



## Sunday 31st May – Pentecost

### Welcome!

Dear friends of Christ Church,

Welcome to this week's bulletin. We hope that you are finding it useful in keeping you in contact with our community in Christ Church in this most difficult time. We welcome contributions from anyone who has a message to give, be it serious or maybe a little humorous. We all need to be able to smile in the face of challenge.

This bulletin will be emailed out to those on our email list. As always, material for inclusion should be emailed by Tuesday evenings to Jude Bishop at [notices@christchurchbath.org](mailto:notices@christchurchbath.org)

Please forward this bulletin to anyone to whom you think it would be of interest. We will print a few paper copies and post them to those who are not on email.

We're still following government guidelines by not showing on-line services from inside church and hopefully you are managing to join in from your living room. A reminder of how you can do this is [here](#), and for the moment we will do that from the tiny chapel Colin and Lore have created at home. To make it more of a Christ Church community we would love you to send photos of yourself and these can put up in the chapel as a visible sign that we are all worshipping together. They can come by email to Lore, [lore.chumbley@me.com](mailto:lore.chumbley@me.com) or by post to Christ Church.

Also, do please email or post or text prayer requests and we will try to include them week by week. But be aware that the service will be online and so be careful of the confidentiality of friends and loved ones.

The June Link is being prepared. If you have any articles you wish to be included in future copies please email Alex at [alexs@christchurchbath.org](mailto:alexs@christchurchbath.org).

The weekly readings are to be found in the Link. All copies of the Link can be found on the website [here](#).

If you are not on the internet you will receive a copy in the post.

### Reminder from the Priest-in-charge

**If you are experiencing financial problems**, Christ Church may be able to help in small ways with day to day needs. Contact the Priest-in-charge in confidence.

### Sermon for Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May

*Gospel: John 17: 20-end*

In these sunny, early summer days following Ascension Day, as wait for the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, I am drawn not so much to the image of the Holy Spirit as dove as the Holy Spirit as water. As weeks pass without rain we begin to be aware of quite how much the earth, the grass and the trees need water; living, leaping water, welling up for eternal life. When Jesus prays to the Father, 'As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us,' he is praying for the coming of the Holy Spirit so that we may be living partners on the Trinitarian life of God.

'The grace of the Spirit,' says Cyril of Jerusalem, 'is like water, because all things are dependent on water; plants and animals have their origin in water. Water comes down from heaven as rain and though it is always the same it has different effects on different things throughout the whole of creation.' Cyril was living in the arid Mediterranean climate

of Jerusalem. *'It has one effect on a palm tree another on a vine,'* he said, *'it adapts itself to the needs of every creature that receives it.'*

There is only one Spirit, but the Spirit reveals God's presence in each person in their own particular and gloriously personal way creating a community of Spirit filled people.

The Spirit comes gently making its presence known by the earthy scent of petrichor as rain falls on dry earth. The Spirit comes with the tenderness of a friend and protector to heal, as nurses tend the sick in our hospitals. The Spirit comes to teach and counsel, as weary parents are doing throughout the country. The Spirit comes to enlighten our minds as we receive the Spirit, and then, through us, the minds of others as well.

As water forms a pool, the Spirit creates a community of those who love God. That's what a church is. As we wait for Pentecost, let's pray that the Holy Spirit may come to us as gently, as naturally and imperceptibly as dew forms on the grass and make us into a relational, Trinitarian community.

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

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### Today's service

10am

OT: Numbers 11: 24-30

Psalm: 104: 26-36, 37b

NT: Acts 2: 1-21

Gospel: John 7: 37-39

The anthem this morning is "Listen sweet dove" by Grayston Ives (b. 1948)

### Next week

Thursday online Eucharist at 11am

The readings will be:

NT: 2 Timothy 2: 8-15

Psalm 25: 4-12

Gospel: Mark 12: 28-34

**In the meantime, congratulations** if you have recently joined us for online services or Bible study or zoom virtual coffee or morning prayer at 8 am every weekday. If you still haven't taken the plunge but would like to have a go and need to have your hand held through the process of accessing Facebook or Zoom so that you too can join us online, do phone or write - or even email. Email Lore, [lore.chumbley@me.com](mailto:lore.chumbley@me.com) for a zoom invitation.

## This month's charity – Isaac reports

The children at Christ Church were invited to choose a charity of the month, and we were given the month of June for raising funds for our nominated charity. We were keen to support a charity that works with young people, and also one that was local. We discussed it together and decided to choose '**Project 28**'.



**Project 28** is a young people's drug and alcohol service in Bath & North East Somerset. They provide advice, guidance and one-to-one sessions for young people who are having problems with drugs and/or alcohol. The service is free and confidential. They aim to provide a flexible and non-judgemental space for young people to be open about the problems they are facing. The charity helps young people by offering support and assessment around their drug/alcohol use, employment and training needs and other skills. The charity also supports parent carers of young people using drugs or alcohol problematically.

The Christ Church children had lots of ideas for extra fundraising activities. Unfortunately some of these can't happen now but we are still keen to do what we can.

We are planning a Zoom concert and a quiz sheet, for which we will invite donations. Look out for more information in the weekly bulletin and on the Christ Church Facebook page!

We have created a page for donations: <https://localgiving.org/fundraising/XchCharityoftheMonthJune/>

Or you can donate by giving money directly to me or my mum (if you can get it to us) and we will pass it on to the charity. Please let us know if you are eligible for Gift Aid.

Charity Website:

<https://www.dhi-online.org.uk/get-help/young-peoples-drug-alcohol-services/bath-north-east-somerset-project-28>

## Social action in Bath and Sustainable Food Partnership

The Compassionate Community Hub is now operational across the whole of B&NES, with large numbers of volunteers who are being asked to provide support to people in need in their local areas.

If anyone needs support with buying food or medicines, and there is no local group that they can turn to, then they should send an email with the subject "Support" to [compassion@3sg.org.uk](mailto:compassion@3sg.org.uk) and the team will pick up your query within 24 hours.

Alternatively, telephone the **Banes Covid/Compassionate Community helpline 0300 247 0050**.

People wanting to register as a volunteer with Compassionate Community Hub should complete the form via this link: <http://bit.ly/communityvolunteersignup>.

3SG & the Sustainable Food Partnership have produced a list of local providers offering food to people across Bath and north east Somerset. You can find a comprehensive list [here](#).



Please tell your older friends about **DAILY HOPE**. Daily Hope is a response to the nearly 3 million older people living in the UK who cannot access the internet and who now find themselves even more isolated and cut off from those around them. Many are struggling with anxiety and fear. Please tell older people who you know about Daily Hope. It's for people with no access to the internet. It's a FREE phone line so that they can listen to hymns, prayers, daily reflections, and a choice of church services. When you phone, the call is answered by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Try it now! Thank you.

**Bath 24/7 Prayer** – This project has now come to an end. Thank you for those who have joined us on this united journey from many different churches across the city. There has never been a greater need to unite together in pray for our city, nation our world like now and we hope that this has brought comfort to all.



## Time and Talent

The Time and Talent challenge is now taking off and we have had several generous and creative offers made. Please consider how you might join this list and be part of the project to raise the remaining funds for this phase of the church re-ordering. When taking up these offers please check with the people concerned whether they wish you to pay them directly or deposit the money into the Trustees of Christ Church Bath account below. If you are unable to participate (and we understand there are many pressing calls on people's time at present) but wish to contribute to the fund nevertheless, please deposit any funds into the account with your name and TT, e.g. Bloggs TT, as the reference. If you already have taken a Time and Talent envelope, then your name and TT followed by the number of your envelope, e.g. Bloggs TT26, as the reference.

**Christ Church bank details for Trustees of Christ Church Bath: sort code – 60 02 05, account - 50935534**

If you have goods or a service to offer or have any queries please contact Jonathan Stead at [jonathanstead20@gmail.com](mailto:jonathanstead20@gmail.com)

**Current goods and services on offer, so far:**

## Transfer of LP recordings to CD

Virginia Knight is offering to transfer your beloved LPs to CD disks. The costs are below:

- 'As is': £4 per disc
- With a bath to reduce crackle: £6
- With click reduction: £6
- With bath and click reduction: £8

Please contact Virginia on 01225 423889 or by email at [virginiakni@gmail.com](mailto:virginiakni@gmail.com) to discuss your requirements.

## A Luxury Breakfast Box

Imagine waking up on a Saturday morning in June, knowing that a box of breakfast delights is being delivered to you!

Available each Saturday in June will be a breakfast box containing:

- A homemade spelt loaf; four freshly warmed buttery croissants; a jar of homemade marmalade and butter; a packet of ground Continental coffee
- Beautifully packed with napkins

Available on each Saturday in June - 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th June. Price: £20

Order by the Wednesday before each Saturday delivery from Malcolm and Brenda Wall by email [mjw3012@gmail.com](mailto:mjw3012@gmail.com) or by text/phone 07434 920129 for assured service and delivery, and giving the address to which the box should be delivered.

If you don't want this for yourself then you may know someone who'd appreciate a treat.

## Books for sale by the author

A member of our congregation, Fiona Gardner is an expert on Thomas Merton, the renowned theologian and mystic, and is a former chair of the Thomas Merton Society of Great Britain and Ireland. She is also the author of authoritative books on Merton and is offering copies of *Precious Thoughts*, *Daily Readings from the Correspondence of Thomas Merton* and *The Only Mind Worth Having* (with a foreword by Rowan Williams), for sale for a minimum donation of £5 for each book. Please contact Fiona at [fiona@chiltenbath.co.uk](mailto:fiona@chiltenbath.co.uk) for more details.

## Ecclesiastical Home Insurance

The Ecclesiastical Insurance Company is offering a donation of £130 to a nominated church when a member of that church takes out house and contents insurance with them.

Janet Mahto has recently switched to them and sent this recommendation. *My house insurance was due in early May so I decided to investigate prices. Customer services were very efficient and came up with a quote immediately. Much to my delight this was almost exactly half of that demanded by my existing insurers. The paperwork arrived by post within a couple of days and the transaction completed over the phone with no queueing involved. The donation to Christ Church has also been received.* Two other members of Christ Church have already switched!

Website: <https://www.ecclesiastical.com/individuals/home-insurance/trust130/>

Customer services: 0345 777 3322

## Elderflower cordial

Light, refreshing and very seasonal. The cordial is made from sugar, elderflowers and lemons and will keep in the fridge for up to 6 weeks.

Made under hygienic conditions and delivered to you in a glass bottle.

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| • 20 cl bottle - use for flavouring sorbets and jellies        | £1.00 |
| • 75 cl - use like fruit squash with still water or soda water | £2.50 |
| • 1 litre bottle, ideal for a party                            | £3.00 |

Please contact [Lore Chumbley](mailto:Lore.Chumbley)

## **Finally, a Prayer for Pentecost** *(Kathleen O'Brien/CAFOD)*

As we struggle with fears, with separation, with new insecurities, as we realise afresh the injustices in the world, as our lifestyles are challenged by climate change, as we recognise the need for change as never before, let us pray this prayer.

Whirlwind Spirit of God,  
Roar through our timidities and fears,  
Shake the foundations of our ill-placed securities,  
Sweep away the cobwebs of our apathy,  
Blow down the walls that separate us, one from another.

Then into all our empty spaces, breathe  
re-strengthened courage to challenge injustice,  
renewed belief in the urgency of our vocation,  
revitalised passion to change our lifestyles,  
re-dedication to speak only words that build and unite.

Let gentle breeze and still small voice  
become in us today  
mighty wind and loud proclamation.  
Make of us a Pentecost people! Amen