

St David's and St Michael's and All Angels, Mount Dinham, Exeter

Newsletter and Communion Service for 31 May 2020

Dear Friends

A warm welcome to our weekly update for Pentecost.

Sunday Worship

Today I will celebrate the Eucharist at the Vicarage, as I did on Easter Day, with a live stream on St David's Church, Exeter Facebook Page, hopefully making the service available afterwards on Youtube and on our websites. Thank you to Tina and George for making this possible!

Next week we will have a service for Trinity Sunday on Youtube with Howard Friend as our preacher.

Live Prayers

Thank you to Bill Pattinson, Howard Friend, and Belinda Speed-Andrew, Stephanie Aplin and Richard Parker who kept our live-streamed morning prayers going in the past week while I had a few days off duty. If you have any feedback about our services, or requests, please let me know.

Please join us, if you can, for our streamed short prayer services during the week on our Facebook pages:

On 'St David's Church Exeter' page: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 9am.

On 'Friends of St Michael's' page: Wednesday Angelus and Mattins (BCP) at 9am

Zoom Coffee

This Sunday we will try a 'Zoom' coffee meeting at 10.30am for half an hour. This will be open to anyone in the parish. You don't need to have a Zoom account to join in – just click on this link:

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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Meeting ID: 660 226 1392

Password: 196651

If there are more than a few people we will break into virtual rooms so that we can chat more easily and then come back at the end to round up and say the Grace together. When you first 'arrive' you will have to wait for me to let you in. We need to do that as there have been some unfortunate incidents of 'Zoom bombing' in which people arrive and disrupt such meetings. You can leave at any time, of course. I hope to see many of you there!

Phone Networks

I know that many of you have appreciated phone calls from other members of the church community. If you would like to be phoned by someone and haven't yet had any contact please let me know at nigel.guthrie1@gmail.com

or by ringing me on 01392 660226. Thank you to everyone who is helping to keep our church communities together by your care and concern.

Magazine

Our June magazine is now available on our websites. It is another fabulous edition with some thought provoking articles. Thank you to our dedicated team who have put it all together. I do have a few printed copies which I would be happy to post if you are finding it hard to access the online magazine. If you would like one please let me know by phone or e-mail.

If you would like to contribute to future editions please send all articles as Word documents to newleavesnews@gmail.com or billpattinson136@gmail.com

Thank you.

The Venerable Raymond Ravenscroft

Raymond's funeral is going to be streamed on Monday. His son, David has kindly sent me the details which are below:

The live streaming of the crematorium service which will take place on Monday 1st June at 14.30. The Rt Revd Graham James, former Bishop of St Germans and Bishop of Norwich, will be taking the service at the crematorium.

The service can be viewed live using the details below or alternatively the service can be viewed three days after the service and will be available for 28 days.

Service Date	01-Jun-20 at 2:30
Service Chapel	Kernow - Penmount
Website	www.obitus.com
Username	penmount7492
Password	537604

You can login to the website at any time to view a test connection (and you are strongly recommend you do this if you are going to view) but you'll only be able to view the Live Webcast between approx. 14:25 and 15:25 on Monday 01 June. Once the service has finished, it will take up to 3 working days to get the 28-day Watch Again onto the website.

Your Prayers are asked for...

Charles Argall, Roger Beer, Janine, Charles Speed-Andrews and Nick & Karen Speed-Andrews, Nicky Jarman and her husband Tim and their family, Jacqueline and her family, Joy and her family, Claude and Gillian Harbord, Elizabeth Hewitt, Grace Tointon, Pam Smith and her family, James and Katy Tyler, Andrew Wakley, Rosemary Willcox and Maurice Wright, Raymond (recovering after an operation).

Please remember Raymond Ravenscroft, Fred Wright, and Jack Fey who have died, and their families.

In the Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for Exeter Community Centre on St David's Hill, giving thanks for the service provided in our parish and praying for the successful development of the Centre.

Please also pray for:

those suffering from the symptoms of Covid-19, and those who are feeling lonely or isolated;

those who are concerned about the future of their jobs;

school staff and pupils returning after half term, and those not yet able to return;

Exeter Food Bank;

Alison Whiting, Simon Harrison and the whole chaplaincy team at RDE;

all those working in the NHS, Social Care and in our emergency services.

May God keep you in peace and good health, Nigel Guthrie

An order for the Eucharist at Pentecost celebrated at the Vicarage

THE PREPARATION

The priest offers a welcome.

Opening hymn

**Come down, O Love divine,
Seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn,
Till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light
Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

Let holy charity
Mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart,
Which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace,
Till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

The priest greets the people.

Priest In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Priest Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

All Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please sit or kneel as a minister leads the confession:

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.
We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

**We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.**

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

**We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.**

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The priest pronounces the absolution.

**Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all
your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Everyone says the 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.**

THE COLLECT

**God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.**

THE READINGS

Acts 2: 1-21 - The Coming of the Holy Spirit

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.'

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."**

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL READING

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 20: 19-23 - Jesus Appears to the Disciples

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE ADDRESS

Address for the Parish of St David with St Michael and All Angels, Exeter

31 May 2020, The Feast of Pentecost by Preb Nigel Guthrie

**You send forth your Spirit and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth. (Psalm 104)**

We have been entranced this week listening to the baby blue tits in our garden nest box. It is a lovely sound; a sound of new life, joyful but vulnerable. I won't go into what happened to last year's brood. We just hope they will all fledge successfully in the coming days.

Many of us have had more time than usual to experience and delight in the sight and sounds of the springtime and to witness that joyful renewal of the earth that promises new life and growth. That has been a great gift in the midst of a great deal of darkness, loneliness and tragedy.

Today we celebrate the coming of God's Holy Spirit to the Church which the early Christians experienced with such power and drama. There was the sound of a mighty wind and tongues that looked like fire rested on them. They were able to speak in many languages so that people from varied lands could understand each other.

But this was not a one-off appearance by the Holy Spirit. Indeed shortly before the risen Jesus appeared in a locked room and breathed on the disciples saying “receive the Holy Spirit”. And before the crucifixion he had promised that they would receive the Holy Spirit.

The feast of Pentecost is not a celebration of a one-off event, it is the celebration of the Spirit of God which pervades all life. Indeed in only the second verse of the bible we read that “a wind from God swept over the face of the waters”, a phrase which can equally be translated as “the spirit of God swept over the face of the waters.”

You’ll know if you have a drafty door or window in your house that the wind can find its way in anywhere, even the smallest crack. And the Spirit of God also finds her way into every corner of the creation, unless it is deliberately sealed off. So the Holy Spirit is continually bringing new understanding to human hearts and a greater sympathy for those who are different.

The different languages spoken and understood in that account of the Pentecost in Acts are highly symbolic. In Genesis chapter 11 the story of the Tower of Babel is thought to be a myth explaining why people spoke different languages.

But at a deeper level we may understand it as a pictorial symbol of the pride and vaulting ambition that leads people to usurp the place of God. That false pride leads to the exaltation of one race over another and the degradation of those different from ourselves. And this pride which leads us to look down on others has led also to the exploitation of the earth and its natural resources. The desire for power and profit causes a massive dislocation not only with human society but also with the animal and plant life of our world. It lies behind the murder of a black man by police in Minneapolis and the suppression of democracy protesters in Hong Kong. It leads to the disregarding of the needs of the poor almost everywhere.

We fail to see that God’s purpose is only fulfilled when all people and all things are treated with respect and reverence, when their beauty and is recognised; when their divine origin is celebrated. The Holy Spirit brings this recognition and we pray that her power may come to those who have most influence in today’s world. Because it is only by setting aside the false pride of race and nation and by working together that we can successfully address the ravages of disease, pollution and poverty.

In this time of pandemic nature has been whispering to us of the purpose and power with which God has endowed his creation. O that we should recognise it and praise him for it so that everyone can share in its riches.

I would like to finish with words of the 19th century priest and poet, Gerard Manley Hopkins.

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.

It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;

It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil

Crushed. Why do men then now not reckon his rod?

Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;

And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;
And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell: the soil
Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.

And for all this, nature is never spent;
There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;
And though the last lights off the black West went
Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs —
Because the Holy Ghost over the bent
World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.

THE NICENE CREED

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 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.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

This response is used:

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

Merciful Father,
All accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE PEACE

The priest introduces 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
All and also with you.

Minister Let us offer one another a (suitable safe) sign of peace.

All (some) may exchange a sign of peace.

Music is played while bread and wine are prepared.

Priest Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;

for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

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 your 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 saying:**

**All - 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.

Priest Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;

**grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us
the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.**

**All Dying you destroyed our death,
 rising you restored our life,
 Lord Jesus come in glory.**

**And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.**

**As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.**

**Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of David, Michael
and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;**

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Please sit or kneel for THE LORD'S PRAYER

Priest **As our Saviour taught us, so we pray**

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.

For thine is the kingdom,

the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Priest **Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,**

All **We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

As the bread is broken the Agnus Dei is said.

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.

THE GIVING OF COMMUNION

Priest **Alleluia, Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.**

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**When all (who can) have received communion,
The priest may first offer a post communion prayer.
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.**

THE DISMISSAL

**The Blessing is given in these or other words.
The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
All Amen.**

A minister dismisses the people.

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The final hymn is sung

**O thou who camest from above
the fire celestial to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart.**

**There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.**

**Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work and speak and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire
and still stir up the gift in me.**

**Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.**

**The service concludes with The 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 hath risen indeed, Alleluia.**

**Let us pray,
God, who by the resurrection of thy son our Lord Jesus Christ,
hast given joy unto the world,
grant, we beseech thee,
that with his mother, the Virgin Mary,
we may obtain the joys of eternal life;
through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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