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## From the Assistant Priest



Dear friends

I wonder where you encounter what we might call the Divine. If we were those first disciples of Jesus, we would have a clear understanding that being with him gave us just that in a unique and sometimes overwhelming way. As Jesus was living out his ministry, listening, praying, teaching, healing, enjoying a good meal and party or facing the horror of persecution and death, he made God's presence and nature abundantly evident. Come Easter Day, this was experienced afresh in the encounters of the Risen Christ. In the period up to Ascension we hear in Scripture of how the disciples felt, sometime wrestling with what they saw and heard; working out what it meant to be a follower of Jesus and how the wonder of Easter had made a seismic shift in how they understood God and in their relationship with the Divine.

This wasn't a selfish issue to address for those first disciples and the Apostles. What was to be understood was nothing less than how to be the people of the New Covenant, their vision of what their individual and shared life was meant to be, and, indeed, what God was calling them to establish on Earth as in Heaven. This question becomes still more relevant after Jesus ascends and is no longer present with them as he has been. Like at the desolation of Good Friday, many felt lost and unsure about what was happening in God's purposes. So much prayer ensued.

In our shared life and worshipping devotions, we too are called to ponder anew how we live out our calling to be Jesus' disciples. *Thy Kingdom Come* is the theme the Church adopts for the period between Ascension and Pentecost, a time for prayer and reflection on our relationship with God and how best to make the reality of Jesus known - in both our life as individuals and in our ordering of the world. In the Parish, in this nine-day period there will be online worship to assist us in this endeavour.

Daunting though it may be, we know that God wishes to make our encounters real, tangible and transformative. The story and festival of Pentecost reassures - and challenges - us to trust in God and to come to recognise the Holy Spirit present with us in all dimensions of our lives. In trying to make sense of what might seem highbrow theological questions - of what God's purpose is for us and the world - or in seeking more immediate and personal comfort and intimacy by being in the Divine relationship, we can be confident that God is walking with us and we praise God for his Grace!

Jesus promised that God would not leave us adrift, rather would send the Spirit to guide, inspire, challenge and be actively touching our lives in our experience of Scripture and the Sacraments. This is a dynamic relationship, one that we are told God delights in. So should we! And we shouldn't be limited in our openness to how, where and when we encounter the Divine. For many, church services enable such moments - and certainly we are blessed by many beautiful sacred buildings, music, art and liturgies where we join with

generations of faithful folk in knowing something of God. For some of us it is in the natural world that we sense God's presence. Perhaps a walk across Town Path, the air like breath passing over the grasses, the living water flowing down streams and the drainage channels; in the fecundity of Creation, in the warmth of the sunshine or the storm clouds and rain, in the dawn or a sunset as we commend our day past to the Almighty - in the *still dews of quietness*. Perhaps the words of a poem or hymn speak to you powerfully - *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind, How shall I sing that Majesty* I find really moving and profound.

Jesus invites us to abide or make our home with him as he abides with us. As we look into ourselves and engage with others, how good are we at seeing the Divine present there?

God has given us the capacity to sense and encounter him in so many contexts. This season I want to work towards being more conscious of the Divine in all aspects of life, something I was impressed by whilst a School Chaplain - learning from pupils and families of the diversity of faiths and traditions. In our calling to be witnesses to the Love of God made known in Jesus, I pray we may have open eyes, ears and hearts to recognise the Divine abiding with us; that we allow ourselves to be enriched, energised and encouraged by a real sense of God in every part of our day and night, the dark places and the light in our selves and in our world.

May we daily be renewed in our love of God and God's love for us, shown most wonderfully in Jesus and knowable to us and all people through the Spirit.

With love



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## ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING Sunday 26th May 10am in Parish Hall

A United Communion Service will be held in the Parish Hall followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 11.00am. Please put the date in your diaries.

As has been previously announced Charles Woodd is stepping down as a Churchwarden after 6 years service so a replacement has to be found.. There will also be four vacancies on the PCC. If you are interested in what goes on behind the scenes, why don't you join the Parochial Church Council, and be involved with some of the decisions that affect the parish. If you would like further information or have any questions regarding this have a chat with one of the churchwardens or Revd Becky.

## ASCENSIONTIDE

Each year, between Ascension Day and Pentecost, the Church of England observes a time of prayer. This year in Harnham, we intend to post videos of a daily office for 5 days on YouTube, starting on the 13th May. These can be used to lead your own prayer during this period. The liturgy will be included with the notices sent on 10th May, which can be used while watching the videos.

Below are the readings and Psalms we will use each day;

Monday 13th May	Psalm 103: 8 - 18	1 John 2: 18 to end
Tuesday 14th May	Psalm 15	Matthew 7: 15 - 27
Wednesday 15th May	Psalm 139: 1 - 11	1 John 4: 1 - 6
Thursday 16th May	Psalm 115	1 John 4: 1 - 6
Friday 17th May	Psalm 147	1 John 4: 7 to end

To find these videos you can Google "Harnham Parish YouTube" or follow the link to YouTube on the parish website.

Matthew Stone LLM

## CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL 2024

This year the Church Electoral Roll only needs to be revised which means that if you are a member of the 2023 Roll you will be included automatically in the one for 2024. There is no need for any action on your part.

Membership of the Roll entitles you to vote in the annual elections, and it represents those who support their local church by being part of the worshipping congregation, within the churches, or at home due to illness or disability.

Those who have joined our congregations since last May are warmly invited to fill in one of the application forms which will be available from a Churchwarden, or the Electoral Roll Officer at the address below.

To be eligible for membership of the Roll, you should be over 16 years of age on 26th May 2024 (the date of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting), have been baptised and live in the Parish or worship here regularly.

Please return the application forms by **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May**  
to a Churchwarden, or to me

David Curzon (Electoral Roll Officer) 23 Folkestone Road. SP2 8JP

## Evensong Sunday 12th May

Revd Mike will be leading an Evensong on 12th May in St George's Church at 6.30pm. This will include a sung Psalm.

If you would like to be part of a small singing group then please do contact Ian Davidson for more details.

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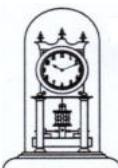
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*Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.* Matthew 6:33.

At our March meeting, led by Jean Mercer, we welcomed Katy Carter who gave us an interesting afternoon taking us through the events of the week leading up to Easter Sunday.

Dates for your Diary.....

**Friday May 24th 12 – 2pm** in Parish Hall. Soup and Sweets Lunch in aid of t  
the Mothers' Union work overseas.

**Tuesday May 28<sup>th</sup> – 12noon** Communion Service in the Cathedral led by  
Canon Nigel Davies, Vicar of The Close

Do join us for the Soup and Sweets Lunch and bring your friends and neighbours. This is an opportunity to support the work of the Mothers' Union overseas with all proceeds going to the Overseas Fund. Many projects overseas are supported by the Fund which has helped in transforming lives and promoting peace within communities.

**Thy Kingdom Come, May 9th - 19th**, is the annual invitation and encouragement to Christians and churches to seek the indwelling of the Holy Spirit that we might live out and share the Kingdom of God. At the heart of 'Thy Kingdom Come' is our **focus to 'Pray For Five'**. It is an invitation to bring five people before God – family, friends, neighbours or colleagues who are not yet following the Lord Jesus.

Mothers' Union is asking members to 'Pray for Five, Invite One.' So as well as an encouragement to pray, we are using this as an opportunity to invite one individual each to a Mothers' Union event. Why not bring this one individual to the Soup and Sweets lunch?

Don't forget that on **Thursday July 18<sup>th</sup>** we have our Lunch Outing to The Horse and Groom, Woodgreen – 12.00 for 12.30pm

I look forward to seeing you at our meetings

If you require transport, please contact Katharine Callard on 01722 501200

With love

Pat Davidson

## SOUP AND SWEETS LUNCH ON FRIDAY MAY 24th

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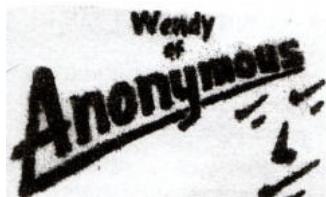


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# CHRISTIAN AID WEEK. MAY 12th-18th focussing on BURUNDI



We need your help to **PUSH BACK AGAINST POVERTY**  
this Christian Aid week.

Poverty robs people of their dignity and let's injustice thrive.

Aline Nibogora, a determined mother in Burundi, who features on this year's poster, was pushed to the brink of survival by poverty. She suffered abuse at the hands of her violent husband and was forced to flee. He then turned the community against her. Aline lost almost everything. Separated from her children she was forced to sleep on the streets. "People forgot I was human" she told us." I don't want my children to have a painful life like mine".

Aline's situation is not unique. Burundi is one of the poorest countries in the world. The global cost of living crisis has intensified the challenges families face, and now malnourishment and poverty affect more than 70% of the population, putting them on the edge of survival. In the areas where Christian Aid works people without their own small business or income often head out on an empty stomach each morning to look for casual work and what or how much they and their family eat depends on what, if any, work they find that day.

Coming back from the edge isn't easy when food is scarce, disease prevalent and jobs hard to come by.

**BUT THERE IS HOPE. TOGETHER WE CAN PUSH BACK AGAINST THE INHUMANITY OF EXTREME POVERTY**

By giving this week we can help to fund the training that enables a community like Aline's to form a Village Savings and Loans Association that will support people and enable them to build small businesses, offering reliable and diverse incomes so families can eat regularly, buy medicine when it is needed, build safer homes and a better future for their families.

This year we will again be delivering envelopes to the majority of homes in Harnham with details of how you can give. I know there have been many other needs this year but do give what you are able. We have so much in comparison.

There is a concert on **May 11th** at 7.30 pm in our Parish Hall (see details on the poster on page 15). I will be glad to sell you a ticket/tickets!

On **May 12th** Revd Rosemary Fletcher will be preaching at the 10am United Service at St George's Church on 'The work of Christian Aid'.

On **May 18th** the St Thomas' coffee morning will be for Christian Aid.

Thank you in advance for your generosity of time and money.

Katharine Callard  
Harnham Christian Aid Rep.

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## Music, Music, Music

Many of you are, I know, enjoying the First Wednesday Talks. Now it's also the turn of Music to greet the arrival, we hope, of Spring and Summer in Harnham. And we've got a varied and exciting programme coming up.

The month of May features folk music. On **Saturday 11th May** at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall, there is a concert in aid of Christian Aid, featuring Maerefolk and Friends. These friends include Paul Butler who is a story teller, and instrumentalists Bertie Ledingham and Simon Green. Your £10 entry fee includes refreshments and the knowledge that you're supporting the poorest people on the planet. Look out for a couple of new songs for this evening!

Then on **Tuesday 28th May**, at 3 pm in the Parish Hall, there's a FREE concert featuring Coracle, a folk group who play 'traditional music cut through with experimentation, boldness, humour and risk'. Interval refreshments, and a bucket for donations for the organising charity Celebrating Age Wiltshire.

**Sunday 9th June** is RSCM Music Sunday – further plans to be announced.

Then on **Sunday 16th June** at 7 pm, the Parish is delighted, once again, to be able to offer an Organ Recital in All Saints' Church by this year's Salisbury Cathedral Organ Scholar, Ben Mills. Many of you will remember last year's brilliant recital by Christopher Too, so I am sure we are in for a great evening. Tickets £10, interval drink with proceeds to support the work of the Parish.

On **Sunday 7th July** at 7 pm, you are invited to come and hear Noteworthy, a newly formed A Capella group of six mixed voices from the locality, singing popular songs to classical harmonies. Their programme, called *Songs of Love*, includes music by The Beatles, Billy Joel, Carole King, The Beach Boys and Eric Whitacre. Tickets £10, interval drink, proceeds to support the Parish.

Then its your chance to sing – the Community Tea on **Sunday 21st July** in the Parish Hall at 3 pm will be followed by a Singalong of Wartime songs, to mark this year's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day. Particularly if you are on your own, do come along for tea, company and the singalong.

And there could be more, so watch this space.....!

Charles Woodd

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## Harnham Womens's Group

Harnham Women's Group (formerly Harnham Wives' Group) has been successfully running for over 40 years. We are a friendly group of women who meet monthly on a Monday evening in the Scout Hut, Lower Road, Harnham at 8pm. We enjoy a diverse programme of speakers or other entertainment such as crafts, quiz nights etc. We meet and chat, have tea or coffee and raffles. We treat ourselves to meals out in local restaurants in the summer and at Christmas. We also go for countryside walks. We enjoy ourselves and raise a little money for charity too. Donations are made each year to several local charities. New members are very welcome anytime throughout the year. We mostly, but not exclusively, live in the Harnham area.

Details of upcoming meetings are in each month's Parish Magazine.

## ECO CHURCH

Hurray, it is May, and we will not be mowing in the two churchyards. Also, we will not be mowing our grass and moss at home, and I hope you are planning to resist mowing your lawns too. Why?

Since 1930 we've lost approximately **97%** of our flower-rich meadows and without them there is insufficient food for our pollinators, such as our much-loved bees and butterflies.

**But**, if we all refrain from mowing our lawns we can help; not only our pollinators, but the whole environment too. Healthy lawn with some long grass and wildflowers will benefit wildlife, will tackle pollution, and can even lock away carbon below ground. With millions of gardens in the UK, even small grassy patches, if managed properly, can become truly beneficial for nature, our communities, and combat the climate crisis.

When I clicked onto register our two churchyards with the movement, I was saddened to see there were only 3 other registrations in the Salisbury area.

If you are interested Google 'No Mow May registration 2024', and perhaps together we can increase the number of people, who will not be mowing their lawns this May.

Enjoy a month without the stress of mowing your lawns.

Joanna Woodd

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## FIRST WEDNESDAY TALKS

**WEDNESDAY MAY 1ST 7.30 PM in the Parish Hall  
with DAVID BAKER - SLAVERY PAST OR PRESENT**

David Baker is the Great Great Grandson of Sir Samuel Baker who organised an expedition to suppress the slave trade along the River Nile in the 1870's. This is a captivating talk, illustrated by vivid illustrations and stories. It will be shocking and affirming and an evening you will not want to miss. Past or Present ? We will also hear from Anti-Slavery International how slave traffickers operate today - yes, TODAY ! This is an evening of community and fellowship, wine, crisps and surprises - don't miss it.

Then next month - **WEDNESDAY JUNE 5TH.**

"Was that a Bar Tailed Godwit in the garden just now ?"

" I thought it was a Woodcock. Or perhaps a Pectoral Sandpiper ?

STEVE OAKES from the local branch of the RSPB will show you on screen "Birds in the Garden" and answer all the questions you may ask him. Tweet your neighbours about this entertaining evening. Is there a social media site called Twitter ? There ought to be - birds do it all the time.

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## Harnham Junior School Easter

Over 300 children from Harnham C of E Junior School explored the theme of Forgiveness through their Easter services in All Saints, Harnham with Revd Becky, Father Michael and Katy LLM.



Some classes explored different symbols of forgiveness. Interestingly, they named a dove as a good symbol for forgiveness. 'When you let go of hurt and forgive you can find release like when a dove flies high, and you find peace.' Another popular symbol for forgiveness was the handshake and the daffodil. 'When a bulb grows out of the dark, it is like being forgiven because you grow into the light.'



Other classes explored forgiveness through artwork. Some decorated crosses were placed in St George's and All Saints. Some children thought of different words for forgiveness and wrote them on paper in coloured wax, painting over them with a darker colour so that the words of forgiveness shone through. Others rubbed out charcoal to spell the word forgiveness and thought about how God rubs out our mistakes.

Year Six drew story boards of the life of Corrie Ten Boom and the amazing miracle of forgiveness when she forgave a prison guard from a concentration camp in which her family died. We sang 'Be Bold Be Strong' as a reminder of how courageous Corrie was, in her faith by forgiving others.



And we all heard the story of St Peter being forgiven by Jesus, as enacted by each year 4 class. ( See top picture).

Each child was given a small wooden cross to carry in their pocket, pencil case or to make a friendship bracelet with.

Revd Becky

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## Thy Kingdom Come : May 9th -19th

Each year for the 9 days between Ascension and Pentecost, we are encouraged to join in praying THY KINGDOM COME, asking the Holy Spirit to guide us, in proclaiming God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. 'Come Holy Spirit.' This simple, profound prayer is at the heart of Thy Kingdom Come.

This worldwide wave of prayer which has spread to over 172 countries around the world is rooted in the practice and experience of the earliest church as they obeyed Jesus' command to wait for the outpouring of the gift of the Holy Spirit. As a parish, our prayers will be recorded and available on the Harnham Parish You Tube site daily from May 13th-17th

For more information and resources go to [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global)

*"In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities."*

Archbishop Justin Welby

# May Services in Harnham Parish

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Rogationtide

10am United Sung Communion  
All Saints, Harnham Rd



**Rogationtide walk** around parish boundary  
begins immediately after the service.

## Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Ascension Day

10am Communion Service in St George's  
6.30pm Ascension Day walk up Harnham Slope  
with prayers at the top! Dogs welcome too.  
Meet in All Saints churchyard.



Do look at '*Thy Kingdom Come*' 5 days of prayer  
on the Harnham Parish You Tube channel

[www.youtube.com/channel/UC9V2rf--r5MQuO0nbtVRI2Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9V2rf--r5MQuO0nbtVRI2Q)

## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Christian Aid week focus



8am Said Communion, All Saints  
10am United Sung Communion, St George's  
with guest preacher Revd Rosemary Fletcher  
3pm - 4.30pm Messy Church, Parish Hall  
6.30pm Evensong, St George's



## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Pentecost

9.30am Sung Communion, St George's  
11.00am Service of the Word,  
All Saints (10.45am for coffee)



## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> APCM

8am BCP said Communion All Saints  
10am United Communion Service (shortened)  
Parish Hall, Lower St.  
followed by Annual Parish Church Meeting at 11am.

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## **Rogation Sunday Walk (Beating the Bounds)**

Revd Mike will be leading a Pilgrim walk around the parish boundary on the 5th May leaving All Saints after the 10am United Service. The walk will stop at points around the parish to reflect and pray. It will take in different views of Harnham and the city.

So if you enjoy a 3 hour walk and like to use nature as visual reflection why not join in? Bring a packed lunch and water bottle for the journey.

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## Harnham Neighbourhood Association

The open meeting of the Association in the Parish Hall on April 9th had its agenda curtailed by the withdrawal of the HEAT project presentation (hospital master plan) which despite planning approval had unresolved issues which they felt would need resolving. Watch out for the revised date and likewise the date of the Local Plan enquiry.

It enabled the organisers to devote more time to the present Council's ideas to date and also a radical scheme drawn up by architect/civic designer Greg Condliffe. This scheme developed from a request from Highways England asking Greg to produce sketches of ideas to resolve problems on the A36 and in Harnham.

Greg has produced a plan focused on a 3 junction Gyratory roundabout that provides a much safer East-West school route. The Council's proposal removes the 3 stage controlled crossings and relocates this facility using Toucan crossings.

The approval of 310 houses off Coombe Road will overwhelm a 4 junction Gyratory and reduce traffic flow on a 3 junction proposal, though it would be safer. It will generate a rat-run down Old Blandford Road and increase the danger where the East-West school route crosses at the A3094 junction.

Questions from the audience raised concerns that the scheme for highway improvements may be approved in camera before the public Inspector led enquiry into the Local Plan (required by law).

Avoiding consultation and ignoring local concern had already been noted: known flooding on the Waldrons Farm housing site and failure to put the Booker site to the public by not enabling local Councillors to call the matter in (have a formal planning meeting)

It was noted that the Council avoided any meetings in Harnham.

### Seven Last Words from the Cross

Seven Last Words from the Cross was performed by the Cathedral choir on Wednesday of Holy Week. The music is by Scottish composer James MacMillan.

So powerful was the work and the performance, you couldn't speak for a while after it was all over.

A homely Scottish lament conveyed the relationship of Christ with his mother. "Woman, behold, thy son! Behold thy mother".

The final words "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit" was heard in the music as two notes side by side slowly repeated until fading into absolute silence.

Can religious music survive the onslaught on our culture? James Macmillan certainly thinks so.

Frances Howard



YES, Spire u3a does offer members a monthly get-together, with refreshments and a speaker. But it also offers a whole lot more. The modest annual sub includes a quarterly magazine and frequent newsletters so members always know what is going on.

As is well-known, Spire u3a also runs a range of Interest Groups (e.g. French, Scrabble, Creative Writing, Choir, Digital imaging, Book clubs etc.) and social events that usually involve food or drink.

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If you are no longer in full-time work come and say hello at our next meeting in the Memorial Hall, behind All Saints Church, Harnham.

- **Monday MAY 13th.**
- Robert Smith on SERV WESSEX, the lifesaving work of the blood bike volunteers.
- Doors open 10am. No entry fee.

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Changing the name from 'St Mark's Parish Church', resulted in a big increase in the number of men attending services



## Prayer Diary for May

5 The Parochial Church Council and its various committees.  
Bouverie Avenue, Bouverie Avenue South and Bouverie Close.

12 Our clergy Reverend Becky, Reverend Julian and Reverend Mike.  
Francis Way and Godley Road.

19 The sports groups that meet in Harnham.  
The work of the Harnham Water Meadows Trust, and The Friends of Harnham Slope and Lime Kiln Down and Middle Street Meadow.  
Bouchers Way and Woodbury Gardens.

26 Puddleducks Playgroup.  
Swallowmead and Swiftdown.

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## Prayer for May

Dear Lord,

May, the loveliest of months – and this year, as we welcome the blossom and the beauty of Spring, we also welcome Your Holy Spirit afresh, as we celebrate Pentecost.

May we open our hearts to receive Your Spirit, as Your people did on that first Day of Pentecost. May we be filled and empowered and emboldened to witness to Your goodness and love.

May we be transformed by Him and reflect Your transforming grace to the broken world in which we live. May people who meet us ask, “What does this mean?” May they turn to You and hear You speaking in ways they can understand.

Without Your Holy Spirit we can do nothing. With Him living in us, we can do all things.

Come Holy Spirit, come to us, we pray,

In Jesus’ name.

Amen.

*By Daphne Kitching*

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Crossword answers (p26)

ACROSS: 1, Debtor. 4, Shaken. 7, Ache. 8, Leavened.	9, Overcome. 13, Etc. 16, Troublemaking. 17, Par. 19, Ignatius.	24, Treasure. 25, Mene. 26, Astry. 27, Dinnier.	18, Acres. 20, Gaudy. 21, An end. 22, Fair. 23, Fear.
DOWN: 1, Deaf. 2, Behaviour. 3, Relic. 4, Swarmer. 5, Aged. 6, Elect.	10, Rabbit. 11, Ocean. 12, Exalt. 13, Epicurean. 14, Cage. 15, Step.		

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## All in the month of May

It was:

200 years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> May 1824 that the first performance of Ludwig van Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 took place in Vienna.

150 years ago, on 9<sup>th</sup> May 1874 that Howard Carter, British archaeologist and Egyptologist, was born. He discovered the tomb of the Pharaoh Tutankhamun in 1922.

100 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> May 1924 that the British children's writer E. Nesbit (Edith Nesbit) died. Best known for *The Railway Children*.

90 years ago, on 25<sup>th</sup> May 1934 that the British composer, Gustav Holst, died. Best known for *The Planets*.

Also 90 years ago, on 28<sup>th</sup> May 1934 that the first Glyndebourne opera festival was held, in East Sussex.

75 years ago, on 12<sup>th</sup> May 1949 that the Soviet Union lifted its blockade of Berlin. The blockade had led to the Berlin Airlift, in which British and American planes had delivered millions of tons of food, coal and medical supplies to the isolated people of West Berlin.

70 years ago, on 6<sup>th</sup> May 1954 that Roger Bannister became the first person to run a mile in under four minutes (3 minutes, 59.4 seconds), in Oxford.

Also 70 years ago, on 20<sup>th</sup> May 1954 that Bill Haley & His Comets released the song *Rock Around the Clock*. It brought rock and roll into the mainstream and is regarded as one of the most important records in music history.

Also 70 years ago, on 29<sup>th</sup> May 1954 that Diane Leather became the first woman to run a mile in under five minutes (4 minutes, 59.6 seconds), in Birmingham.

60 years ago, on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1964 that Nancy Astor, American-born British politician died. She was the first female Member of Parliament (MP) to take her seat in the House of Commons.

50 years ago, on 24<sup>th</sup> May 1974 that Duke Ellington, American jazz pianist, composer, and big-band leader, died. Regarded as the greatest jazz composer of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

40 years ago, on 19<sup>th</sup> May 1984 that John Betjeman, British poet, writer, and broadcaster died. He was Poet Laureate 1972-1984.

30 years ago, on 6<sup>th</sup> May 1994 that the Channel Tunnel linking England and France was officially opened.

Also 30 years ago, on 10<sup>th</sup> May 1994 that Nelson Mandela was inaugurated as South Africa's first black president, after more than 300 years of white rule.

25 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1999 that the body of mountaineer George Mallory was found on Mount Everest. He had been missing since 1924.

20 years ago, on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2004 that the world's first stem cell bank opened at the National Institute for Biological Standards and Control in Potter's Bar, Hertfordshire.

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*Following Joshua's death, a generation grew up who didn't know God (Judges 2:11) and 'every man did what was right in his own eyes' (17:6, 21:25). The book of Judges is a study in God's response to a permissive society.*

The book takes its name from the *deliverers* that God raised up during this time. God empowered both men and women with His Spirit to rule and deliver the people. They included Ehud, Deborah, Gideon and his son Abimelech, Jephthah and Samson. The judges operated in the 350 years (from 1050 BC) between Joshua's death and the monarchy.

We see a recurring cycle of apostasy, oppression, penitence and deliverance played out. When the people fell into sin, God sent an enemy nation to oppress them. As a result, they cried to God for help, and He responded by raising up a deliverer to free them.

The saddest words in Judges are those applied to Samson, '*He did not know that the LORD had left him*' (16:20). Rejecting God in our lives can begin with tolerating those things that are not in harmony with His will for our lives. The people's toleration of the beliefs of their pagan neighbours led to a conformity in life and worship with them. Yet God waited for His people to return to Him, when He responded with grace to deliver them.

Gideon stands out as somebody who was unwilling to compromise with the surrounding culture. Despite his weaknesses, God used him to deliver Israel from the Midianite invaders. We read: '*the Spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon*', lit: '*the Spirit clothed Himself with Gideon*' (6:34). God's grace and faithfulness is at work in those who are prepared to trust Him.

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### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 3rd June 2024

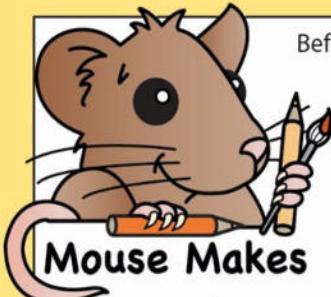
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Before Jesus ascended to heaven he told his disciples

*"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witness in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth"...*

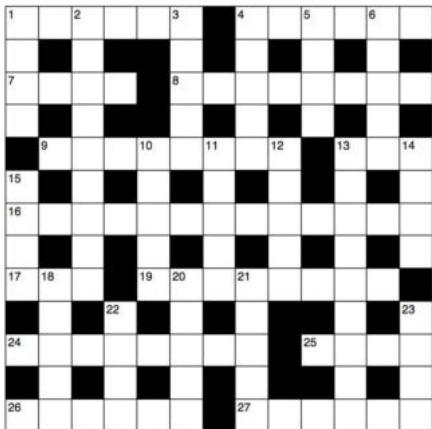
*...When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit."*

READ the story of Pentecost in Acts 1-2. Look up the Bible verses to find the answers to the crossword clues.

How many words can you make from the letters of:  
DAY OF PENTECOST



- 1 After Jesus ascended into heaven, which city did the Apostles return to? *Acts 1:12*
- 5a What did the Apostles devote themselves to? *Acts 1:14*
- 6 Who was chosen to replace Judas? *Acts 1:26*
- 5d Which special day was it? *Acts 2:1*
- 2 What rushing sound came from heaven? *Acts 2:2*
- 4 What appeared? Tongues of ...? *Acts 2:3*
- 9 What were the disciples filled with? *Acts 2:4*
- 3 Who spoke to the crowd? *Acts 2:14*
- 7 Who had prophesied this? *Acts 2:16*



## Across

- 1 One who owes money, goods or services (Isaiah 24:2) (6)
- 4 'A good measure, pressed down, — together and running over' (Luke 6:38) (6)
- 7 Continuous dull pain (Proverbs 14:13) (4)
- 8 This bread contains yeast (Amos 4:5) (8)
- 9 'But take heart! I have — the world' (John 16:33) (8)
- 13 And the rest (abbrev.) (3)
- 16 What Paul was accused of by Tertullus, the high priest's lawyer, in his trial before Felix (Acts 24:5) (13)
- 17 Rap (anag.) (3)
- 19 Founder of the Jesuits in 1534 (8)

- 24 'For where your — is, there your heart will be also' (Luke 12:34) (8)
- 25 The first word written on the wall during King Belshazzar's great banquet (Daniel 5:25) (4)
- 26 'We all, like sheep, have gone — ' (Isaiah 53:6) (6)
- 27 One was given in honour of Jesus in Bethany (John 12:2) (6)

## Down

- 1 'The blind receive sight, the lame walk, the — hear, the dead are raised' (Luke 7:22) (4)
- 2 Conduct (Colossians 1:21) (9)
- 3 In the Catholic and Orthodox traditions, the body of a saint or his belongings, venerated as holy (5)
- 4 'Like a — of locusts men pounce on it' (Isaiah 33:4) (5)
- 5 Very old (Genesis 44:20) (4)
- 6 In Calvinist theology, one who is predestined by God to receive salvation (5)
- 10 How Nicodemus addressed Jesus when he visited him one night (John 3:2) (5)
- 11 Sea (Psalm 148:7) (5)
- 12 'I will — you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever' (Psalm 145:1) (5)
- 13 One of the groups of philosophers that Paul met in Athens, who disagreed with his teaching about the resurrection (Acts 17:18) (9)
- 14 Barred enclosure (Ezekiel 19:9) (4)
- 15 'Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in — with the Spirit' (Galatians 5:25) (4)
- 18 Cares (anag.) (5)
- 20 Garish (Ezekiel 16:16) (5)
- 21 'So God said to Noah, "I am going to put — — to all people" (Genesis 6:13) (2,3)
- 22 Just (2 Corinthians 6:13) (4)
- 23 'The — of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge' (Proverbs 1:7) (4)

## READINGS FOR MAY

5	Sixth Sunday of Easter Rogationtide Acts 10:44-48	John 15:9-17
9	Ascension Day Acts 1:1-11	Luke 24:44-53
12	Seventh Sunday of Easter Christian Aid Week tba	
19	Pentecost Acts 2:1-21	John 15:26-27,16:4b-15
26	Trinity Sunday Isaiah 6:1-8	John 3:1-17

## WHATS ON IN MAY (E&OE)

Coffee and Chat every Wednesday & Saturday in Meeting Room 10 -12  
Wellbeing Walks 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 10am from Parish Hall

1	First Wednesday Talk in Parish Hall with David Baker	1930
5	United Sung Communion Service for Rogationtide at All Saints followed by Rogationtide Walk around Parish boundary	1000
9-19	'Thy Kingdom Come' wave of prayer	
9	Ascension Day Communion service with hymns at St George's	1000
9	Ascension Day walk up Harnham Hill ending with prayers	1830
9	NOTE. No Pause for Prosecco this month	
11	Maerefolk Concert for Christian Aid in Parish Hall	1930
12	Christian Aid Week begins	
12	Said Communion Service at All Sainte	0800
12	United Communion Service at St George's	1000
12	Messy Church in Parish Hall	1500
12	Evensong at St George's	1830
13-17	Ascensiontide Office on YouTube (see p 5)	
13	Coffee Morning at Old Mill Hotel in aid of Hub Appeal (see p15)	1000
17	Harnham Garden Society in Memorial Hall	1900 for 1930
19	Sung Communion at St George's	0930
19	Service of the Word at All Sainte (Coffee from 1045)	1100
20	Harnham Women's Group in Scout Hall	2000
21	Living Well with Dementia event in Salisbury Guildhall	1000-1700
21	Harnham WI AGM in Parish Hall	1900
24	MU Soup and Sweets Lunch in Parish Hall	1200-1400
26	United Sung Communion (shortened) in Parish Hall followed by Annual Parish Church Meeting	1000 1100
28	MU Diocesan Communion Service in the Cathedral	1200
28	Magazine Collation in Parish Hall Meeting Room	1330
28	Folk Concert featuring Coracle in Parish Hall	1500-1700

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