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Mission Community Prayer

Lord of the Church, hear our prayer for the Holsworthy Mission Community:
Set our hearts on fire with love for you. Claim our worship and wealth, our
abilities and our time, that we be worthy stewards of all that you have given.
Save us from complacency and fear of new ways; inspire us with vision; make us
a power-house of prayer, a community of loving service, and faithful witnesses
to your kingdom as we grow daily in and through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

From the rector



Birthdays are important to us and many of us often celebrate them. Especially the 'big' birthdays. There are several important Birthdays this month including the Queen's on the 8th June. Many of you will also be celebrating friends, family or even your own Birthday. A very special birthday this month is the Birthday of the Church on the 9th June - Pentecost, previously known as Whitsun. Pentecost is the day that the church was born because it was the day that we recognise the Holy Spirit descending on Jesus' disciples.

In the run up to Pentecost the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have asked us all to take more time to pray. We are asked to pray for 'Thy Kingdom Come'. The theme for our diocese is 'Fields of Gold' from the Gospel of Matthew (13.44-46). Jesus speaks about the Kingdom of God being like treasure in a field; so precious that a man sold everything he had in order to gain it; or like a merchant who had seen a precious pearl who sold all he had in order to possess it.

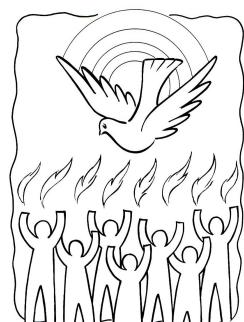
- How might we grow in our appreciation of the treasure of God's Kingdom?
- Who or what represent precious pearls or treasure in our communities?
- Who are those we share community with who do not yet know Jesus? How can we share with them that they are a treasure or precious pearl in God's eyes?
- Who is God putting on our hearts to pray for or invite on a journey of exploring faith in Jesus?

In the evening of the day of Pentecost, on 9th of June, there is an informal service for everyone at Exeter Cathedral where we can all come together with our prayers and celebrate the birth of the church and pray for God's 'Kingdom to Come'. All are welcome to attend the service which is at 6.30pm.

Then at the end of the month at 5.30pm on Sunday 30th June, Holsworthy Church will be celebrating their patronal festival of St Peter and St Paul with Choral Evensong, a service of prayer and music. We have a visiting choir from Launceston Church joining Holsworthy church choir. There will be refreshments afterwards. Do come along.

Your servant in Christ

Mother Elizabeth



News from the Churches in our Benefice

St. Peter and St. Paul, Holsworthy

Coffee Morning Wednesday June 12th 9:00am-12 noon in Holsworthy Memorial Hall. Please see the notice at the end of Hollacombe news.



Corpus Christi - Thursday, 20 June, 19:00 – 20:00
Sung Eucharist with refreshments afterwards

Choral Evensong - Sunday 30th June at 5.30 p.m.
By John Timbury

We are singing a 'Petertide' Choral Evensong on Sunday 30th June at 5.30 p.m. in Holsworhty Church. Our choir will be joined by the that of St Mary Magdalene, Launceston with their Director of Music, Robin Stubbs conducting and me at the organ. John Sanders' Preces & Repsonses, Stanford's setting of Psalm 150. The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis set by Herbert Brewer and an anthem by Edward Bairstow, all make for a real feast of cathedral type music.



Choral Evensong continues to gain popularity in cathedrals and larger parish churches, where ever increasing congregations include those of varying Christian denominations and other faiths as well as some with none but who nevertheless sense and gain some of the spirituality of the service. I gather it is many years since there was such a service at Holsworthy so I am anxious to give it maximum publicity.

The Friend's of Holsworthy Parish Church St Peter's Monthly Jackpot Draw

The winners of the St. Peter's Monthly Jackpot Draw, drawn on 20th May were –
1st Prize, ticket number 60, Ethan from Bournemouth
2nd prize, ticket number 25, Chris from Glebelands.

You can still purchase a ticket, now that there are only ten months left the price of the ticket to be included in the June draw drops to £10. Please speak to Helen Narborough our treasurer or a member of the PCC if you would like to purchase a ticket.



Messy Church at Holsworthy Primary School is on
Wednesday 26th June 3:00 to 4:30pm.
This will be the last one of the term.

Tree limb fall in the churchyard

On Tuesday 28th May the churchwardens received a message letting them know that a member of public had called into the Town Council office and reported a tree had fallen into the churchyard on the North Road perimeter. Your churchwardens immediately attended and having checked that nobody was trapped under the fallen limb decided to close the churchyard to the public because another limb looked as though it could come crashing down at any minute.



Unfortunately, several gravestones have been damaged.

A representative from Torridge District Council was soon on site and arranged for a tree surgery company to attend the following day and they made safe as much as possible in the morning. However, the remaining limb was high up so it was decided to bring in a cherry picker so that the tree surgeons go up and make safe the remaining limb. This required Devon County Council to implement a partial

road closure, sorry if you were held up by the temporary traffic lights. A Wednesday market day was probably not the day we would have chosen for this work but safety of the public had to come first. The representatives from Torridge District Council have acted very efficiently throughout and have been very helpful. At the time of writing we are expecting the removal of the timber to take place at some time over the following two weeks, the tree surgeon has other work to complete. When the timber has been removed, we will be in a position to inspect the extent of the damage to the gravestones. We are so thankful that the fall of the tree limb was not out into the street because at the time it happened there is every likelihood that someone would have been seriously injured or even killed.

Advance Notice - St Peter's Fair Week - 6th-14th July

This year in the church for St Peter's Fair.... Collections!

We invite people to bring their collections to display for people to look at. Be it teddy bears or postcards, model trains or vintage tools or whatever it is you have

collected. If you have a collection and would like to put it on display please contact Carol Weston on 01409 259371, cwc~~arol~~weston@gmail.com and book space.

The church will be open for people to set up on Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th from 2-5pm (others times by arrangement). We do ask that people who would like to display their collections give a couple of hours stewarding in the church during the Fair. There will be a rota to sign up on by the door.

The church will be open that week as follows;

Wed 10th July after the Pretty Maid Ceremony at 12 noon until 4pm.

Thursday 11th - Saturday 13th July 12noon until 4pm.

Drinks and cakes will be served during opening times.

There will be a ploughman's lunch with dessert served on Thursday 11th. Tickets will soon be available in mid-June from Bob Beckford, Mary Osbourne and Helen Narborough.

If people would like to make a gift to the church there will be a donations box outside the church on the morning of Fair Wednesday and then inside the church for the rest of Fair Week.

My Faith

By Mark Antony Raines (One of our Holsworthy parishioners, Ed.)

It's not easy in the world we live in today to have faith. Faith is keeping loyalty to an unseen God in today's world of gloom and doom and I find it is hard to participate and practice faith when faith is frequently being questioned.

I have often asked myself the question many of you, if you're honest, have probably also asked yourselves, and that is why are we here?

Well I am just going to put in my own words why Faith is part of my life.

I was brought up a Christian and attended Mass on a Sunday when I was younger but then I lost my way for a few years but it was reawakened one fateful day. Some years ago, I had to be rushed to hospital due to my blood sugar levels being dangerously high. I was put into an induced coma. Something made me feel the need to wake up and I felt that I had somehow been given a new lease of life. Since then my faith has returned, I know I should attend Mass more often but my disability makes it hard; I pray and read the Bible daily and have faith that God will help others when needed.

If faith is believing in a higher power, a true friend when in need, a non-judgemental being with the ability to forgive all your sins than all I can say is, "Sign me up."

St. Petroc, Hollacombe

by Margaret Stacey

Sunday 2nd June. PATRONAL FESTIVAL 3pm Evensong followed by Cream Tea.

Sunday 16th June Holy Communion BCP. 9.30am

Sunday 30th June BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION. 10.00am with Archdeacon Ven Dr Mark Butchers. Followed by light refreshments.



Please note, NO Evensong on Sunday 7th July.

Coffee Morning Wednesday June 12th 9:00am-12 noon

There will be a coffee morning in aid of church funds for both the church of St. Peter and Paul Holsworthy and the church of St. Petroc Holcombe. Please keep your eye on the Sunday news sheets leading up to this event for donation to stalls and for prizes. The weekly news sheets are also on the website, you can search for it on the site or type in the page details.

www.holsworthybenefice.org.uk/control/content/page.php?page_id=98

Please try to keep the morning free so that you can support our churches by either drinking coffee, or making it, washing up, staffing a stall or whatever else is required.

St. Bridget, Bridgerule

Creative Church at Bridgerule Primary School every Wednesday 4-5pm.
Everyone welcome - This is informal church with crafts.

St. Swithun, Pyworthy

By Liffy Lowes

Saturday June 15th - 3.00pm – 5.30pm A Traditional Afternoon Tea at the village hall.

ALL YOUR FAVOURITE TEATIME TREATS!

Gift Day at St Swithun's, Pyworthy is to be held over the weekend of July 20th and 21st, a week later than usual so as not to clash with Sports Day. Once again, we are staging a Flower Festival for which the theme this year is "A Song". For the children, it would be lovely if as many as possible could produce a small garden on a plate – we have tried this in the past and have had some lovely entries – for which prizes will be awarded.

Please support our Gift Day – funds raised from this will go towards the upkeep of

the churchyard. Our churchyard is beautifully cared for and I know that many of you are very grateful for this.

General News from The Parish Pump

A New Song for the Season of Creation

Singers of all kinds will have a new song to sing this autumn – a ‘Song for the Season of Creation’ (1st Sept – 4th Oct).

It was commissioned by the Church of England’s Environment Working Group, which hopes that in churches across the country “we can get a large number singing on Sunday 1st September to launch the season. Others may use prefer to sing the song at other times – during harvest services for example.”

The Rector of St Bride’s Revd Canon Dr Alison Joyce said “The idea of a specially commissioned Song for the Season of Creation is an inspired way of encouraging other choirs to spread the word, too.”

Malcolm Guite’s words have been set to music by Ian Stephens in a number of arrangements suitable for choirs and singing groups of all ages, ranges and sizes all of which fit together and can be performed simultaneously. There is also an arrangement for congregations. “We would very much welcome videos of groups singing the song to help others learn it.”

The six arrangements are available as a free download from www.stbrides.com so that all potential performers will have it available to rehearse before September.

Director of the Royal School of Church Music, Hugh Morris, said “Using music to celebrate the richness of God’s creation is something all churches can do, and this new Song for the Season of Creation offers an open, flexible way of resourcing and encouraging churches to lift up their voices in praise”.

In 1989 the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople suggested to all Churches to observe 1st September, for the Orthodox Churches the first day of the ecclesiastical year, as a day ‘of the protection of the natural environment’ and to offer ‘prayers and supplications to the Maker of all, both in thanksgiving for the gift of creation and in petition for its protection and salvation’.

Ten years later the European Christian Environmental Network (ECEN) widened this proposal, urging churches to adopt a Time for Creation stretching from 1st September to 4th October, the feast day of St Francis.

Here is the new song:

Everything Holds Together Based on Colossians 1:15-17

*Everything holds together, everything,
From stars that pierce the dark like living sparks,
To secret seeds that open every spring,
From spanning galaxies to spinning quarks,
Everything holds together and coheres,
Unfolding from the centre whence it came.
And now that hidden heart of things appears,
The first-born of creation takes a name.*

*And shall I see the one through whom I am?
Shall I behold the one for whom I'm made,
The light in light, the flame within the flame,
Eikon tou theou, image of my God?
He comes, a little child, to bless my sight,
That I might come to him for life and light.*

Service and prayer materials are available at www.creationtide.com

Ed. Greek phrase in the poem ‘Eikon tou theou, means image of God and is taken directly from the Greek text of Paul’s letter

Bishop welcomes report calling for a long-term rural strategy

The Bishop of St Albans, Dr Alan Smith, has welcomed the recent publication of a report from the House of Lords Rural Economy Committee.

He said: “As we approach a post-Brexit landscape, we must be conscious how vulnerable our rural communities are and make sure their interests are protected in any future Government action.”

The bishop says the report is “an urgent call to the Government to implement a comprehensive, long-term rural strategy,” and said that it identified “significant opportunities and challenges. I would hope the Secretary of State to welcome its cross-party, rurally-literate recommendations.”

The bishop warned that the ‘opportunities for rural areas’ as identified in the report, (such as for new high-growth businesses that support community

flourishing), “will require strong backing from the Government. Where we can, I am sure the Church of England will support these efforts.”

The bishop also hoped that the Government “will embrace the many difficulties identified,” especially the challenge of housing for working age people and equal access to services.

The Bishop is the lead Church of England spokesperson for rural affairs.

Bishop calls for partnership to teach Relationship and Sex Education

The Church of England’s lead Bishop for Education, Stephen Conway, has welcomed new guidance on Relationship and Sex Education, which recently came before the House of Lords for approval.

Writing in the Tes, Bishop Stephen, who is the Bishop of Ely, said: “Relationships are at the core of what it means to be human.

“For Christians, the challenge is to live in ways which are rooted deep in Scripture and the tradition of the Christian faith, and which contribute to the common good of the plural society.”

The new RSE guidance updates existing legislation which is nearly 20 years old. (When that guidance was written, fewer than ten per cent of households were connected to the internet.)

“Now, despite positive steps in regulating the internet, even primary school aged children live in a world of rapid online interactions. More and more young people are exposed to pornography, to practices such as sexting and shaming, and inhabit an online world which has real-life consequences for mental health and the development of positive relationships.

“Most parents agree we cannot let this be the quantum of their role modelling, but do not themselves feel fully equipped to offer alternatives, and this is where the RSE guidance comes in.

“The new guidance is about promoting healthy resilient relationships set in the context of character and virtue development, with a focus on respecting others, including the beliefs and practices of people with a specific faith commitment, as well as those from the many different types of families that make up our cultural context.

“It makes explicit a shared duty of care between parents and schools, and that what takes place in the classroom builds on what has been taught in the home.

“It maintains the need for schools to consult their parental community in developing the curriculum, with parents ultimately having the right to excuse their children from sex education if they wish. Our hope is that they will not do so, but this must nonetheless remain an option in order to honour legitimately-held positions of concern.

“I hope and pray that schools, families and carers will work together to enable children to navigate safely growing up in the digital age.”

Funding repairs is 'top problem' facing churches

A new online poll has revealed the top five problems facing the UK's church buildings.

In the poll, run on the National Churches Trust's website, people were asked to identify what they thought was the biggest problem facing the UK's church buildings. The top problems were identified as:

- Not enough money available for repairs – (identified as top problem by 32% of people)
- Declining congregations – (identified as top problem by 26% of people)
- Shortage of volunteers to help look after church buildings – (identified as top problem by 16% of people)
- Lack of modern facilities – (identified as top problem by 14% of people)
- Lead theft – (identified as top problem by 8% of people)

Claire Walker, Chief Executive of the National Churches Trust said:

“Over the last two years, there has been a 56% increase in applications for our grants, with numbers rising from 381 in 2016 to 593 in 2018. One of the reasons for this increase is that less money is available from the National Lottery Heritage Fund and the end of Government backed schemes such as the Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund.”

“Our nation’s religious heritage belongs to all of us and is too precious to lose.”

More churches than pubs

The UK now has more churches than pubs, according to new data published by the National Churches Trust. There are around 39,000 pubs in the UK, according to the latest figures from the Office of National Statistics, with more than 11,000 pubs having closed in the UK in the last decade – a fall of almost a quarter (23%).

However, there are around 40,300 church buildings in the UK open to the public and being used for worship, according to research carried out for the National Churches Trust by the Brierley Consultancy.

The number of church buildings is also substantially higher than other key public buildings in the UK. There are currently around 14,300 supermarkets operated by grocery retailers, 11,500 post office branches, 7,500 bank branches and 3,600 public libraries.

An increasing number of churches in the UK are also becoming local ‘community hubs’, hosting children’s nurseries, senior citizen lunch clubs, concerts and exhibition venues. Some even house post-offices, GP surgeries and farmer’s markets.

Around 6,000 of the UK’s approximately 32,000 polling places are located in church buildings.

Smile Lines

With school-days in mind...

A little girl after her geography exam: “Please God make Copenhagen the capital of Japan – at least for this month.”

Trouble

The minister’s son had just received a bad report from school. Seeking to distract his father, he asked: “Dad, what do you think is the trouble with me? Heredity, environment or just plain original sin?”

Church council

The minister was praising his church council. “Unlike others I have known, where half the council does all the work and the other half are hopeless, in this church it is completely the reverse!”

Sins

A patient, while recovering in the hospital from a heart attack, met an over-zealous evangelist. After listening politely for over a half-hour on how thankful he should be to have been spared, and how he should repent at once, he was asked if all of his sins had flashed before his eyes during the heart attack. The patient responded, “Don’t be ridiculous. The attack lasted only 6 hours.”

Benefice Services for June - www.holswothybenefice.org.uk/services/benefice-calendar/					
Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holswothy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy	
Easter 7 2nd June	11.15am Sung Eucharist	3pm Sung Evensong (Patronal)	9.30am Sung Eucharist		9.30am All Age Service
7th June	10am Eucharist followed by no cost Café at Holswothy Church				
PENTECOST 9th June	11.15am Morning Prayer		9.30am Sung Eucharist		11.15am Sung Eucharist
14th June	10am Eucharist followed by no cost Café at Holswothy Church				
TRINITY 16th June	11.15am Sung Eucharist	9.30am Sung BCP Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Morning Prayer
THURSDAY 20th June					CORPUS CHRISTI (Thanksgiving for the institution of the Eucharist) 7pm Benefice Sung Eucharist, Holswothy. Drinks afterwards.
21st June		10am Eucharist followed by no cost Café at Holswothy Church			
23rd June	11.15am Morning Worship		9.30am Sung Morning Prayer	9.30am Sung Eucharist	11.15am Sung Eucharist
28th June		10am Eucharist followed by no cost Café at Holswothy Church			
5th Sunday 30th June		10am BENFICE BCP Holy Communion, at Hollacombe (Archdeacon Ven Dr Mark Butchers)			
Easter concludes with PENTECOST – when the Holy Spirit comes for all the people.					

This chart was correct at the time we went to press. Please check on the back of your weekly service sheet for any last-minute changes or take a look at the Benefice Calendar on our www.holswothybenefice.org.uk/services/benefice-calendar/

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High Days and Holy Days in June

9th June Day of Pentecost – Whit Sunday

Not a Ghost but a Gift

By Canon David Winter

We used to call it Whitsun - White Sunday because long ago children marched to church in white on that day. No processions nowadays, and we've even changed its name. It's now 'Pentecost', which is more accurate but needs explaining.

This year Whitsun/Pentecost is on Sunday June 9th. Pentecost marks a vital event in Christian history. It is a celebrated 50 days after Easter.

On the year Jesus was crucified (which took place at the Passover), the remnant of His followers, just 120 of them, were together in an upper room in Jerusalem.

They were afraid to show their faces in case the authorities arrested them. But on the day of Passover they had an amazing collective experience.

They described it in terms of wind and fire, a great surge of spiritual energy and confidence. Afraid no longer they burst out on to the streets where crowds were gathering for the festival, led by Peter they began to tell them about Jesus and His resurrection. As they did so, although many of the people in the crowd were foreigners who spoke other languages, everyone heard them in their own tongue. Peter told them that what they were seeing was the fulfilment of an old prophecy when God would pour out His Spirit on the human race, men and women, young and old.

As a result of His words and the extraordinary spectacle, 3000 people believed and were baptized in the name of Jesus. They were the nucleus of what in 100 years would be a Church that would turn history upside down. For Christians Pentecost is in effect the birthday of the Church.

I realise many people find the whole idea of the Holy Spirit mysterious and elusive. It wasn't helped by the earlier title 'Holy Ghost'. The spirit is not spiritually a 'ghost' but a precious gift.

9th June Columba of Iona, missionary to the UK

2013 marked the 1450th anniversary of the arrival of Christianity in the UK. It was brought by St Columba from Ireland to Iona – a tiny island off Mull, in the Western Highlands.

Columba (c. 521 -97) was born in Donegal of the royal Ui Neill clan, and trained as a monk. He founded the monasteries of Derry (546), Durrow (c.556) and probably Kells. But in 565 Columba left Ireland with twelve companions for Iona, an island off southwest Scotland. Iona had been given to him for a monastery by the ruler of the Irish Dalriada.

Why would a monk in his mid-40s go into such voluntary exile? Various explanations include: voluntary exile for Christ, an attempt to help overseas compatriots in their struggle for survival, or even as some sort of punishment for his part in a row over a psalter in Ireland. Whatever the reason, Columba went to Iona and spent the rest of his life in Scotland, returning to Ireland only for occasional visits.

Columba's biographer, Adomnan, portrays him as a tall, striking figure of powerful build and impressive presence, who combined the skills of scholar, poet and ruler with a fearless commitment to God's cause. Able, ardent, and sometimes harsh, Columba seems to have mellowed with age.

As well as building his monastery on Iona, Columba also converted Brude, king of the Picts. Columba had great skill as a scribe, and an example of this can be seen in the *Cathach of Columba*, a late 6th century psalter in the Irish Academy, which is the oldest surviving example of Irish majuscule writing. In his later years Columba spent much time transcribing books.

Columba's death was apparently foreseen by his community, and even, it seems, sensed by his favourite horse. He died in the church just before Matins, and it is a tribute to this man that his traditions were upheld by his followers for about a century, not least in the Synod of Whitby and in Irish monasteries on the continent of Europe.

Here is a prayer of St Columba:

Christ With Us

My dearest Lord,

Be Thou a bright flame before me,

Be Thou a guiding star above me,

Be Thou a smooth path beneath me,

Be Thou a kindly shepherd behind me,

Today and evermore.

16th June Trinity Sunday, celebrating our God who is Three Persons

Trying to explain the doctrine of the Trinity has kept many a theologian busy down the centuries. One helpful picture is to imagine the sun shining in the sky. The sun itself – way out there in space, and unapproachable in its fiery majesty – is the Father. The light that flows from it, and which illuminates all our lives, is the Son. The heat that flows from it, and which gives us all the energy to move and grow, is the Holy Spirit. You cannot have the sun without its light and its heat. The light and the heat are from the sun, are of the sun, and yet are also distinct in themselves, with their own roles to play.

The Bible makes clear that God is One God, who is disclosed in three persons: Father, Son (Jesus Christ) and Holy Spirit. For example:

Deuteronomy 6:4: 'Hear O Israel, The Lord our God, the Lord is one.'

Isaiah 45:22: 'Turn to me and be saved... for I am God, and there is no other.'

Genesis 1:1-2: 'In the beginning God created.... and the Spirit of God was hovering...'

Judges 14:6: 'The Spirit of the Lord came upon him in power...'

John 1:1-3: 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made.'

Luke 24:49 actually manages to squeeze the whole Trinity into one sentence. Jesus tells His disciples: 'I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power (the Holy Spirit) from on high.' In other words, the sun eternally gives off light and heat, and whenever we turn to its brilliant light, we find that the warmth and life soon follows.

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floating bye – Sunday 14th July - Join us at Instow Beach from 4.30pm

Floating bye is a moving and supportive evening in remembrance of our loved ones. An orange gerbera flower accompanies your individual message on a wicker and bamboo raft and rowed out to sea on the tide. With your donation you will receive a flower to place on the raft and a card for your message. Raft will float at approximately 5.30pm.

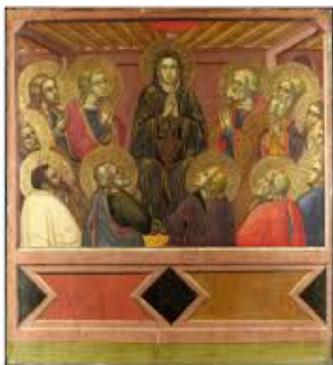
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God in the Arts

Editor: The National Gallery at Trafalgar Square in London houses one of the finest collections of European paintings in the world. It is home to 2,300 works spanning the centuries of artistic creation. During this year we shall be journeying through the gallery to explore one of those treasures each month. By the Rev Michael Burgess.



**Panel depicting the first Pentecost:
Barnaba da Modena**

Over the last years praying ‘Thy kingdom come’ has become an important part of church life for the days between Ascension and Pentecost. It has been promoted by church leaders, who have encouraged Christians to follow the pattern of Mary, the mother of our Lord, and the disciples. St Luke tells us in Acts how they gathered in an upper room to pray, while they waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

It is the theme of this month’s painting from the National Gallery – a panel depicting the first Pentecost painted by Barnaba da Modena, a prolific Italian artist, in 1377. Here we look into that upper room and see Mary and the twelve, their hands in prayer, and the Holy Spirit descending like a dove into their lives.

The disciples had seen their Lord ascend to the Father, and they must have returned from that mount to Jerusalem expectant, but also concerned and anxious about what the future held for them. Afraid and uncertain, they devoted themselves to prayer. The artist has shown us the gift of the Holy Spirit that marks the birthday of the Church and a new day in their lives. The doors of that upper room may have been closed to the world, but the Spirit came to open them and inspire the disciples to go into that world with a new purpose and hope. The closed world of fear and anxiety was changed by their prayer and by the working of the Holy Spirit.

In the days from Ascension to Pentecost we follow that tradition of prayer. We may also be concerned and anxious about our world and our lives. The Spirit calls us to move from fear to trust. Someone calculated that the words ‘Do not be afraid’ occur 365 times in the Bible – one for the great day of Pentecost, and one for every other day in the rest of the year.

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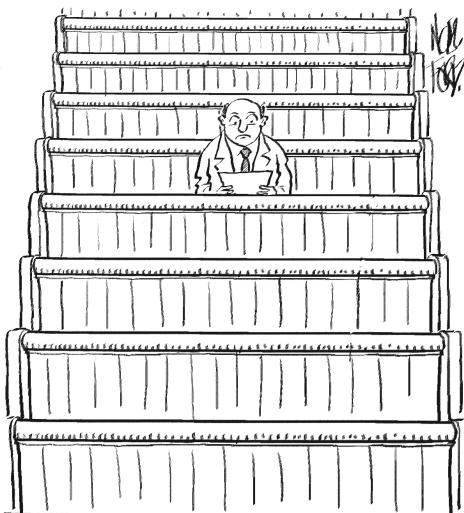
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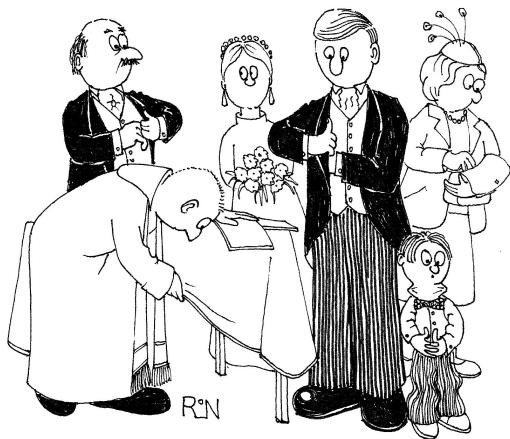
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With the congregation depleted by the bug that was going around, it suddenly dawned on Roy that he wouldn't be able to get away with just miming to the hymns this week



There was a hold up while they looked
for the pen

All in the Month of June

It was:

75 years ago, on 6th June 1944 that D-Day took place with the Normandy landings. Over 150,000 Allied troops landed on the beaches of Normandy, France, at the start of the Battle of Normandy. The battle ended on 25th August and was an Allied victory.

50 years ago, on 22nd June 1969 that Judy Garland, American actress and singer, died. Best known for her role as Dorothy in the film The Wizard of Oz. Mother of Liza Minnelli. Died of an accidental drug overdose, aged 47.

40 years ago, on 1st June 1979 that Rhodesia ended 90 years of white minority rule, established a black government and changed its name to Zimbabwe-Rhodesia.

Also 40 years ago, on 7th June 1979 that the first elections for the European Parliament were held.

30 years ago, on 5th June 1989 that the Unknown Rebel ('Tank Man') of Tiananmen Square, Beijing, China, made world headlines. He temporarily halted a column of tanks by standing in front of them on the morning after the massacre. It became one of the most iconic images of the 20th century. (There are conflicting theories about what happened to him afterwards.)

25 years ago, on 7th June 1994 that Dennis Potter, British TV dramatist and screenwriter (Pennies from Heaven, The Singing Detective, Blue Remembered Hill, etc) died.

20 years ago, on 11th June 1999 that the Kosovo War ended when the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and NATO signed a peace treaty. NATO peacekeeping forces entered Kosovo the following day.

10 years ago, on 25th June 2009 that Michael Jackson, 'the King of Pop', died. This American singer, songwriter and dancer had hit songs that included Beat It, Billie Jean, Thriller, and Bad. He died of an anaesthetic overdose.

June 2019 – Letter from St. James the Least of All

The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his letters from 'Uncle Eustace'...

Happily, the Church of England still retains some singular parish clergy. Take the parish of St. James-the-Least in the county of C..... for example. Here the elderly Anglo-Catholic vicar, Eustace, continues his correspondence to Darren, his nephew, a low-church curate recently ordained...



Beware the summer strawberry tea

The Rectory
St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

Never, ever feel aggrieved that your summer strawberry tea has to be held in the church hall rather than on a lawn, since there is hardly a single blade of grass to be found in your entire parish. You have no idea of the potential calamities you are avoiding.

Here, during the previous week, the organisers will be desperately asking the opinion of local farmers about the weather. In doing so, they forget that for the farming community, it is always the wrong sort of weather anyway. I once received a heartfelt plea from the staff at Heathrow Airport for our ladies to stop calling them at hourly intervals to find out if hurricanes may be imminent.

Naturally, the day will start out warm and sunny and so all the tables will be arranged on the vicarage lawn. By 10am, tablecloths will have been laid. By 10.10am, a brisk breeze will have sprung up and someone will be delegated to retrieve them all from deep within the nettle patch. By 11am, clouds will gather, and a decision will be made to transfer everything into the church hall. Once that is completed, just when it is almost too late to change, the sun will re-emerge and there will be a frantic dash to put everything back on

the lawn. This ensures that by 2pm when teas start, the ladies will already be in a state of collapse.

Last year, the Dowager Duchess of Trilby graced us with her presence. As she sat with her entourage, elegantly sipping tea under a giant parasol over the table, the thing – equally elegantly – closed around her, leaving her looking like one of those unfortunate insects trapped by a carnivorous plant. To emerge from its depths looking entirely unflustered was beyond even her social skills.

Fortunately, attention was diverted from her predicament by the wife of one of our farmers. This substantial lady had been sitting in a chair with slightly too thin legs for the damp lawn. The rear two slowly sank into the grass, eventually catapulting the dear lady backwards into the lap of the local mayor. Disentangling red flannelette from mayoral chains took some time, and delicacy.

At least when I have had enough, the lawn can be cleared in minutes by drawing the raffle. The moment the last plastic shower cap and set of Christmas doilies has been awarded, there will be a dash to get home, giving my dog the opportunity to retrieve remnants of cream cakes from the flower beds.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



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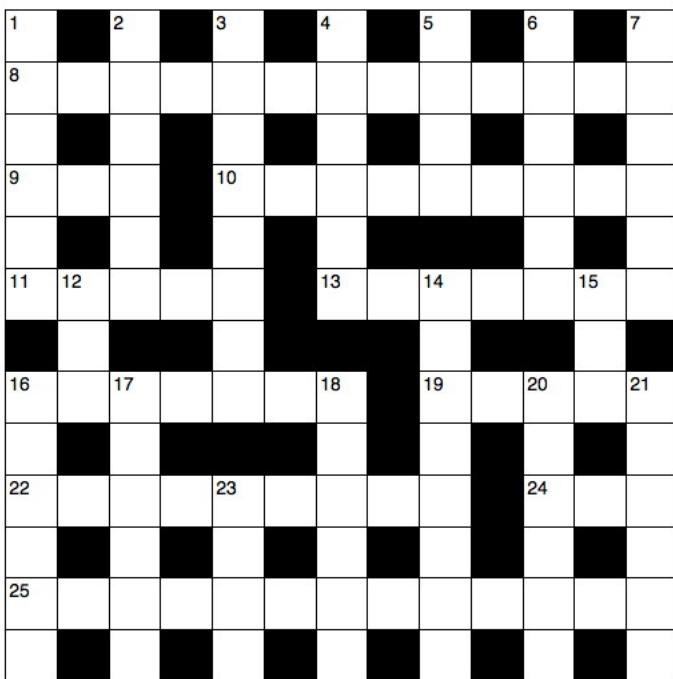


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The Puzzle Pages June 2019 Crossword

(The solution to this crossword puzzle can be found on page 28)



Across

- 8 Laban complained he had not been allowed to kiss them when Jacob fled with his family (Genesis 31:28) (13)
- 9 In favour of (3)
- 10 'The child's father and mother — at what was said about him' (Luke 2:33) (9)
- 11 Swagger (Psalm 12:8) (5)
- 13 'Terrors — him on every side and dog his every step' (Job 18:11) (7)
- 16 Bay bits (anag.) (7)
- 19 Preach, address an

audience, speak in public (5)

22 Holy Communion (9)

24 'On their way to — out the land, Joshua instructed them, "Go and make a survey of the land"' (Joshua 18:8) (3)

25 Joseph advised Pharaoh to appoint these to administer his grain storage plan (Genesis 41:34) (13)

Down

- 1 'Assyria's pride will be brought down and — sceptre will pass away' (Zechariah 10:11) (6)
- 2 'And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in — with God and men' (Luke 2:52) (6)
- 3 The descendants of Esau (Genesis 36:9) (8)
- 4 The components of the crown that Jesus was made to wear before his crucifixion (John 19:2) (6)
- 5 Colour of cloth which was to cover holy objects in the tabernacle when moving camp (Numbers 4:6–12) (4)

- 6 One of the gold articles plundered from the Midianites offered to the Lord by the Israelite army ‘to make atonement’ (Numbers 31:50) (6)
- 7 ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set — — ’ (Jeremiah 31:29) (2,4)
- 12 Ate (anag.) (3)
- 14 ‘We ourselves... groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our — as sons’ (Romans 8:23) (8)
- 15 Abram’s nephew (Genesis 14:12) (3)
- 16 Rupture (Job 30:14) (6)
- 17 ‘Yet to all who received him... he gave the right to — children of God’ (John 1:12) (6)
- 18 ‘I... asked him the true meaning of all — . — he told me and gave me the interpretation of these things’ (Daniel 7:16) (4,2)
- 20 Military units (Exodus 14:20) (6)
- 21 ‘Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to — her to public disgrace’ (Matthew 1:19) (6)
- 23 Diva (anag.) (4)

June 2019 Sudoku (Solution on page 28)

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