

# A Community enriched by Christian faith, worship and values.

**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, COOKHAM**

**IN THE BENEFICE OF THE  
COOKHAMS.**

**SERVING AT THE HEART  
OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Pentecost  
23rd May 2021**



## Choir News

This morning the music is led by our Choir Trio.



## Next Sunday Morning 30<sup>th</sup> May

Our service will conclude with hymns sung together outside to celebrate Trinity Sunday. There might even be a cup of coffee on offer as well.



## Come Down, O Love Divine Tonight at 6.30pm on YouTube

A short offering of music and words to celebrate Pentecost. With the Men's Choir and a lovely reading by Barbara Walmsley.



## Elizabeth House to Launch Community IT Training Scheme

The COVID-19 Pandemic and the consequent lockdowns have brought home to us how increasingly dependent society has become on digital communication.

For many older people this represents a real challenge. They often do not have "Smartphones" and

typically have few, if any IT skills. And yet they are under relentless pressure to use the internet in order to manage their daily lives.

Elizabeth House has decided to initiate an IT training programme to help the older people in our community. The programme cannot be "one size fits all" and we anticipate it will include both group training sessions as well as "one to one" tuition. We are not looking to create IT wizards, although it would be nice if we could, but simply to give people the confidence to use a smartphone or a laptop or tablet to communicate and conduct simple transactions on-line, and how to avoid being scammed.

We are looking for local volunteers with the appropriate IT and communication skills to help deliver this programme. If you think you could help, please contact Mike Clark at [pefc@tapestryoflife.co.uk](mailto:pefc@tapestryoflife.co.uk) or on 01628 530047 or 07740 027357, or simply leave your contact details at Elizabeth House with the Manager, Miriam Blazey.



## Could you wash a cushion?

In preparation for the full opening of church again we need some help to wash our kneelers. They have been in isolation since lockdown and are in need of a spring clean! If you can help please speak to Bernadette who will give you full instructions. And yes, they are machine washable!



## Please pray for Those who are ill...

Stephen Runnacles, Tom Copas, Lesley Fulker, David Ashwanden, Mike Springate.

## Those who have died...

Elizabeth Barr RIP

## Readings for Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021 Pentecost Gloria

Glory be to God in heaven,  
peace on earth to humankind.  
Father, heavenly king, creator,  
God of power undefined,  
praise and honour, thanks we offer,  
worship you with heart and mind.



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Jesus Christ, our Saviour, only  
Son of God by faith we know;  
Lamb of God, the world's redeemer,  
love and mercy to us show;  
seated at the Father's right hand,  
intercede for us below.

You alone, O Lord, are holy,  
Jesus Christ, you are most high  
with the Father and the Spirit;  
Trinity, to you we cry:  
'Alleluia, Alleluia!'  
you, O God, we glorify.

## 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.

## Reading: Acts 2:1-21

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."

## Gospel: John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. 'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.'

## Hymn

*Whilst we still cannot sing together inside,  
you may hum if you wish.*

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.

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 his dwelling.

## Post Communion Prayer

Faithful God,  
who fulfilled the promises of Easter  
by sending us your Holy Spirit  
and opening to every race and nation  
the way of life eternal:  
open our lips by your Spirit,  
that every tongue may tell of your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

