

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

**Pentecost**

10.00 a.m. Church Family Communion with Children's Church

4.00 p.m. Tea Time Church with Communion

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### **Collect for Today**

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**

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### **Service Readings**

Acts 2:1-21 (*p.115*), Romans 8:14-17 (*p.153*) and John 14:8-17 (25-27) (*p.105*)

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### **Please pray for**

... Dave Barclay, Carole Bookham, Anne Bradbeer, Andrea Fairbairn, Sylvia Holdsworth and Becki & Jonathan Salmon.

... the family and friends of George Stevens who died recently in a road traffic accident, and for Beverly taking the funeral.

... the family and friends of Reginald Reekie, Doris Greenacre, Joy Pyle and Elizabeth Jay whose anniversary of death is at this time.

... those who live and work in The Oval, The Quadrangle and The Square.

... the Koens family in Papua New Guinea supporting the work of Bible translation through vehicle maintenance, teaching, missionary care.

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### **Post Communion Prayer**

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.**

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### **Financial Giving**

We take a collection during our services. If you don't give regularly by standing order or the envelope scheme, please put your donation in the bag, tap the card reader on your way out, or use the QR code on the back of this news-sheet. Thank you.

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## Dear Friends

On the very first Pentecost morning, the disciples were gathered together in Jerusalem. They'd been waiting together in prayer since Jesus' ascension, as he'd told them to do; waiting for the gift that the Father would give them. There's a real sense of anticipation in our reading from the Book of Acts for this morning (Acts 2:1-21); a sense that something extraordinary was about to happen. And it does. Luke tells us that 'Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues (or languages) as the Spirit enabled them' (Acts 2:2-4). Something noisy, visual and tangible was clearly happening; so much so that a great crowd of people gathered around, to see what was going on.

And so, Peter stepped in to explain what was happening. He gathers the crowd together, then takes them back to the Old Testament and some words from the prophet Joel. 'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days' (Joel 2:28-32). What had been foretold by the prophets many years ago, was now happening in their very midst. And as Peter continues to preach, some 3000 people take the decision to join the disciples as followers of Jesus. The Church was born. And the whole of the book of Acts, the 28 chapters which follow, are the account of the working of Holy Spirit in the lives of Jesus' followers – bringing the world-wide Church into being.

Today we'll be finding out more about that first Pentecost event, and what it means for us – and for the Church – today.

**Beverly**

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## Mission Focus for June: Mosaic Middle East (MME)

A message to All Saints' Church from Helen Jackson, Executive Director, MME:

"The Middle East continues to face immense difficulties; conflict, displacement, and the struggles of vulnerable communities remain stark realities. Yet, in the face of these trials, your support has enabled MME to continue bringing hope, help and healing to those in greatest need. Thanks to you, minority communities and those displaced by conflict have found shelter, support and a renewed sense of dignity. Your generosity is making a tangible difference every single day."

So, let us keep the work of MME ever in our prayers. Further information (about one of the hospitals in Gaza) will be found in the June Magazine

## Notices

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**Saturday Work Morning:** We'd love many hands to make light work this Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> to do some maintenance in and around the church. Tasks include hedge cutting, weeding, repainting of car park lines, nettle removal, weeding, cleaning chairs seats in church. We'll be there between 9.30am and 1pm – any time you can spare would be great! Coffee and cake mod morning as always!

**Churches Count on Nature:** This is a joint initiative promoted by Caring for God's Acre, the Church of England, the Church in Wales and A Rocha UK. We'll be joining in by counting wildlife species in the church field. Join us on after the service on Sunday 15th June. All the family welcome!

**Sunday 6th July at 10am is 'Godparent's Sunday'.** In our Café-style service, we'll be welcoming Godparents of children and adults who have been baptised at All Saints in recent years. There will be songs, drama, activities for children, coffee and croissants and an opportunity to renew the vows that parents and Godparents made at the baptisms of their children. Please contact Godparents and invite them to come to this very special service. Please bring the baptism candles with you – if you can find them!

**Support Needed:** We're looking for new members of the Dray Court Team, the Tea-Time Church Team, the Safeguarding Team, the Pastoral Team and Children's Church. If you can spare approximately an hour/week to support these really important ministries, please let Beverly know.

**Coffee after church:** we also need a few more people to help with coffee after church. It may only be once a month, so please let Eve know if this is something you could do. We always have two people each Sunday, so you'd always have help! Without more help, your coffee may be at risk ....

### **Special and NEW Events coming up:**

- **Choral Evensong followed by strawberry teas** at the vicarage on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 4pm
- **Godparent's Sunday** 6<sup>th</sup> July at our 10am and 4pm services. It's a good time to invite your own or your children's Godparents to All Saints for this special day.
- **Pet Service** Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July, 4pm
- **Youth Group BBQ** Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July, 5.30pm - welcoming those getting ready for secondary school. Open to current year 6s as well as our regular members. Do bring a friend.
- **Indoor Picnic with Board Games and cakes**, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 4pm
- **Autumn Fair** Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2-5pm

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## Diary for the Coming Week

**Morning prayer Mon, Tues and Weds 9.15am in the Reading Room and Zoom. Thurs Holy Communion at 9.30am in the Reading Room.**

Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	Pastoral Team, Vicarage, 10.00am Women's Bible Study, 16 West Meads, 12.30pm Barnabas Group, 26 Manor Way, 4.00pm
Weds 11 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday Lunch Group, Wilders, 12.30pm Mission Vision Group, The Hopwoods, 5.30pm Standing Committee Meeting, The Vicarage, 7.30pm
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion & Home Blessing, Reading Room, 9.30am Central Team, Vicarage, 10.30am Men's Wellbeing 'Exploring the Way', 24 Bannisters Rd. 7.30pm Choir Rehearsal, 8.00pm
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	Baby & Toddler Group, Church, 10.00am Friday Group, 43 Poltimore Road, 3.00pm
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	Church Work Morning, 9.30am-1pm
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Trinity Sunday and Father's Day</i> BCP Communion, Reading Room, 8.00am Morning Worship with Children's Church, 10.00am Tea Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm Youth Group, Church Hall, 5.30pm

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## Daily Readings for the coming week

Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	Ps. 126, Job 1, Romans 1:1-17
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	Ps. 132, Job 2, Romans 1:18-end
Weds 11 <sup>th</sup>	Ps. 100, Jeremiah 9:23-24, Acts 4:32-end
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	Ps. 143, Job 4, Romans 2:17-end
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	Ps. 144, Job 5, Romans 3:1-20
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	Ps. 147, Job 6, Romans 3:21-end

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## Service Readings for Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June:

### Trinity Sunday and Father's Day

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



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