

SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> MAY **PENTECOST**  
10 o'clock Mass (also live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube)  
5 pm Christian Meditation

The church is open for Private Prayer  
Monday to Friday, 9:30 – 12:30

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Time resumes today  
John and Charles Wesley, evangelists, hymn writers, 1791 and 1788  
Ecclesiasticus 17:24-29; Psalm 32:1-8; Mark 10:17-27

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> The Venerable Bede, monk, scholar, historian, 735;  
*Aldhelm, bishop, 709*  
Ecclesiasticus 35:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Augustine, archbishop, 605; *John Calvin, reformer, 1564*;  
*Philip Neri, founder of the Oratorians, spiritual guide, 1595*  
Ecclesiasticus 36:1-2, 4-5, 10-17; Psalm 79:8-9, 12, 14;  
Mark 10:32-45  
**10 – 11 am Café Play**

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>  
Ecclesiasticus 52:15-end; Psalm 33:1-9; Mark 10:46-end

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> *Lanfranc, monk, archbishop, scholar, 1089*  
Ecclesiasticus 44:1, 9-13; Psalm 149:1-5; Mark 11:11-26  
**9:30 am Morning Prayer**

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>  
Ecclesiasticus 51:12b-20a; Psalm 19:7-end; Mark 11:27-end

SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> MAY **TRINITY SUNDAY**  
10 o'clock Mass (also live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube) with Children's Church  
5 pm Christian Meditation

This week the Parish Office is manned on Tuesday afternoon,  
Wednesday morning and all day Friday. If possible, please  
call (01483 564526) or email rather than visiting in person.

### Notices



**Our Good Cause for May is Shooting Star Children's Hospices**, one of whose hospices, Christopher's, is in our

parish. They care for babies, children and young people with life-limiting conditions, and their families. They support families from diagnosis to end of life and throughout bereavement with a range of nursing, practical, emotional and medical care. It costs £10 million a year just to maintain their current level of care with only 10% of that coming from the government. Please support this great local cause by using the card machine, placing cash/cheque in the wallbox by the narthex door or making a bank transfer (see below).

If you would like to make a bank transfer to support either the Month's Good Cause or St Nicolas' Church, please use these bank details, and use the reference 'Good Cause' or 'St Nicolas'. Thank You.  
PCC of St Nicolas  
Sort Code: 60-09-21  
Account No: 59904003

### Salvation Army Food Bank – collection box by font

Particularly welcome - long-life milk, breakfast cereals, items which require little/no cooking (pot noodles, cup-a-soups etc).

Would you be interested in a **small chest freezer**? Old, but works well. Free/donation to the church. Ask at the parish office.

### LIVE STREAMING LINKS

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WEEKLY LEAFLET  
23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

**Pentecost**  
*May is Mary's month*



We welcome Fr Roland Olliff, Bishop's Chaplain, to preside at Mass this morning

### 10 o'clock MASS

We are keeping a Track and Trace record for 21 days of all who attend church.

Please observe the 2 metre distancing rule at all times.

We are not able to move or have physical contact during the peace, but do feel free to acknowledge those around you.

To receive Holy Communion you will be directed by the sidespeople to form a line.

Please maintain distance and sanitise your hands from the front pew or the sanitiser stand part way down the aisle. Keep your mask on to receive the bread from the priest (who will be wearing a face mask) and then consume it when back in your seat.

The toilets in the Community Centre are open.

Please be aware that the service is live-streamed. If you do not wish to appear on screen, please sit on the Lady Chapel side and when you go up for Communion, return back down the Lady Chapel aisle.

## The Gathering

+ 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.**

## The Easter Greeting

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## Introduction

## Responsory

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

## The Pentecost reading (Acts 2:1-21)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.  
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 their native language. 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.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

## Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

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

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.  
Amen.

*Please remain standing for the Collect.*

## The Collect

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

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.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

*Today's reader is Catherine Ferguson*

## First reading Romans 8:22-27

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.  
We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

*Please stand for the Gospel reading.*

## Gospel Acclamation

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.**

## Gospel Reading John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

*Please turn to reader*

The Lord be with you.  
**and also with you.**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts.

Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon**  
Fr Roland Olliff

### **The Creed**

Let us declare our faith in God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation [we bow our heads]  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
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.**

**We 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  
worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and  
apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

*Kneel or please stay standing for the*

### **Prayers of Intercession**

*Priest:* We pray for God to fill us with his Spirit.

*Rory Fenner:*

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

- The Anglican Church of Melanesia.
- Fr Neil and his family as they prepare to move to Guildford

- The year's mind of Elizabeth Marian Long, Egbert de Grey Lucas (priest), Lucille Anna Lobb, and Geoffrey Jones.

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord,  
**and let light perpetual shine upon them.**  
May they rest in peace,  
**and rise in glory.**

*A quiet pause for our own prayers*

*Priest:* 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 Peace**

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. Alleluia**

**N.B. NO MOVEMENT PLEASE**

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

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.**

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and everlasting God,  
through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord.  
This day we give you thanks  
because in fulfilment of your promise  
you pour out your Spirit upon us,  
filling us with gifts, leading us into all truth,  
and uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of  
one faith.

Your Spirit gives us grace to call you Father,  
to proclaim your gospel to all nations  
and to serve you as a royal priesthood.  
Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels,  
and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells,  
to proclaim the glory of your name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

**Holy Holy, Holy Lord  
God of power and might.  
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.**

... Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.**

*The Prayer continues and we all respond boldly: Amen.*

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:  
**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

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.  
Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.

#### Agnus Dei

Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.

#### Giving of Communion

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

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE HOST IS COVERED AT ALL  
TIMES UNTIL THE PRIEST PUTS ON THEIR MASK AND  
SANITISES THEIR HANDS JUST BEFORE DISTRIBUTION.  
Please follow directions to join the line for Holy  
Communion.**

**Don't forget to sanitise your hands. Return to your seat  
to the left or right not back down the middle.**

#### 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.

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out  
in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory. Amen.**

*Please stand and turn to the statue of Our Lady*

#### Regina Coeli

Joy to thee, O Queen of heaven, alleluia;  
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia;  
As he promised, hath arisen, alleluia;  
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.  
For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

Let us pray.

God our Father, you give joy to the world by the resurrection  
of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ; through the prayers of his  
mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal  
life; we ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Commission

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 Guildford, 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 try to 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.**

#### The Dismissal

*Please remain standing*

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

#### Blessing

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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Sat 5th June  
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4pm

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# Great Things

Music can be a great tonic in a time of stress and worry. It can soothe, inspire, entertain and, perhaps above all, remind us of things we can be grateful for.

With these thoughts in mind, David Greenwood and Gillian Lloyd are teaming up to prepare a set of songs chosen with the aim of cheering us all up.

They would like to invite you to join them at St.Nicolas' Church for a relaxed Saturday morning Coffee (and Cake) concert on **12 June at 11am.**

The theme of the concert will be "Great Things", songs about what makes life worth living. There will be a varied programme of songs by John Ireland, Gerald Finzi, Ivor Gurney, Herbert Howells, Peter Warlock, Flanders and Swann, Charles Trenet, Cole Porter, Noël Coward and Lionel Bart, all with a common theme of the enjoyment of the finer things in life.

Admission is free but we hope you will wish to make a donation to the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice.

The concert will be socially-distanced and will be fully in accordance with Covid19 restrictions.

We hope to see you and we hope we will be able to provide some joy.

*David & Gillian*

Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice   
...because every day is precious

## David Greenwood reflects



According to the National Trust, "very occasionally, within a population of bluebells, a genetic mutation may occur, which results in a white flowered bluebell. It is estimated that the proportion of blue to white flowered bluebells is 10,000 : 1." So - a rare sight to be treasured. White though they are, bluebells they remain.

Jerusalem was full of tourists at Pentecost. "Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome... Cretans and Arabs." A polyglot, multi-racial group, all hearing the Word of God in their own language from the Apostles, "as the Spirit gave them utterance." Many believed and joined the Apostles; all had heard the Good News, no one was excluded.

Some time after, Peter was in Joppa. Feeling hungry, he had a vision of "all manner of four-footed beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air" and heard a voice urging him to eat. When Peter demurred, citing the orthodox Jewish dietary laws, the voice went on to say: "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." A few minutes later, men sent from Caesarea Maritima by the centurion Cornelius, a gentile, called on Peter. Recounting the story later, Peter said "the Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us."

There was much debate in the early Church about whom the Gospel was meant for. But Peter, and later Paul, were in no doubt: it was for everyone. Christianity, as it became, had transcended the original proprietorship of a Chosen People, the Jews, and was now a universal faith for all who would listen.

For those who hear and believe the Word of God, it does not matter what colour they are, where they come from, what company they keep, what gender they are, what sexual orientation they have, what they have done in the past, what wrongs they have committed. Just as the white bluebells are still bluebells, Christians they are and Christians they remain, the Worldwide and Universal Body of Christ.

"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."

*Galatians 3:28*



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