



The Parish of Thorpe St Andrew

Weekly Newsletter and Service Sheet
The Feast of Pentecost: 23 May 2021

Come, Holy Spirit!



Message from the Rector: Like a rushing mighty wind...

After 50 days of Easter we reach the Feast of Pentecost, celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit breathes life into the church and sustains us, but is not only transformative but also disruptive. We have learned quite a bit in the last 15 months about what disruption means, being out of church, in church, out again and back. The church which began on the first day of Pentecost believed that the Holy Spirit is alive and moving among them, like a rushing mighty wind, coming in tongues of flame. Before the lockdown it is fair to say that there are some churches that expected very little of the Holy Spirit. The Covid-19 pandemic has helped us to see the Holy Spirit and to embrace it in all its wildness. A church filled with the Holy Spirit is open to new things and inspires us to bear the fruits of the spirit within our community: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22). The first disciples were touched by the Holy Spirit and received power to spread the good news of Jesus Christ and to live in community together. From the quietness and tranquillity of prayer in the upper room the disciples were caught up in the rushing mighty wind of the Holy Spirit. Their lives were immediately and irrecoverably changed by their encounter. They saw dreams and visions of how God's kingdom could be built on earth. They ventured out of closed church doors and into the community, carrying the Holy Spirit out into the world in love and joy. It is my prayer for us all that we might be transformed by the Holy Spirit, so that we may carry it into the world today and in the years to come. With every blessing,

Fr James



The Liturgy of Pentecost

Organ Voluntary

Welcome *Words of welcome are said.*

Hymn *The choir sing the hymn and the congregation sit.*

**Come down, O Love divine,
Seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn,
Till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**Let holy charity
Mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.**

**And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace, till it become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.**

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Introduction

Jesus Christ, whom we worship, is our crucified, risen and ascended Lord and we have walked with him through his journey of love. We have faced the agony of his suffering and death on a cross. We have rejoiced at his bursting free from the bonds of death. We have enjoyed his risen presence with us and his revelation of himself through the breaking of bread. We have seen his return to the throne before which every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that this Jesus is Lord. And now, with the followers of his own time, we await the coming of the promised Holy Spirit, his gift to his people, through whom we make Christ known to the world.

The Pentecost Reading *A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:1-13)*

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 the native language of each. 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.'

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

Gloria *The choir sing the Gloria in excelsis*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Chorus for the invocation of the Holy Spirit

This short chorus is sung as the thurible is charged with incense

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

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

Alleluia, alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of your love. **Alleluia.** Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said 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 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 judgment: 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 judgment, 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.’ This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Creed

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

The response to the bidding

Lord, come to bless us **and fill us with your Spirit.**

At the end this concluding prayer is said

Generous God, you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the river Jordan, and upon the disciples in the upper room: in your mercy fill us with your Spirit, hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy for ever. **Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God. Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. The peace of the risen Christ be always with you. and also with you. Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Preparation of the Table

The table is prepared, and bread and wine are placed upon it. The choir sing this hymn.

Hymn

**O Thou who camest from above,
The pure celestial fire to impart,
Kindle a flame of sacred love
On the mean altar of my heart.**

**There let it for thy glory burn
With inextinguishable blaze,
And trembling to its source return
In humble prayer, and fervent praise.**

**Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
To work, and speak, and think for thee;
Still let me guard the holy fire,
And still stir up the gift in me.**

**Ready for all thy perfect will,
My acts of faith and love repeat,
Till death thy endless mercies seal,
And make my sacrifice complete.**

This prayer is then said.

Blessed be God, who feeds the hungry, who raises the poor,
who fills our praise. **Blessed be God for ever.**



The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord. This day we give you thanks because in fulfilment of your promise you pour out your Spirit upon us, filling us with your gifts, leading us into all truth, and uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith. Your Spirit gives us grace to call you Father, to proclaim your gospel to all nations and to serve you as a royal priesthood. Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels, and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells, to proclaim the glory of your name, for ever praising you and saying:

The choir sing **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. When supper was ended, he took the cup of wine. Again, he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Andrew and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as
we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into
temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the
power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The minister breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body, because
we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei *The Agnus Dei is sung as the bread is broken.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The communion is distributed. Baptised communicant members of any church are welcome to come and receive the bread alone. If you would like to receive a blessing please bring this service booklet with you, or keep your arms folded. A hymn is sung.

Prayer after 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.**

We thank you, Lord, that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all peoples. Amen.

Notices *The notices are given*

The Blessing of Light

At the Easter Candle the minister says

Blessed are you, sovereign God, overflowing in love. With Pentecost dawns the age of the Spirit. Now the flame of heaven rests on every believer. Strong and weak, women and men tell out your word; the young receive visions, the old receive dreams. With the new wine of the Spirit they proclaim your reign of love. Amid the birth pangs of the new creation the way of light is made known. Source of freedom, giver of life, blessed are you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Blessed be God for ever.

The Commission For fifty days we have celebrated the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over the powers of sin and death. We have proclaimed God's mighty acts and we have prayed that the power that was at work when God raised Jesus from the dead might be at work in us. As part of God's Church in Thorpe St Andrew, I call upon you to live out what you proclaim.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will you dare to walk into God's future, trusting him to be your guide? **By the Spirit's power, we will.**

Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in love? **We will.**

Will you dare to share your riches in common and minister to each other in need? **We will.**

Will you dare to pray for each other until your hearts beat with the longings of God? **We will.**

Will you dare to carry the light of Christ into the world's dark places? **We will.**

The Easter Candle is extinguished. All depart through the choir door. Once outside this hymn is sung.

**The Spirit lives to set us free,
Walk, walk in the light.
He binds us all in unity,
Walk, walk in the light.**

***Refrain: Walk in the light, Walk in the light, Walk in the light,
Walk in the light of the Lord.***

**Jesus promised life to all,
Walk, walk in the light.
The dead were wakened by his call,
Walk, walk in the light. *Refrain:***

**He died in pain on Calvary,
Walk, walk in the light.
To save the lost like you and me,
Walk, walk in the light. *Refrain:***

**We know his death was not the end,
Walk, walk in the light.
He gave his Spirit to be our friend,
Walk, walk in the light. *Refrain:***

**The Spirit lives in you and me,
Walk, walk in the light;
His light will shine for all to see,
Walk, walk in the light. *Refrain:***

The Blessing

May the Spirit, who hovered over the waters when the world was created, breathe into you the life he gives. **Amen.**

May the Spirit, who overshadowed the Virgin when the eternal Son came among us, make you joyful in the service of the Lord. **Amen.**

May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost, bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Organ Voluntary

Prayer Intentions

THE CHURCH *Our Ministry Team* James Stewart, Nicole King, Jim Green (on placement). We pray for our Churchwardens elect – John Ward and Andrew Hayden; our new Deanery Synod representatives – Victor Scrivens, Alison Carman, Ian Mackie; and all those newly elected to the PCC. **Norwich East Deanery** *The Deanery is praying for us today.* **Our Bishops** Graham, Alan and Bishop Designate Jane **Anglican Communion** The Anglican Church of Melanesia on this Anglican Communion Sunday.

THE WORLD *All those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic particularly* all who work in our food shops, including Sainsbury's, Coop, Londis, Fish's, Thorpe Convenience Store, Thorpe Family Butchers, Blofield Farm Shop and our post offices at Thunder Lane (Mr Gurney) and Yarmouth Road (Mr and Mrs Dhalla). **Vaccinations** Giving thanks for those who have already received vaccines and the rolling out of the programme.

THE COMMUNITY

Streets of the Parish Peachman Way, Phelps Road, Pikeman Place
Our community All our civic leaders on Town, District and County Councils and our local Beat Manager, PC Andy Mason

THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYER including Paul Carter, Mark Little, Graham and Monique Rowland, Jennifer Jones, Janet Fancy, Colin Hicks, Grace Howes, Peter and Gaynor Garrood, Rita Ward, Joy and Andy McCall, Jean High, Brother Gabriel, Craig Fransham, Anthony Travis, Mark King, Chloe Smith MP, Alan Fleming, Glenys Bailey

THE DEPARTED *The recently departed* Ivan Brown (20 May), Alan Harrison (26 May – PC, 1.30pm), Anthony Boast (27 May – PC, 12 noon), Harry Basford (28 May), Ann Brown (2 June)

Those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time including Len Davies (24 May), Mary Jackman (24 May), Keith Holmes (24 May), Arthur Underwood (26 May), Donald Robinson (27 May), Arthur Woodward (27 May), Nesta Rush (27 May)

Other notices and announcements

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE NEWLY ELECTED AT OUR CHURCH MEETINGS!!

Warm congratulations to John Ward and Andrew Hayden who have been elected as new churchwardens for the year 2021/2022. They will be admitted after the necessary paperwork has been completed. Huge thanks go to Alison Carman and Tim Peters who did not stand for re-election. We are also grateful to Victor Scrivens, Alison Carman and Ian Mackie who have been elected as Deanery Synod representatives and to Ann Cox and Linda Olney who have stepped down from this role. Linda Olney, Ann Cox and Peter Berry have now been elected to join the PCC. Thanks to all who are willing to stand in whatever capacity. We are also grateful to Sally Entwistle for her work as Treasurer and to Julian Mogford who will take on the role.

POP UP PLANT SALE 2021 After the success of our 2020 sale the gardening team is pleased to announce the Pop Up Plant Sale 2021! This will be held on **Saturday 5th June (11am - 3pm)** in the gardens of the Parish Church. Anyone who can donate plants or unwanted plant pots please contact Margaret Hope at church or on email: mehope7@aol.com Please also contact Margaret if you have any offers of gardening/plant related raffle prizes. Please do tell your friends about this event. We are praying for better weather.

HARRY BASFORD RIP We are saddened to announce the death of Harry this week, who for many years helped with the Parish Church garden and was well known in our community. Please keep his family in your prayers.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2021 Christian Aid Week was last week. The bucket will be out for the last time **TODAY**. Further details on www.christianaid.org.uk

100 CLUB – MAY RESULTS £25 Gale Carruthers; £15 Gillian George

THANK YOU TO ALL Thank you for all your donations to help try and keep us going in this very difficult time financially for us. All donations are gratefully received for the mission and ministry of our church. If you are able to Gift Aid and have not signed a gift aid form please let us know. This can be very easily dealt with!

JUNIOR CHOIR IS BACK I am pleased to say that after Half Term Junior Choir will be back each Wednesday at 3.45pm. Refreshments are served. The first one will be on 9 June 2021. Please spread the word. Any contact that can be made is helpful.

FAMILY SERVICE Before the lockdown we held a Family Eucharist on the second Sunday of each month. The first one will be on 13 June at 9.30am. An opportunity for a family centred talk and worship together.

CAFÉ CHURCH This takes place today (SUNDAY 23 MAY) at the St Andrew's Centre at 11.00am and will be an informal celebration of Pentecost, with songs, prayers and crafts! The next one is on Sunday 27 June at 11.00am.

CORPUS CHRISTI The church gives thanks for the institution of Holy Communion on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday (3 June 2021). We will hold a Eucharist with Exposition of the Sacrament at 7.00pm. All are welcome.

Forthcoming Social Events

27 June Summer Concert and Strawberry Tea – Parish Church

17 July Summer Fete – Parish Church

4, 11, 18, 25 August – Lunchtime Organ Recitals

18 September Quiz Night – St Andrew's Centre

16 October Film Night – St Andrew's Centre

30 October Autumn Fair – St Andrew's Centre

20 November Music Hall Evening

Further details as and when we hear more information!

Services in the coming weeks

Both our services and our social events are subject to Government restrictions operating at the time.

Sun 23 May PENTECOST

8.00am Eucharist – Good Shepherd

9.30am Eucharist - Parish Church (Streamed LIVE) – Parish Church

11.00am Café Church – St Andrew’s Centre

Sun 30 May TRINITY SUNDAY

9.30am Parish Eucharist – Parish Church (Streamed LIVE)

Sun 6 June TRINITY I

8.00am Eucharist – Good Shepherd

9.30am Parish Eucharist (in person and streamed LIVE) – Parish Church

11.15am Eucharist – Good Shepherd



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'Pop up' Plant Sale

in the gardens of
Thorpe St Andrew Parish Church
River Green, NR7 0EW

Saturday
5 June 2021
11am to 3pm



Further information

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Covid-19 measures will be in place