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SUNDAY 23rd MAY 2021 PENTECOST

Welcome especially if this is your first visit or if you haven't been to church in a while! If you would like say hello to one of the clergy or the hospitality team please do (hiding behind a pillar is fine too if you're a bit shy!) This booklet contains everything you need to follow this service, please join in as far as you would like but don't worry about remembering when to stand, or kneel, or sit, go along with what feels comfortable. A collection is taken during the Offertory Hymn, this helps to pay for the upkeep of the church and more importantly it helps to keep the mission and outreach of the church going, please give what you can. If you pay tax please fill out a Gift-Aid envelope, this allows us to claim extra dosh from the Government!

View From A Pew

Up to this point in the Scriptures, The Holy Spirit may have been seen as an elusive, hard to define member of the Trinity. Described variously as 'The Comforter', 'The Giver of Gifts', initially The Spirit appears to have a 'non-specific' role. However, the coming of The Spirit at Pentecost emphasises the totality of what God has achieved in Jesus Christ (our risen Lord and Saviour!). It is also The Spirit of Truth which comes now to bear witness to the unity of Father and Son, and the truth of Jesus Christ. The Spirit also judges we are told, asking "Do you choose for or against God?" Echoing the life and mission of Jesus. Finally, the Holy Spirit now reveals its purpose, as the third, vital element of The Divine Trinity.

The Introductory Rites

*As the bell is rung all **stand** as the clergy approach the altar. As he comes to the altar the priest prays a silent prayer of preparation, he kisses the altar because it contains a relic and so asks for the saint's prayers for us all. The altar is a symbol of Jesus here with and so is treated with great respect.*

Priest + In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All **Amen**
Priest The Lord be with you.
All **And with your Spirit.**

The priest invites us to offer to God the times that we have done things we should not have done, knowing that God forgives all who are truly sorry. This means we can begin worship knowing we have been set right with God.

All **I confess to almighty God**
 and to you my brothers and sisters,
 that I have greatly sinned,
 in my thoughts and in my words,
 in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
 and, striking their breast, all say
 through my fault, through my fault,
 through my most grievous fault;
 therefore I ask Blessed Mary, ever Virgin,
 all the Angels and Saints,
 and you, my brothers and sisters,
 to pray for me to the Lord our God

Priest May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to
 everlasting life.

All **Amen**

Priest Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Priest Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Together we say the Gloria, a hymn of praise to God. It reminds us that coming to church is a celebration of the wonderful things God has done, is doing, and will continue to do in our lives.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer,
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**

**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.**

*The priest then prays the **Collect** which sums up all our prayers for the day. After the prayer we **sit** for the readings, which come from the Acts of the Apostles, followed by a psalm, then from the Epistles/Letters and a Gospel passage.*

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

At the end:

Reader	The word of the Lord
All	Thanks be to God

Psalm 103(104):1,24,29-31,34

The Response is:

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **R**

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **R**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. **R**

Second Reading

Galatians 5:16-25

A reading from the letter of S. Paul to the Galatians

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desires. Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

At the end:

Reader	The word of the Lord
All	Thanks be to God

The Priest reads the Sequence before the Gospel is announced:

Priest	Holy Spirit, Lord of Light, From the clear celestial height Thy pure beaming radiance give.
	Come, thou Father of the poor, Come with treasures which endure Come, thou light of all that live!
	Thou, of all consolers best, Thou, the soul's delightful guest, Dost refreshing peace bestow
	Thou in toil art comfort sweet Pleasant coolness in the heat Solace in the midst of woe.
	Light immortal, light divine, Visit thou these hearts of thine, And our inmost being fill:
	If thou take thy grace away, Nothing pure in man will stay All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew
On our dryness pour thy dew
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will
Melt the frozen, warm the chill
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die
Give us life with thee on high
Give us joys that never end.

*We **stand** as the Gospel is heralded*

Priest Alleluia, alleluia.
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of
your love.
All **Alleluia.**

The Gospel

John 15:26-27, 16:12-15

Deacon The Lord be with you
All **And with your Spirit**

Deacon + A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
All **Glory to you, O Lord**

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘When the Advocate comes,
whom I shall send to you from the Father,
the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father,
he will be my witness.
And you too will be witnesses,
because you have been with me from the outset.
‘I still have many things to say to you
but they would be too much for you now.
But when the Spirit of truth comes
he will lead you to the complete truth,
since he will not be speaking as from himself
but will say only what he has learnt;
and he will tell you of the things to come.

He will glorify me,
since all he tells you
will be taken from what is mine.
Everything the Father has is mine;
that is why I said:
*All he tells you
will be taken from what is mine.'*

At the end:

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord
All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

The Homily

*We **sit** for the Homily, this is a short talk about the readings we have just heard or the theme of the day. Its purpose is to help us better understand the scriptures and how wisdom and advice that is so old can still help us today. After the homily comes the **Creed** for which we **stand**. This is the Church's statement of belief and the word Creed comes from the Latin word for 'I believe.' If you are new to church or not a Christian do not feel you have to say the words with us. Have a read of them before the service (or if the Homily is boring then!) and if you feel you can agree with the words you are most welcome to join in saying them.*

The Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father, and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead + and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Following the Creed we **sit**.*

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

At the offertory the altar is prepared, the sacred vessels, the chalice (cup) and paten (plate) are laid out and the gifts of bread and wine are offered back to God who first gave them to us. To mark these things out as holy offerings set aside for God blessings particular prayers are said. The priest washes his hands asking for purity (and practically its more hygienic, especially in these Covid times)

*The priest prays silently asking Our Lady the saints will join with us in prayer, he then asks us to pray with and for him as we **stand**:*

Priest Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy church.**

The priest then prays the prayer over the gifts before beginning the Eucharistic (thanksgiving) Prayer, saying:

Priest The Lord be with you.

All **And with your Spirit.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right and just.**

The priest goes on to say the Preface, this speaks to the theme of the day on special occasions or reminds us of important things to do with Jesus' mission to us. It begins the Eucharistic Prayer which is a remembering of both the Last Supper, and Jesus' sacrifice of himself on the Cross. The preface ends with words used to greet Jesus when he entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

All **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.**

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.

*All **kneel or sit** and the priest continues with the prayer during which the gifts of bread and wine are consecrated and so very truly become the Body and Blood of Jesus. During the prayer the priest makes many gestures and blessings which may seem strange, do speak to him afterwards and he happily talk to you about what happens. Part way through comes the following acclamation and response.*

Priest The Mystery of Faith

All **We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

The prayer continues and concludes:

Priest Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

All stand and the Priest invites us to join in saying the Lord's Prayer

The Communion Rite

All **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.**

Priest Deliver us, Lord, we pray...

All **For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.**

The priest introduces the Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All **And with your Spirit.**

In light of recent recommendations in order to reduce the spread of infection we share the Peace simply through this call and response rather than through any physical gesture; as was the practice up until really quite recently.

All **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

The priest then breaks the consecrated Host and drops a tiny fragment into the chalice to symbolise the re-joining of Christ's body and blood after it was spilled on the Cross. To prepare himself to receive communion he prays silently and we are encouraged to do the same. The priest invites us to receive communion by elevating the Broken Host and saying:

Priest Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the
sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
All **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under
my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Having acclaimed the Real Presence of Christ the clergy make their communion.

*If you have been joining us for the Rosary or would like to begin that meditation this might be an ideal moment to reflect on **The Fifth Luminous Mystery – The Institution of the Eucharist** or **The First Glorious Mystery – The Resurrection**? Perhaps offer a decade thinking about either of these as you make your spiritual communion?*

*We **stand** for the prayer after communion.*

The Concluding Rites

Priest The Lord be with you
All **And with your Spirit**
Priest May Almighty God bless + you...
All **Amen**
Deacon Go forth the mass is ended.
All **Thanks be to God.**

*We **remain standing** and again the priest kisses the altar in a gesture of thanks and farewell. The priest then returns to the sacristy he prays silently for himself and for those who have received God in this mass.*

-o0o- NOTICES

PCC Meeting

The Parochial Church Council (the council which now covers the three churches of the whole parish – the new creation) will meet at 12.30pm after mass today in S. Saviour's.

Annual Meetings

Wednesday 26th May:

7.30pm – S. Werburgh's beginning with election of Deputy Wardens

Annual Meeting of Parishioners and APCM for the whole Team

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners (Vestry Meeting) will take place to elect church wardens for **the whole Team** before a Team Mass on Sunday 30th May at 10.15am and will be followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (the equivalent of an Annual General Meeting) Mass. This will all take place at S. Werburgh's as we have the greatest capacity there. If you hope to come it would be good to know the size of your party to lay out an appropriate number of socially distanced chairs.

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Prayer List

Please note the sick list will be reviewed shortly with Pentecost Sunday being the last occasion on which the current list will be printed unless other arrangements have been made with Fr Andrew. Names on the pewsheets will appear for about a month, if prayer is still required they will be moved to the list of long-term/ongoing illness. The pewsheets are for short-term illness or those who have been rushed to hospital and are in acute need.

The Sick And Those In Need

Jack, Terry, Pamela, Fr Chris, Fr Ron, Audrey, Gwen, Doreen, Rob, Stuart, Daisy, Jean, Pete, Mike and Amina

The Recently Departed

Christine Screen, and Wendy Ellerton

Anointing of the Sick

This sacrament is open to all who are ill in any way, it is no longer reserved to those who are dying. If you are unwell, or preparing for an operation you are most welcome to receive an anointing, again just let Fr Andrew know. If you, or a family member, or a member of this congregation goes into hospital please let us know – Fr Andrew may be many things but psychic, he is not.

Except when absent from the parish, Fr Andrew is on call 24/7 in case of emergencies, especially if someone is dying, he would much prefer a lost night's sleep than discover too late someone had died without prayer and the sacraments.

When Fr Andrew is away please get in touch with one of the Church Wardens and they will find you a priest.

Baptisms, Marriages, and Funerals

All of these offices are by arrangement please speak to Fr Andrew about instruction and availability

Notes on the Diary:

Days in italicised type called Ferias are the 'ordinary' weekdays of the year or season

Days in plain type are memoria, commemorations of the saints

Days in bold type are feasts, they are the more important days in the year

DAYS IN BOLD RED CAPITALS ARE SOLEMNITIES, THESE ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT DAYS AND IF POSSIBLE YOU ARE REQUIRED TO BE AT MASS. (as the BCP would say, red letter days!)

The letters after a saint's name indicate something about them M = Martyr, Bp = Bishop, Pr = Priest, Dn = Deacon, Rel = Religious, V = Virgin and so on.

The letter in brackets indicates the liturgical colour of the day, green, red, white and so on

The item in brackets is the mass/prayer intention for the day.

Please note that Fr Andrew's usual day of rest is Saturday and Fr Glen's is Monday, they are available in case of emergency otherwise please try and avoid contacting them as they take some down time

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

THE EIGHTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday 24th May

Mary, Mother of the Church (W)

(for the Society of Mary and the Chaplains of Mary, Mother of the Church)

9.00am Morning Prayer (SS)

10.00am Mass (SS)

6.00pm Evening Prayer (SS)

Tuesday 25th May

S. Bede the Venerable, Pr & Dr (W)

(for the church in the North East)

9.00am Morning Prayer (HT)

10.00am Mass (HT)

6.00pm Evening Prayer (HT)

Wednesday 26th May

S. Philip Neri, Pr (W)

(for the sick and those in need)

9.00am Morning Prayer (SW)

6.00pm Evening Prayer (SW)

6.20pm Rosary (SW)

7.00pm Mass (SW)

Thursday 27th May

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest (W)

(for those preparing for Priesthood)

9.00am Morning Prayer (SS)

9.20am Rosary (SS)

10.00am Mass (SS)

6.00pm Evening Prayer (SW)

Friday 28th May

Feria (G)

(for an increase in faith)

9.00am Morning Prayer (SW)

11.20am Rosary (HT)

12noon Mass (HT)

6.00pm Evening Prayer (HT)

Saturday 29th May

Our Lady on Saturday (W)

(for youth ministries)

10.00am Holy Communion (SW)

Sunday 30th May

**THE MOST HOLY
& UNDIVIDED TRINITY (W)**

(Our Team, mission and outreach)

10.30am NORTH POTTERIES TEAM APCM MASS (SW)

7.00pm Compline (Zoom)