

All Change !

So things look a bit different this week(and last) – what’s going on? We have had several meetings over the last year to discuss how we can use the space of the church to better enable worship and improve the use of space for community events and welcome. Frequently raised are the issues of ease of participation in worship: in particular does everyone have a view of what is going on, can they hear and does everyone feel included?

We had a long, thin layout which leaves some of the congregation very distant from the celebrant and we receive many complaints about not being able to see and hear well.

Following on from the Extraordinary PCC meeting on 11th February (minutes on board at back of church) where we discussed two different plans for use of church space: one was the traditional layout with some tweaks and one was a more radical broader and shallower layout which you see modelled today.

The vote for the two different plans was so close that we agreed to trial the more radical layout (“plan G”) allowing us to actually feel and see what it is like.

The advantages of this layout are improved sight and sound, a decrease in the distance between the altar and the people and a sense of worshipping together. In addition, the arrangement is flexible (the dais is moveable) and this allows for alternative use of space (including return to the traditional layout when required).

This trial will go ahead for 3 months.. This will give ample time for everyone to see how it works and give their opinion.

Please come along with an open mind, try it out, then let us know your views

! **Stillness, Silence, Solace: Sundays 6.30 pm**

! **MEDITATION** stillness & silence to listen to God (1st & 3rd Sundays)

! **TAIZE** prayer of the heart in word, song & silence (4th Sunday)

! **Traditional BCP** (2nd Sunday)



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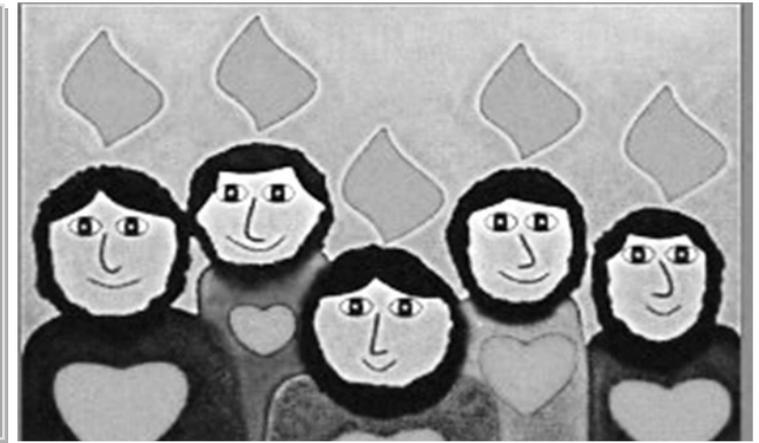
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Holy Spirit



Sunday 15th May FEAST of PENTECOST

WELCOME

Welcome to Holy Spirit. We have Sunday School for children from Reception age upwards during term time & a crèche all year round. For LARGE print hymn & service books ask the sidespeople. There is a loop system; please adjust the setting of your personal hearing aid.

JOIN IN

Please ALL COME to the Lord's table: whether or not you are used to receiving communion. We all gather as members of God's family to receive bread & wine or a blessing.

Please stay for a drink & a chat after the service

SUPPORT

Make your donation count: Thank you for supporting Holy Spirit. You can make your donation even more valuable by allowing us to reclaim the tax on your gift. To do so please fill in your details on the front of the Yellow Envelopes.

THANK YOU!

READINGS

Acts 2:1-21

The coming of the Holy Spirit: the gift of the spirit is given to the disciples when they are gathered all together. The spirit is given all not just some and, though it is the same spirit, each disciple speaks in a different language. The spirit sends them out and gives them the gift of communication to share the good news of God with whomever they find. Their audience contains representatives of many nations and peoples. Peter reminds his listeners of God's promise to give his spirit to all regardless of age, gender or status.

John 14:8-17, 25-27

Jesus promises us that we will do greater things than He. How? The gift of the Holy Spirit will dwell in us just as the Father and the Son dwell in one another. Christ displays God's power on earth because they are united. If we are united with Christ the power of God will also be active in us. Our task is to love and to be open to the Spirit which Christ sends to us.

Hymns:

238

235

719

810

CALENDAR

Today

10.30am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm Evening Prayer:
Meditation

Monday 16th May

9.00am Morning Prayer

8.00pm Children and Youth
meeting

Tues 17th May

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.30am-12.00pm
Silver Socials

7.45pm PCC meeting

8.00pm Book Club

Weds 18th May

9.00am Morning Prayer

7.30pm Baptism Preparation
Class

Thursday 19th May

12.30pm Lunchtime Eucharist
followed by simple lunch

5.15pm First Communion Class

7.00pm Wine tasting for Chris-
tian Aid week

Sunday 22nd May

9.00am Said Eucharist

9.15am Choir, Stage room

10.30am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm Evening Prayer:

This week is Christian Aid Week

Like thousands of churches we will hold a collection today for Christian Aid Week to help protect families like Morsheda's from flooding.



As Jesus explains in his parable of the Good Samaritan, our neighbours aren't just the people who live next door or down the street. Every one of us is a neighbour – loved by God and to be loved by his followers.

Take Morsheda. She may live in Bangladesh, but she's still our neighbour.

Flooding is a terrifying part of Morsheda's everyday life.

The single-room, corrugated-iron house she shares with her children has been flooded four times. But a Christian Aid Home Safety Package could change her life. Just £250 is enough to raise her home above the floods and give her a goat, seeds and a wormery to produce compost so she can earn a long-term income, free from fear.

WINE TASTING IN SUPPORT OF CHRISTIAN AID

"La Belle France"

BY COLIN BAXTER

followed by supper

ON THURSDAY 19th May

AT 108 HAMBALT ROAD, SW4 9EJ

£25 all profits go to Christian Aid

TASTING COMMENCES 7.30PM SUPPER 9.30PM

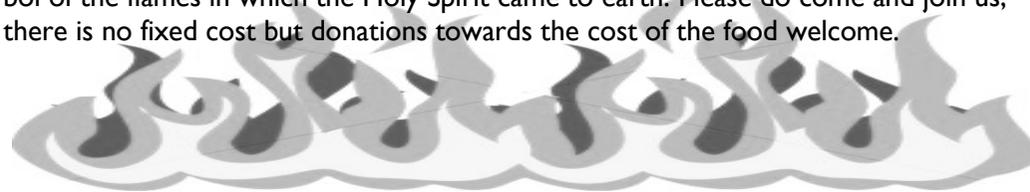
RSVP: rosemarie.jones@churchofengland.org

Please pray for those who are sick:

Albert Bell, Heidi Bell, Jane Bell, Tony Trudgill, Tim Grisdale, Chris Friend, Nick Lynch, Cassie Williams, Chris Barton, Elizabeth Godfrey, Charles Donoghue, Anthony Walker, Sara Carter and Tom Saunt.

Fire Flame and Feasting

TODAY is PENTECOST this is our patronal festival and the birthday of the world wide church. After the service everyone is invited to a BBQ lunch to celebrate the symbol of the flames in which the Holy Spirit came to earth. Please do come and join us, there is no fixed cost but donations towards the cost of the food welcome.



Notices



Archdeacon Simon Gates will be visiting us as part of his cycle ride to send a message of hope and love to China's abandoned and disabled children. He has been supporting them for almost a decade through the charity International China Concern. He will be visiting and praying at each church in the diocese and will be with us at **8.11am on Wednesday 25th May**. Do come along and support him, if you wish you can sponsor him at <https://my.give.net/stwsschina2016> or leave a donation at

church in a marked envelope and we will pass it on.

Knitting Group next meets to knit and natter on Wednesday 8th June 7.30pm at 1 Bedford Terrace, SW2 5DJ

Book Club meets May 17th 8pm at 10 Narbonne Avenue. We are reading two books for their next meeting, one quite short and one very short. *The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway (112 pages) and *Lila* by Marilynne Robinson (



It's a quiet season for donations but **Clapham Park Foodbank** continue to support many in need and some of their shelves are looking empty. They have asked if we can help they particularly need Tinned soup, Tinned vegetables, Tinned meat, Rice and Long life juice. (but no more tinned fish please!) Please leave all contributions in box at the back of church.

The Abbeville
Fête
since 1997

6 WEEKS to GO!

The Fete will be held on JUNE 25th 12 noon until 6pm. It's a great day out and celebration of our community.

We will be asking for lots of help, before, during and after the fete. Please put the date in your diary and watch for announcements.

For more information contact church office or info@abbevillefete.com