

The Parish of Berkswich  
in the Church of England Diocese of Lichfield

## Family Eucharist for Pentecost



Welcome to our worship this morning. Sections in each of our buildings are reserved for those who wish to maintain strict social distancing.

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On this day of Pentecost, we rejoice in the power of the Holy Spirit promised to us by Jesus and sent to us by the Father. Together we can share in God's loving work.

### The gathering



**A mighty wind invades the world,  
so strong and free on beating wing;  
it is the spirit of the Lord  
from whom all truth and freedom spring.**

**The spirit is a fountain clear  
for ever leaping to the sky,  
whose waters give unending life,  
whose timeless source is never dry.**

**The Spirit comes in tongues of flame,  
with love and wisdom burning bright;  
the wind, the fountain and the fire  
combine in this great feast of light.**

**O tranquil Spirit, bring us peace,  
with God the Father and the Son;  
we praise you, blessed Trinity  
unchanging, and for ever one.**

### The greeting

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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.**

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.

As we wait in silence,  
**make us ready for your coming Spirit.**  
As we listen to your word,  
**make us ready for your coming Spirit.**  
As we worship you in majesty,  
**make us ready for your coming Spirit.**  
As we long for your refreshing,  
**make us ready for your coming Spirit.**  
As we long for your renewing,  
**make us ready for your coming Spirit.**  
As we long for your equipping,  
**make us ready for your coming Spirit.**  
As we long for your empowering,  
**make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

*Silence is kept*

## The Pentecost Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

2.1-21



Joel's prophecy helps Peter explain Pentecost's restorative miracle. Through the common language of God's Spirit we are empowered to share the good news of salvation, regardless of gender, age, class or race.

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**

### Prayer for Personal Renewal

Be with us, Spirit of God;

**nothing can separate us from your love.**

Breathe on us, breath of God;

**fill us with your saving power.**

Speak in us, wisdom of God;

**bring strength, healing, and peace.**

*Those who wish may come forward to be anointed with the Oil of Chrism. When the prayer is ended, the following is said.*

Let us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Let us praise and bless God for ever. Seeing we have a great high priest who has passed through the heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us offer him the praise worthy of his name.**

**Gloria**



**Heavenly Father you've now set us free  
Glory, glory to God**

**Make us the people you've called us to  
be**

**Glory, glory to God**

**Jesus has shown us the way to forgive**

**Glory, glory to God**

**Let us show love in the way that we live**

**Glory, glory to God**

**Come Holy Spirit and fill us again**

**Glory, glory to God**

**Praising you now and forever, amen!**

**Glory, glory to God**

### The Collect for the day

Let us pray that the Spirit will work through our lives to bring Christ to the world.

*Silence is kept*

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,

ignite in us your holy fire;

strengthen your children with the gift of faith,

revive your Church with the breath of love,

and renew the face of the earth,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# The liturgy of the word

## Gospel reading



**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John ✠

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*14:8-17; 25-27*

*When Philip fails to see that Father and Son work together, Jesus promises they will send the Spirit to enable us all to share in God's life and work, loving God and one another, and helping others to do so.*

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You

know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Homily**



## Affirmation of faith



**Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles: this we have received, and this we believe. Amen.

## Prayers of Intercession

We pray for God to fill us with his Spirit

*At the end of each bidding the following response is used*



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

*At the end, on behalf of us all, the intercessor gathers our individual prayers together into one, by saying on our behalf*

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.**

# The liturgy of the sacrament



Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

**There's a spirit in the air,  
telling Christians everywhere:  
'Praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working, in our world!'**

**Lose your shyness, find your tongue,  
tell the world what God has done:  
God in Christ has come to stay.  
Live tomorrow's life today!**

**When believers break the bread,  
when a hungry child is fed,  
praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working, in our world.**

**May the Spirit fill our praise,  
guide our thoughts and change our ways.  
God in Christ has come to stay.  
Live tomorrow's life today!**

## Offertory Prayer

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

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## The Peace

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.**

Holy, **Holy, Holy**

It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong. You made us and the whole universe, and filled your world with life.

Holy, **Holy, Holy**

You sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child. He suffered on the cross; he died to save us from our sins; he rose in glory from the dead.

Holy, **Holy, Holy**

You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world, and clothe us with power from on high. And so we join the angels to celebrate and sing:

**Holy, holy is the Lord most high.**

**Holy, holy you we glorify.**

**Heav'n and earth proclaim your praise –**

**Lord, our voices now to you we raise.**

**Hosanna in the highest heavens:**

**Holy, holy is the Lord most high.**

**Father, on the night before he died,**

Jesus shared a meal with his friends. He took the bread, and thanked you. He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love. Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ has died. **Jesus Christ has died.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

Jesus Christ is risen. **Jesus Christ is risen.**

Jesus Christ will come again. **Jesus Christ will come again.**

Father, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Amen, **Amen, Amen.**

Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus, as we wait for his coming in glory.

Amen, **Amen, Amen.**

For honour and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever.

Amen, **Amen, Amen.**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

Looking for the coming of his kingdom, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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 priest breaks the consecrated bread as we say.*

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**Now we are raised to new life.**

We were buried in your tomb.

**Now we share your resurrection.**

Live in us,

**that we may live in you**

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us. **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*As those in church receive, the choir sing an anthem, and then we all sing*

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.**

**Come bow before Him now with reverence and fear.**

**In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.**

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord, is shining all around;**

**he burns with holy fire, with splendor He is crowned.**

**How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of Light!**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.**

**Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;**

**He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.**

**No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him.**

**Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.**

#### **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. **Amen.**

## The dismissal



***Spirit of holiness, wisdom and  
faithfulness,  
Wind of the Lord, blowing strongly and  
free:  
strength of our serving and joy of our  
worshipping –  
Spirit of God, bring your fulness to me!***

***You came to interpret and teach us  
effectively  
all that the Saviour has spoken and done;  
to glorify Jesus is all your activity –  
promise and gift of the Father and Son:  
Spirit of holiness...***

***You came with your gifts to supply all our  
poverty,  
pouring your love on the Church in her  
need;  
you came with your fruit for our growth to  
maturity,  
richly refreshing the souls that you feed:  
Spirit of holiness...***

***You came to the world in its pride and  
futility,  
warning of dangers, directing us home;  
now with us and in us, we welcome your  
company;  
Spirit of Christ, in his name you have  
come:  
Spirit of holiness...***

*As we sing, we move or turn to the Paschal  
Candle*

## Blessing of Light

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.**

*Your candles will be lit – please pass the light  
along the pew. When all the candles are lit, the  
President says*

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 here in Berkswich, 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.**

*In silence, the Paschal candle is extinguished*

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

Today we have remembered the coming of God's power on the disciples and we invite that same Spirit to drive us out into the wild places of the world.

*Weather permitting, we process outside while singing the following, repeating as necessary.  
Please take your candle with you.*

**Spirit of the living God,  
Fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God,  
Fall afresh on me.**

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.**

Filled with the Spirit's power, go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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70 YEARS



# CHORAL EVENSONG

SUNDAY 5TH JUNE 6.30PM

ST THOMAS, WALTON & FACEBOOK





# DIGGING DEEPER

**AN INFORMAL OPPORTUNITY TO  
CONSIDER ISSUES OF ETHICS,  
POLITICS AND THE WORLD.**

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5.00PM  
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OF THE MONTH  
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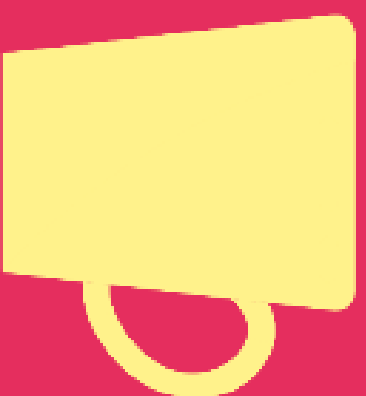


**Friday  
10-12  
Weekly**



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*Fr Graham's usual day off is Monday*

**The Parish Office is situated behind Holy Trinity Church and is closed at the current time**

Please send all items for next week's News from the Pews to Sue on [ssnhatton@gmail.com](mailto:ssnhatton@gmail.com) (or 661767) by the end of Wednesday

### THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

**HT** = Holy Trinity Church

**ST** = St Thomas's Church **AS** = All Saints Church

**V** = Vicarage **CH** = Community Hall **OL** = Online

#### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Pentecost

0845	Sung Eucharist	AS
1045	Family Eucharist	HT & OL
1830	Choral evensong	ST & OL

#### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June

#### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June

1000	Drop-In	HT
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#### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June

1000	Private Prayer	AS
1200	Said Eucharist	AS
2000	Compline	OL

#### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June

1000	Private Prayer	ST
1030	Sung Eucharist	ST

#### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June

1000	Crafty Café	HT
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#### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Barnabas the Apostle

#### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Trinity Sunday

1045	Patronal Parish Eucharist	HT & OL
1700	Come to the Quiet	HT
1830	Evening Prayer	OL

### Daily Bible Readings

<b>Monday</b>	Psalms 123, 124, 125, 126 Joshua 1 Luke 9: 18 - 27
<b>Tuesday</b>	Psalms 132, 133 Joshua 2 Luke 9: 28 - 36
<b>Wed</b>	Psalms 119: 153- end Joshua 3 Luke 9: 37 - 50
<b>Thursday</b>	Psalms 143, 146 Joshua 4: 1-5: 1 Luke 9: 51 - end
<b>Friday</b>	Psalms 142, 144 Joshua 5: 2 - end Luke 10: 1 - 16
<b>Saturday</b>	Psalms 100, 101, 117 Jeremiah 9: 23-24 Acts 4: 32 - end

### Welcome!

**Welcome to you all** as we continue to try and meet at this unusual time in the history of our nation and world. We hope that you will join with us in prayer and worship, either in church, or via Zoom, Facebook or YouTube (details <http://www.berkswich.org.uk/coronavirus.html>)

**Sign up** for our weekly email newsletter, or see older issues here <https://us17.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=5991be44ea1b9738d6262c1e2&iid=a28b74cddb>

**If you wish** to make a donation towards the life and work of the Parish, there is an opportunity to do so during the service. Please consider joining the Giving Direct scheme (<https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/finance/financegiftaid/financegivingdirect/>) or make a one-off donation via JustGiving (<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/berkswichparish>)

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## Points for Prayer

**For the world...** Sunday is World Environment Day. We pray for those who are directly witnessing the impact of climate change. In Brazil in recent weeks, hundreds of people have lost their lives in floods and mudslides caused by exceptionally heavy rains. We have a God-given responsibility to care for the earth so let us pray for grace and strength to carry out that task.

**For the church...** Lord Jesus we thank you for the work of Crossway in Uganda. We rejoice that people in Arua and Moyo have come to know you and, through Crossway, can read your word in their own language. We praise you for the partnership with Mission Aviation Fellowship that has enabled the distribution of these materials.

**For our community...** This week is National Carers' week. Pray for all who care for people who have a disability, illness or who need support in later life by: washing them, and their laundry and their dishes. Keeping appointments, and records, and tempers. Giving medicine, and time, and hugs. Filling forms, and fridges, and silences.

**For those known to us, near and far...**

**... who suffer in body, mind or spirit:**

Phyllis, Alistair, Ann, Sally, Brenda, Olivia, Carolyn, Amelie, Martin, M, Clive, J, C, Mark, Steve, Vicky, Roger, Hannah, Richard, Julie, Russell, Janet, Eileen, Heidi, Sarah, Charlie, Justine, Robert, Colin, Remi and family, Liz, Sheila

**.... for the recently departed:** Dianne Rayson; David Ricketts; Jim Miller; Monica Mudway; Pauline Aston; Revd. Wendy Bray; Margaret Deakin; Jane Homfray; John Mountfort; Audrey Lomas

+ *May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

**In thanksgiving to God for...**

The 70 years of devoted service and strong Christian faith of Her Majesty the Queen.

*Is there any news you'd like to join with the congregation in giving thanks to God for? Let us know and we'll add it.*

## News & Events

**Are you puzzling over how issues of ethics and politics impact on your faith?** Digging Deeper takes place at 5pm on the Second Sunday of the Month in Holy Trinity. Next week we will be considering issues around the cost of living, including in and amongst our own community here in Berkswich. We are delighted to welcome Lianne Al-Khaldi BEM, who in 2017 set up together with her *daughter Imani's Incredible Eats*, a community fridge project which now supports more than 1,000 families with eight fridges throughout Staffordshire. Please join us as we welcome Lianne and consider how we can help.

**Prayer requests** - please send to [david.clark@berkswich.org.uk](mailto:david.clark@berkswich.org.uk) or call 07999 596590

**Summer Fete, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Grand Draw Tickets** – are now available in all 3 Churches. Only a few weeks to go to the draw at the Fete. We have fabulous generous prizes including £600; £250; £200 cash prizes. Please make a special effort to sell tickets to family; friends; neighbours and work colleagues. Return completed stubs etc to Promoter, Mary Moss C/o Parish Office.

The 'List of Stalls' is also displayed in our Churches – please see if there is anything you can spare and, if so, please deposit in the FETE DONATION BOXES or ring the stall organiser for collection. We also need help in setting up and manning stalls/games throughout the actual day – please ring Bob Moore if you can help. Thank you in advance for any support you can give.

**Our Faithful Queen** - In celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee the Bible Society has produced a colourful book, 'Our Faithful Queen – 70 years of Faith and Service', by Catherine Butchers.

If you wish to have a copy they will be available at the back of all three churches. We are not allowed to resell but we can accept a donation, if you wish. Bought individually the cost is £5 but these are purchased for £2. If you know of anyone who may like a copy and are not able to collect please take and deliver, or let Mary Moss know. A similar book was published for Her Majesty's 90th birthday.

**Pew sheet notices** – Please send all items for next week's pew sheet to Rev. David at: [david.clark@berkswich.org.uk](mailto:david.clark@berkswich.org.uk) or call 07999 596590