

Come Holy Spirit in Love and Power!

Today is Pentecost, the 'Birthday of the Church'. This was when everything that Jesus promised to his disciples about the work that he was calling them to do would start. The Calling to the church has not gone away, nor has the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. Today we celebrate and we welcome the presence of the Holy Spirit afresh.



The Week Ahead

Zoom Links are in Website Calendar

Sunday 23rd May (4th Sunday)

Pentecost Sunday (Whit Sunday)

- 08.00 Children's Celebration Video
- 10.30 Service in Church (Live Streamed)
- 11.45 Sunday Zoom Chat Fellowship
- 18.00 BCP Communion in Church
- 19.30 Zoom Evensong Service

24th Monday - 28th Friday

- 09.00 Weekday Morning Zoom Meditation

24th Monday

- 10 00 Babes and Toddlers,
- 17.00-19.00 Youth Service / Bible study
- 18.00 Zoom Prayer with Brenda

26th Wednesday

- 15.00 **NO Tea and Chat**

28st Friday

- 17.00 - 18.00 Youth Bible Study

Sunday 30th May

- 08.00 Children's Celebration Video
- 10.30 Service in Church (Live Streamed)
- 11.45 Sunday Zoom Chat Fellowship
- 18.00 BCP Communion in Church
- 19.30 **No Zoom Evensong Service**

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Dates for the Diary:

- 15.00 Tuesday 1st June Tea and Chat

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A modern reflective prayer based on Psalm 23

"There is so much fear and anxiety around as we come out of lockdown and as we hear news of violence and war. This reflective prayer on Psalm 23 helps us focus on trusting and following the Lord"

The LORD is my shepherd, My guide, my satnav, my personal trainer, my leader, my mentor. The one I look to...

I have everything I need. I want plenty of things, long for so much, desire a world of things. But what Lord, do I need?

He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams. Lord, we burn ourselves out at times, take on too much. Please help us to pause, to find moments of refreshment amidst the busy-ness...

He renews my strength. We are so tired at times, so wrung out from the day. Renew our strength Lord, please, give us patience and endurance...

He guides me along right paths, bringing honour to his name. It's easy to get lost, to become distracted and lose our way. Please guide us in our decision making this week Lord...

Even when I walk through the dark valley of evil, I will not be afraid, The news can be bad, it can frighten and overwhelm us. Help us to see it through your eyes, give us comfort, compassion and courage...

For you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me. Popular opinion informs us that there is nothing out there, but you promise to always be with us, to never leave us. Help us to remember that Lord in all that happens this week...

You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. Enemies appear in many guises - peer pressure, cynicism, rebuffs and negative criticism. Your word offers us a feast of encouragement. Thank you Lord

You welcome me as a guest, anointing my head with oil. Help us to keep in mind that we are your prodigal children, welcomed home, forgiven, invited in...

My cup overflows with blessings. Surely your goodness and love will pursue me forever. I will live in the presence of the LORD all my days.

Thank you for all the good things in our lives, and the promise of fullness of life with you.

Amen.

With Blessings,

(By Dave Hopworth)
Susie Milard

ST LUKE'S BABES AND TODDLERS GROUP

Is weather dependent as to whether they can meet on Lyndon Green. They managed to escape the showers and had a lovely morning last Monday with a good crowd of Mums, Nana's and children. As from 17th May regulations have changed and now 30 adults can attend (this number excludes helpers and children under 5)

It was lovely to see passers by enjoying Jeremy's nursery rhymes.

One comment: "I took this photo of wonderful scene from our house this morning! It brings a smile to our faces every time we see and hear it" (Michelle Reidy).





Photo by Madi Mocanu

Prayer Focus Update Friday 21st May

The situation in India continues to worsen, it is estimated 2,000 Christian ministers have died from Covid – the figure is much higher as this is just the main RC and Anglican Communion churches. The suicide of Drs and nurses continues to rise as does the covid death figures. The national government continue to refuse aid and help (including oxygen and ventilators) from Christian organisations (NGOs & charities). The West coast of India has now also been hit by cyclone Tauktae.

Pastor Blesson in Kolkata (Calcutta) has started an online prayer group for pastors – at 4.00am each morning. It was supposed to be an hour, but they have run on until 08.00. It is open to all India pastors. Pray the Lord will use this group to fill them with his Holy Spirit and comfort and strengthen them. Pray for Blesson to have the energy and wisdom to maintain this daily commitment and pray protection over him, Jaya is Dr wife and his family. Continue to pray for M who is fighting covid.

Thank you

Susie

Thank you for your prayers for the new Grayshott Head Teacher: News will follow.

There will be no Tea at 3 on 26th May. Tea at 3 will resume on TUESDAYS on 1st June.

Contributions

Please send any contributions regarding good news, gardening tips, photos, humorous items, favourite Bible verse, poems, etc, for inclusion in future Newsletters before Wednesday, to Madi's email office@stlukes-grayshott.org

It is with a heavy heart that I am informing you of the death of my husband The Right Reverend Jacob Ademola Ajetunmobi who was called home on the 14th December 2020. He has since been buried in London on the 28th January.

We want to thank the vicars and the congregation of St Luke's for the financial help given to run the handicap school in the Diocese of Ibadan. Mrs Dorcas Ajetunmobi

Our outward giving group administers donations from a tithe of the income we receive, and has been supporting the School in Ibadan for a number of years the school will be overseen by the new Bishop taking Jacob's place. We sent our love to Jacob's wife.

Prayer's for the week

- Head Teacher recruitment at Grayshott School
- The pandemic in India (The situation is still worsening in India—numbers of infections and deaths still increasing)
- Those we know are sick.

Life School: We have come to the end of our series on the **Power of the Cross**, today is Pentecost, and next week is Trinity Sunday, which begins a new series of talks exploring living in the **'Power of the Holy Spirit'**, beginning with a celebration of the Trinity next week, God's nature and ways.

“The Power of the Spirit” Today's Readings:

Acts 2: 1-21

John 15: 26-27; John 16: 4b-15

We are so grateful to you all for your support and encouragement in the work of the Gospel.

**Our Love to you all,
Jeremy & Claire**

The BCP Collect for Today

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen



Unusual visitor to Sheila's Austin garden
Her comment: "I have only ever seen Crossbills once before in 30 years"