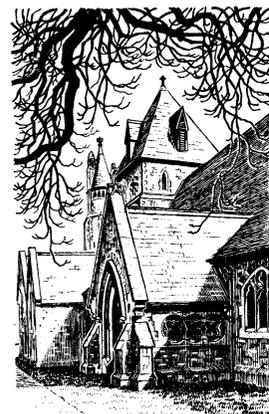
When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in their native language. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Acts 2. 1 - 21

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.'

John 15. 26 – 27 & 16. 4 - 15



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Sunday 20 May 2018

Pentecost



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.

Post Communion

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.

Green Prayer

God of truth and love,
give us the wisdom
to know what is right,
the strength to do it
and the courage to declare it,
for the sake of Jesus Christ,
our Lord and Saviour.
Amen.

Sunday 20 May 2018 — Pentecost

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

READINGS

Acts 2. 1—21

John 15. 26—27 & 16. 4—15

10.00am Parish Eucharist

READINGS

Acts 2. 1—21

John 15. 26—27 & 16. 4—15

HYMNS

524, 77, 102, 526, 144

6.30pm BCP Evensong

READINGS

Ezekiel 36. 22—28

Acts 2. 22—38

HYMNS

675, 233, 369

Psalms 139. 1—11



FOR OUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill or in need:

Finley; Pauline Shephard-Walwyn, Cynthia Aird

Those who have died: Paul Garrard

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week:

David Lankey (2009)

Link Parish: The People of St Francis of Assisi,
Barham Green, Bulawayo

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 22 May

11.00am Morning Prayer

Thursday 24 May

8.00pm Brass Group

Friday 25 May

10.00am Friday Group, Truman Room

7.30pm Adult Choir

NEXT SUNDAY 27 MAY—Trinity Sunday

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm BCP Evensong

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 29 May

11.00am Morning Prayer

Thursday 31 May

3.00pm Together on Thursday

8.00pm Brass Group

Friday 1 June

7.30pm Adult Choir



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK BEGAN LAST SUNDAY.

Please give generously in the envelopes provided. They can be left in the offertory plate. Thank you.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WIMBLEDON

PENTECOST PICNIC is TODAY and the picnic is a bring and share lunch at St. Saviour's Church – outside if dry and inside their hall if wet. There will be a bouncy castle and other good entertainment for the children and it is a very relaxed affair to which all are welcome—particularly families. It starts at 12.30pm.

OPEN GARDENS EVENT last Sunday was a huge success. Over 80 people took part and we raised over £430. Many thanks go to the hosts—Gerald and Hazel Bate, Jenny Baker, Bill and Caroline Petch and Dee and Muks Babar. Thanks also go to Dee and Muks for allowing so many to invade their garden for a wonderful tea and to Tish and the Social Committee for all their organising work. A really good afternoon!

MONEY: At the APCM, the outgoing Treasurer gave the facts of our 2017 deficit. If you would like to know more, then please take a copy of the leaflet which was circulated to everyone at the end of last year giving the facts. Some of the figures have changed but the basic message has not—we are running a deficit in our day to day expenses and would encourage everyone at Christ Church to review their giving.

DATA PROTECTION: Because of changes to data protection legislation on May 25, we are now required by law to ask everyone for written consent to hold and manage personal data—names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. A consent form for you to complete is available at the back of church TODAY in a named envelope. We have used the Electoral Roll for this mailing so if you are not on the roll, please take a form. This needs to be returned to the Church and placed in the box ideally by 25 May.

SMALL GROUPS are appreciated by many. As you will have seen from page 12 of the current Parish News, we are hoping to set up other group(s). One person who has offered to convene a new group is Flis Banks: contact her on felicitybrewis@outlook.com if you would be interested in joining.

SOCIAL MEDIA AND CHRIST CHURCH—we are thinking about raising our profile through social media. We would like to gather a small working party to set this up. If you are interested and could help with this, please let Michael know.

WE ARE STILL SEARCHING FOR A NEW CHURCH TREASURER: if you have any interest in taking on this role, please speak to Michael or one of the Wardens.

ADVANCE DATE: Sunday 24 June — Michael celebrates his 40th Anniversary of Ordination as a Priest. Lunch will follow the 10am Service to which all are warmly welcome — keep the date free!

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC POST: we are planning to interview candidates in the next few weeks. Please pray that the right candidate may be found to continue our musical tradition at Christ Church. Meanwhile we are very grateful to our Choir and visiting Organists.

THE STONEMWORK has to undergo some urgent repairs. **If you would like to contribute, please place your donation in a giving envelope and mark it STONEMWORK—and do gift aid if you are able.** Any queries, please speak to the Wardens. We are very grateful for the donations received so far: **£5,887.50** which includes £1,322.50 Gift Aid reclaimed.