

# St. Mary the Virgin week beginning 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020.

**Please Pray for the following:** 

Paul Allen, Alan Bailey, Diane Talling, Michael Callaghan, Chris Lawson, Noelle, Michael Baxter, Bertie, Eileen Wiltcher, John Tomsett, Julie Dow, Boy and Marion, Angela Bailey, Gillian T, Stuart, Ruth Dykes Tracy, Colin Winstone, Amara, Avril, Rachel, Victoria Nobes, Alan Wiltcher Stephen North, Rhian Ann Carnie, Ross, Jamie-Lynn Port, Jean Glover, Ros Collins, Julian, Shanti, Anne Cobbold, , Julie-Ann and family, Jeremy D, Maddie and her family, Lindsay Wyatt, Raymond Henn, Big Barb. William Mulcahy and family, Christopher Simmons, Irene Fielding. Maureen Gallon, Wilma Macdonald baby Esme. Jon. Denis Crane. Tony Gostick. Melvyn Smith

**R.I.P.** Steve Flatman, Mike Colman, Ravi Ravindran,

**Years mind for week beginning 31st May – Sun:** Caroline James, **Wed:** Margaret Clapp, **Fri:** Waler Hird.

## **Readings for Trinity Sunday (7<sup>th</sup> June)**

Isaiah 40. 12 – 17, 27 to end. 2 Corinthians 13. 11 to end.

Matthew 28. 16 – 20.

## **This Week's Services**

Fr Neil will be saying prayers for the parish at 1 .00pm . The C of E have also suggested we put a lighted candle in a window as the light of Christ taking our prayers 7.00pm each day. Fr Neil's sermons and Jamie's jokes are on the website.

## **Birthdays This Week**

**Sun:** Alison Fosten. **Mon:** Jamie Nicholls. **Wed:** Lavinia Harding.

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[www.stmarythevirgin.net](http://www.stmarythevirgin.net) We also have a WhatsApp group Andy Hiron is

admin. To take part in the zoom service on Sundays please email Fr. Neil for the code.

### 'Finances

In light of the current 'lockdown' situation we are very grateful for all those who continue to pay their monthly giving by standing order/direct debit payments. Without our hall rents and cash from weekly services there is a significant gap between our current income and our outgoings. If anyone can see their way to changing their giving via the bank instead of weekly cash payments we would be delighted for your support. Or even if you choose not to make a regular donation but could make ad-hoc payments directly into our bank account, or by cheque, we would again be very grateful. The bank details are: PCC St Mary the Virgin – Sort Code: 20-06-72 Account No: 80692638

Intercessions for this week written by Eric Seers.

As we celebrate this day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Jesus Disciples, let us open our hearts to accept that spirit and to follow the way of our Lord.

Today we are asked to pray in our diocese for Electoral Roll Members, Churchwardens, District Wardens, Deanery Synod Members, PCC Treasurers and Secretaries and PCC Members. And in the wider Church we pray for the Anglican Church in Melanesia and the Most Reverend Leonard Dawes – Archbishop of Melanesia and Bishop of Temotu.

And as we continue to live in lockdown with the Corona Virus, guide our politicians in their decisions to bring safe normality back to our lives. Give us patience to follow their advice, so that together, throughout the world we may defeat this pandemic. We remember the many thousands who have lost their lives and the families and friends who mourn, and we remember the support and dedication of all medical staff who have treated victims of the virus. And we especially pray, O Lord, for the scientists in their endeavours to develop a vaccine to counteract the virus.

In our own parish we pray for Fr Neil. We pray for our neighbours; here in our street and for those returning to school this week, for those at work, or working from home, for those who have lost their jobs, for those with whom we live, for our parish and all who have worshipped here. And we pray especially today for those who live in Wycliffe Close; and we remember all those who have no one to pray for them.

We pray for those finding life very trying; for those who are coping with personal tragedy, heartache or mourning; for all who are ill or frail and we remember before God in a few moments silence all those on our prayer list and others known only to ourselves. May the power of God's love rest upon them.

And we pray for those who have died ..... and in our year's mind we remember Caroline James, Margaret Clapp and Walter Hird. We pray that the bread of heaven shall feed them evermore and hope that they may rise to eternal life in the light of heaven.

Father, in so many ways we have been richly blessed; give us thankful hearts and make us more appreciative of all that is good in life. And so rejoicing in the fellowship of Mary and all your saints, we commend ourselves and all Christian people to your unfailing love.

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

# Readings for Pentecost Year A

## **FIRST 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 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."

## **SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12.3b–13**

**A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.**

No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body Jews or Greeks, slaves or free and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

## **GOSPEL**

### **John 20.19–23**

**Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.**

It was evening on 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.'