

Pew News - Christ Church, Shelton and Oxon



Pentecost/Whit Sunday – 9th June 2019

10:30am Joint Service of Holy Communion

6:00pm Reflections and Bible Study. All are welcome as we take a closer look over the next few weeks at The Ascension, Pentecost and The Trinity
Gluten-free wafers are available: please ask

Readings: (a) Acts 2:1-21 (b) John 14:8-17,25-27

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**

Prayer: Pray for **Ewa** and **Rob Smith** who are celebrating their first wedding anniversary.

Church Prayer: Loving God, help us to be welcoming, accepting and open to all in our growing community. Encourage us to persevere in prayer and fill us with your Holy Spirit. Give us courage and confidence to share all our talents, proclaim our faith, grow spiritually and know your love in our lives. We ask this in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

Monday	The Well and ASHAR	10:30-12:30pm
Wednesdays:	Holy Communion in the Hall	11:00am
Thursday:-	Small Groups	2:15pm and 7:00pm

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N O T I C E S

100 Club Draw for June 2019. The results are:- 1st. Prize £20 No. 126 Mr. M. Ling <> 2nd. Prize £15 No. 87 Mr. B. James <> 3rd. Prize £10 No. 5 Mr. J. Bowan <> 4th. Prize £5 No. 157 Mrs...M. Jackson

We still have a few seats available on the coach to Blackpool at £20.00 per seat , Those who are making their own way there please speak to Neil as Parking at Blackpool is very limited around the church, especially street parking. The nearest carpark is about 800 yds away. Thanks. Neil

Buffet Lunch. There are no more spaces available for the Leaving Lunch. They are all sold -.however if anyone wants to be included see Neil or I to be put on reserve list. Alyson Bradney.

Installation of Rev'd David O'Brien as vicar of St. Thomas Monday 15th July 2019 7pm – Please sign up on form at back of Church.

We require the money for the bus by the 26th May (£20)

Social Meeting. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday the 19th of June at 2:30pm in the OCSH. Maureen will be giving a talk.

The Children's Society. Ann is pleased to report that a further £352.82 has been passed to The Children's Society from the box scheme making our total so far this year £977.36. Emptied boxes are at the back of church for collection. A huge thank you goes to Linda and David Glover and Kathy Driscoll for helping to count the cash, and to Alan Hartley for helping to haul it to the bank. Thank you to everyone who has brought their box to church. There are still a few more boxes to come in and Ann will report the final figure in due course...

Church evacuation in case of fire. Please leave in an orderly manner, helping the less-able. There are 2 marked exits; the main door or via the vestry. Make your way to the Assembly point next to the stone bench in the cemetery. Similar arrangements apply to the Church Hall.

READING FROM ACTS 2:1-21

The Holy Spirit comes at Pentecost

² When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues^[a] as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: ‘Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?’ ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs – we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!’ ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, ‘What does this mean?’

¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, ‘They have had too much wine.’

Peter addresses the crowd

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: ‘Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ “‘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. ¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. ²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. ²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” (NIVUK)

GOSPEL READING FROM JOHN 14:8-17, 25-27

⁸ Philip said, ‘Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.’

⁹ Jesus answered: ‘Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”?’ ¹⁰ Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹ Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

Jesus promises the Holy Spirit

¹⁵ ‘If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you for ever – ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth.

²⁵ ‘All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. (NIVUK)

Quote Bethlehem was God with us, Calvary was God for us, and Pentecost is God in us. [Robert Baer](#)