



The Parish of Thorpe St Andrew

WEEKLY NEWS AND SERVICE SHEET
Online edition for Pentecost - 31 May 2020



MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

Touched by the Holy Spirit

It's clear from the account of first Pentecost (the day the Holy Spirit came) that the Holy Spirit was not only transformative but disruptive. Our current lives are full of disruption, of plans thwarted and changed, of worries about what the 'new normal' will be like, which all the politicians (and even Fr James) seem to be talking about. "What if the 'new normal' isn't like the 'old normal'?", I hear some of you cry. This Sunday we remember the disruptive nature of the Holy Spirit, blowing where it will, at Pentecost. 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 in their worship services. Some churches even acted as though they were hoping the Spirit didn't make an appearance, because it might ruin their plans and organisation. The changes brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic give us a chance to reimagine church and to welcome the Holy Spirit. A church filled with the Holy Spirit expects it to surprise and delight, provoke and disrupt. In our current times we have a chance to recognise that this change is not something to fear but to embrace and be transformed by. The coming of the Holy Spirit into our lives, our worship and our fellowship, inspires us to greater love, kindness, generosity and faithfulness. The first disciples were touched by the Holy Spirit. Their lives were changed by their encounter with Jesus Christ. 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. Let us have the courage to be touched by the Holy Spirit too! With every blessing on you all,

Father James

The Parish of Thorpe St Andrew

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SERVICE DETAILS and PRAYER INTENTIONS for 31 May

READINGS Acts 2:1-13; John 20:19-23

INTERCESSIONS *Please pray for*

- **Our Ministry Team** James Stewart, Patrick Kerley, Nicole King, Taylor Wilton-Morgan (from end June onwards)
- **Our Bishops** Graham, Alan and Jonathan
- **Ecumenical** All our brothers and sisters of all denominations across Thorpe St Andrew, Thorpe Hamlet and Heartsease
- **Anglican Communion** Anglican Church of Melanesia, Archbishop Leonard Dawea
- **All those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic** All key workers in NHS and all other fields of frontline work, including our Care and Nursing homes - Broadland View, Larchwood, Dussindale, Mary Chapman
- **All who live in** St Williams Way, Stanmore Close, Stanmore Road
- **Those who are sick or in need**, including Brian Riseborough, Paul Carter, Mark Little, Monique Rowland, Jennifer Jones, Janet Fancy, Colin Hicks, Glenys Paflin, Audrey Camp, Alan Harrison, Jill Hall, Grace Howes, Peter and Gaynor Garrood, Anne Farthing, Len Bennett, Alison Gibson, Joy and Andy McCall, Dave Whitton
- **The recently departed** Margaret Vine, Brenda Debenham, Albert Hastings, Jean Brown, Peter Gedge
- **Those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time** including
(*All dates in June*) 1st: June Whitehead, 2nd: Elsie Shears,
8th: Andrew Stebbeds, 9th: Leslie George, 10th: Christina George,
14th: Ethel (Babs) Stebbeds, 17th: June Knights, 20th: Edward Betts,
28th: Cynthia Huggett, 30th: Derek Kirby

PARISH REGISTER – FUNERALS for June

3 June Albert Hastings, Earlham Crematorium

5 June Jean Brown, interment of ashes, TSA Burial Ground

19 June Peter Gedge, Earlham Crematorium

OTHER NOTICES AND USEFUL INFORMATION

PARISH LIFE – UPDATE A message from Chris George, Editor:

'We're missing you...the lockdown has held us back, but we are planning to return soon with a bumper issue in early July, when distribution is safer. We are still receiving contributions so please send any reports or stories you have been saving up during lockdown. Take care and stay safe.' Our primary concern is the safety of our community. The guidance from the Church of England in relation to the delivery of printed material has not changed, but we will now work towards a really good July issue. Thank you for your patience.

GOVERNMENT PLANS TO EASE OUT OF LOCKDOWN The Church of England are working closely with HM Government on how any plans to enter Phase 2 affect our churches. It will be a slow and cautious approach. The plans have not yet been published, although Bishops have seen them in draft. When published they will include details of the church being open for private prayer and small weddings/funerals, but not public worship.

OUR NEW CURATE – UPDATE I was pleased to announce last Sunday, that, notwithstanding the current situation, Taylor Wilton-Morgan will be beginning his ministry as planned at the end of June. The date planned for his ordination will now be used as a time for the Bishop to licence him as a Parish Lay Worker (27 June). He will preach on 28 June and be fully active as our curate from then. The Bishop of Norwich currently plans to ordain him deacon in Norwich Cathedral at a very small service with limited guests on 6th August (Feast of the Transfiguration). Please keep him and Edwin in your prayers.

CAKE RECIPE CHALLENGE Recipes have begun to come in. Those who watch online will know that I laid down a new challenge to provide cake recipes so that these could go in weekly newsletters during the lockdown. The challenge has been enlarged. We will now produce a 'Thorpe St Andrew Cake Bakers' Paradise – Recipes from the lockdown' booklet to raise vitally needed funds!! Please send these in. **Deadline Sunday 28 June.** Please post them to the Rectory or email: rector@thorpeparishchurch.org

ANYONE FOR AFTER CHURCH COFFEE?! I would encourage as many as possible to join us for our Zoom After Church Coffee. We have had some very successful ones and it would be good to see you. These take place at 11.00am each Sunday. It would be lovely to see you. Since this newsletter is uploaded on the Parish Life website the zoom invitation is sent out in the weekly email – so that we know who is in the potential invitation list.

RECTOR'S RAINBOW CHALLENGE We are proud to confirm the category winners of the Rainbow Challenge (with over 50 entries), announced live on Sunday, each receiving a £20 voucher.

- **Winners: Under 5** Maxim Olney-Waller **KS1** Florence Bunn
KS2 Francesca Podmore **KS3/4** Dominika Drewniak
Adult The Waterhouse Family **International** Hunter Henderson
- **Runners up** in the **highly contested KS2 Category** (winning £10 vouchers) Olive Kerrison, Harrison Fish, Hannah Gursen, Esme Rogers.
- **Highly commended** (winning Colouring Pens/adult equivalent prize!):
Under 5 Thomas Squirrell, Wren Lawson, Winter Lawson, Grace Howes
KS1 Maggie Lawson, Lucy Fancy, Emily Slinger, Joseph Squirrell, Scarlett Waterhouse, Matilda Waterhouse **KS2** Sophie Slinger, Libby Clasper, Maisey Coady, Nicola Fancy, Hannah Impey, Lucas Desborough **KS3** Tula Kerrison **Adult** Alison Carman, Pat Bales, Heidi Kerrison, Janet Fancy

With thanks to County Councillor Ian Mackie for making a contribution to the prizes and assisting Mrs Pat Stewart and me in the judging. Well done to all.

PLANNED GIVING AND COLLECTIONS We have had several questions about planned giving whilst our church buildings are closed under the COVID-19 restrictions. We are not currently able to receive, nor count, Free Will Offering / Gift Aid envelopes. If you have been thinking about setting up a Standing Order, or wish to make an online payment, please contact Sally, our Treasurer, for details, on treasurersa@gmail.com. When the situation with Covid-19 becomes clearer, we will give further guidance. I would encourage all to consider prayerfully how we each can contribute to what is going to be a financially difficult time when we return. There is much hope for new possibilities in the future, but we do need resources.

100 CLUB This is currently suspended. We will let you know more when we are back. Please bear with us.

FOODBANK Thank you for all those who brought things in for the FoodBank. I am receiving items for the FoodBank at the Rectory, for onward transmission to the FoodBank. Please leave on the doorstep and I will add them to our collection. This is only for whilst churches are closed!

AUTUMN CRAFT FAIR, 31 OCTOBER 2020 (11am-3pm) Subject to restrictions operating at the time this is the replacement for all the stallholders who had booked for our Spring Craft Fair. More details later.