

THE DAY OF PENTECOST WHITSUNDAY

May 20, 2018

*Alleluia! God has sent forth of the Spirit of
His Son: O come let us worship, Alleluia!*

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:

✠ Psalm 145 | Joel 2:28-end | Romans 8:1-17

9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

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**9:45 a.m. – Sunday School: Parish Hall
Time with Fr. Stockall**

10:30 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

♪♪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN:	180 (Winchester Old)
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The Old Testament Reading:	Deuteronomy 16.9-12
♪♪ PSALM:	please see the bulletin insert
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♪♪ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:	Alleluia
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♪♪ OFFERTORY HYMN:	487 (Down Ampney)
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♪♪ HYMN DURING COMMUNION:	478 (Eisenach)
Post-Communion Prayer:	page 85
♪♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN:	426 (Kingsfold)

*Please join us in the Parish Hall
following the 10:30 Celebration for
Coffee & Conversation.*



From the Rector _____

I suspect that, if we were to be honest, many of us are not quite sure what to do with the Feast of Pentecost. “The wind blows where it wills, and you hear sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit,” Jesus said to Nicodemus in the Gospel according to St. John, as we will be reminded next week on Trinity Sunday. And that may be the main reason why we’re unsure about Pentecost. Maybe we’re not quite sure what God the Holy Spirit might have in store for us; and maybe we’re not quite ready to do what we’re afraid he may be asking us to do.

For many, defining the Holy Spirit is difficult. We can imagine God as Father, the creative force at work in the universe. Jesus the Son, we know from the gospels. We can identify with him through the life he lived, the stories he told. But the Holy Spirit? How do we measure that?

Well, it's clear from looking at the events of the first Pentecost that the Holy Spirit is best understood by experiencing him. And the best way to experience him, if we follow Luke's account in this morning's Lesson, is to make ourselves present for the work that Jesus calls us to do. Luke tells us that they were all gathered together in Jerusalem wondering how their lives were to be now that Jesus was no longer with them, when suddenly they heard the sound of a mighty rushing wind and, before they could do anything, the wind caused sparks of flame to burst to light on their heads and every one of them was filled with the breath of God – the Holy Spirit.

We're not given any deep theological reflection. Luke doesn't explain but just records the result; Peter speaking to the crowd and the church growing from hundreds and to thousands. So we see straight away that this is what the gift of the Holy Spirit is for. It's not designed to give us certainty or impress others with our power. The gift of the spirit was designed to enable us to do be his witnesses, in Jerusalem, Samaria and to the ends of the earth.

We see shy people become bold, scared people find courage, and the hesitant discover their way. They had abilities within themselves they had never known. The breath of God had transformed them and Luke goes on in the Acts of the Apostles to record how this transformation in them began the transformation of the world as the Early Church spread and grew.

The heart of the message of Christianity is all about relationships, so, beyond the ecstatic, dynamic, revolutionary images that capture our attention, the gift of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost tells us that the life of God's people is most truly genuine when we live in unity with each other; when the disunity of human life is resolved in love, when we truly understand and are understood, not just by God but by each other.

The gift of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost and today, which we share in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism and the Holy Eucharist and in all the sacraments, is a gift that draws us together, in spite of all that we do to pull ourselves apart; it is, fundamentally, a gift that breaks down the barriers that divide us.

Jesus did not give the disciples the Spirit's power so that they could stay behind locked doors in fear, as they had on the Day of the Resurrection; nor to remain in the old, tired ways of brokenness and disunity. The Holy Spirit was given to them, and to us, to move us out into the world - even if we don't always know exactly where we'll end up; even if we're not sure that we want to go there. But that's what it means to be the Church: to live, and to love, as those whose lives have been shaped by the breath of God.

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The true Christian religion is not a set of doctrines about Christ, neither is it a rule of life based upon the teaching and example of Christ. It is not even an earnest and sincere endeavor to live according to the mind and spirit of Christ. It is life, and that life is the life of Christ. It is a continuation of the life of the risen Lord in His Body which is the Church, and in the sanctified believer. "Christ liveth in me" is the essence of the Christian religion as set forth in the New Testament. It is not a system but a Presence: the Spirit of Christ indwelling the spirit of man.

Samuel Chadwick (1860-1932), *The Way to Pentecost*

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Parish Notices and Updates

VERY SINCERE THANKS ARE OFFERED to all those who were able to support our recent Country and Bluegrass Gospel concert in support of the work being done by Canon Paul Jeffries at Bishop McAllister College in Uganda. A large crowd raised more than \$1250.00 for the work of the school. A huge word of thanks goes to John Jeffries for once again organising (and performing!) Lots of great musicians shared their time and talent for a very worthy cause – thanks to all!

MEMBERS OF THE PARISH CORPORATION (Wardens and Vestry) are reminded of the meeting scheduled for next Sunday, May 27th, starting at 12:15 p.m. Those who are unable to attend are asked to convey their regrets to the Rector or the Vestry Clerk.

ST. MARY'S CHOIR AND ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN are organising a **Luncheon Bridge** on *Thursday, May 31st*, starting at 12:00 Noon. The cost is \$40 for a Table or \$10 a person. Please contact: Jean Monteith at 472-7374 or Shirley Hovey at 366-3337 if you wish to ensure a place.

ST. MARY'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY is held every *Friday, starting at 10:00 a.m.* at the Rectory. We've started a new study of the Gospel According to St. Luke. Everyone is warmly invited to join us; and if your schedule only permits you to attend occasionally, please plan to join us when you can.

AS WE DID LAST YEAR, AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH DIOCESAN SAFE CHURCH GUIDELINES, as well as to ensure the safety of our Parish Family, we are planning to carry out a fire/emergency exit practice next weekend on Saturday following the 5:00 p.m. Celebration and on Sunday following both the 9:30 and 10:00 Celebrations. Our Parish Safe Church Officer, Thomas Geburt, will offer instruction on our exit plan and we'll take a few moments to walk through the process. The whole exercise will only take a few moments and those with mobility challenges will be assisted. If you have any questions or concerns please speak to Thomas or the Rector.

RUN FOR THE WORD, in support of the Canadian Bible Society, will be held on *Saturday, June 2nd*, at Wilmot Park – 1K/5K Run/Walk 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Good exercise and fellowship and a good cause. Registration packages are available at www.biblesociety.ca/event/run-word. Your support for Run for the Word can help the Canadian Bible Society provide the healing power of God's Word.

THE ANNUAL SPRING YARD SALE, organized by your Parish Choir, is going to be held on *Saturday, June 9th*, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. They'll need you to bring your donations of good quality used items to the Church Hall on, or before, *Friday, June 8th*. Contact Shirley Hovey at 366-3337 for more information.

HOSPITAL VISITING IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF PARISH MINISTRY because spiritual health is a necessary part of our physical health; and the Rector is always willing to visit those in hospital at any time, day or night. Please let him know if you or another member of the Parish (with their consent) is in hospital, including, if possible, the room number, so that the Church can minister to our whole Parish Family. And, unless you wish not be visited while in hospital, be sure to indicate on admission that you wish a pastoral visit. Otherwise your presence in the hospital might not be indicated on the records available in the Spiritual and Religious Care office.

HAVE TO BE AT WORK ON SUNDAY MORNING? Have another engagement that will prevent you from attending? Don't forget that we have a weekly Celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Saturday evenings at 5:00 p.m. Please speak to the Rector if you have any questions; and plan to join us any Saturday evening if this time is more suitable for your schedule.

IF YOU LIKE TO KNIT, ST. MARY'S MOTHERS' UNION invite you to use up some of your surplus yarn and help a number of excellent projects. They have three different knitting projects: Comfort Bears for children at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Regional Hospital, Knitted Hats for Newborns, and a request from Knitted Knockers of Canada in support of women who have had mastectomy surgery. Instructions have been posted on the Mothers' Union bulletin board in the hall. Feel free to pick up some and get knitting!



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

MAY 23: PENTECOST EMBER DAY

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

MAY 24: IN THE OCTAVE OF PENTECOST

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

Followed by time for personal prayer in the Church

MAY 26: TRINITY SUNDAY

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

MAY 27: TRINITY SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

Followed by Coffee & Conversation in the Parish Hall