

NEWSLETTER

ALL SAINTS, SCRAPTOFT & NETHERHALL - June 2020

Living in the Spirit

Pentecost is the time we celebrate the life-giving gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church. Indeed, the words 'spirit' and 'Holy Spirit' litter our worship and so it can become something very much taken for granted. Like so much in life, we say something so often its true meaning can start to escape us and they become just more words. So now is the ideal time to renew our relationship with the Holy Spirit and what it enables us to do – what it enables us to be.



In May's Newsletter I wrote about the idea of God being in everything and everything being in God. This can be a huge concept to take on board, perhaps the more we think about it in terms of how we, as human beings, commonly interact with the world around us. Our approach has so often been to see what's there and then plunder it for our own use. And when we see humanity at the top of the tree and everything else below, and there for our use, our good, the world simply becomes a resource for us to use at will.

This careless and greedy approach, we now see, has had some pretty disastrous consequences and this amazing planet is in bad shape in various ways. The idea of 'God being in everything and everything in God' can indeed be a big one to take on board, but it is actually the Holy Spirit who enables us to do this, moving us beyond our heads to our hearts, where we begin to see the bigger, holier picture of creation. Then when we welcome the Spirit into our lives we can start to appreciate just how interconnected we all are – and not just people, but every single bit of creation. In the last Newsletter I also mentioned the idea of 'inter-being' – that we are all one with everything that has been created. It is the Holy Spirit who opens our eyes to this and helps us see that everything God has made is holy – it is all sacred.

So if we can begin to see this, it has to change the way we see each other and the world around us. Of course, we are human – we slip and fall and make mistakes. But we have a recourse to fall back on: we can stop and ask the Holy Spirit to come to us, to fill our lives and inspire us to see as God sees, to think as God thinks, and to do as He would have us do.

This Pentecost, I pray that, even though we cannot be together as those first disciples were and as we are used to being, we will still realise our oneness, our togetherness in the power of the Spirit. May the gifts of God be yours, now and always.

With every blessing

Father Tarkin

Worship for Pentecost Sunday



In the name of the Father and of the
Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

There is one body and one spirit.
There is one hope to which we were called

One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be
with us all.

Act of Penitence

First, reflect on recent days. What good things have I encountered? Where have I fallen short?

God sends us out to proclaim the word to the world, but we have been too slow to act.
Lord, have mercy.

God's salvation is a gift for the whole world, but our vision has been too narrow.
Christ, have mercy.

God calls us to build one another up in the Spirit, but we have been too ready to judge.
Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us and bring us to eternal life. Amen.

Collect

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings

Acts 2:1-21

The Holy Spirit gives new power to the disciples, enabling them to share the good news of Christ with an international audience

John 20:19-23

God the creator brought Adam to life by breathing into his nostrils. Now Jesus breathes new life into the disciples, giving them the Holy Spirit.

Intercessions

praying for the church, and whole of God's creation.

We pray for the Church, the body of Christ, that, moved by the Spirit, we may share God's love for the world.

We give thanks for the blessings of creation, and pray that we may live in harmony with the elements that sustain and support us.

We pray for the world that Christ loves as his own; that peace, hope and love may govern the hearts of all who lead people and communities.

We pray for those whose lives are filled with fear, sickness or anxiety; that they may be released from all that binds them.

We pray for those who have passed from this life, leaving their examples of godly witness for us to follow.

Add any other prayer requests you may have.

Rejoicing in our fellowship with Blessed Mary, all the saints and each other, we commend ourselves to the love of almighty God. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Final 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. Amen.

Blessing

May the Spirit of God,
who breathed courage into the hearts of Jesus' disciples,
fill our lives with hope, vitality, and power
to share the words and works of God.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon us, now and always. Amen.



READINGS FOR JUNE

Sunday 7th June - TRINITY SUNDAY

Isaiah 40:12-17 & 27-31
2 Corinthians 13: 11-13
Matthew 28: 16-20

Thursday 11th June - CORPUS CHRISTI

Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16
1 Corinthians 10:16-17
John 6:51-58

Sunday 14th June - TRINITY 1

Exodus 19: 2-8a
Romans 5: 1-8
Matthew 9:35-10:8

Sunday 21st June - TRINITY 2

Jeremiah 20: 7-13
Romans 6: 1b-11
Matthew 10: 24-39

Sunday 28th June - Ss PETER & PAUL

Acts 12:1-11
2 Timothy 4:6-8 & 17-18
Matthew 16: 13-19

Anniversaries of Death for June

4th Beryl Kerr, Joe Sackfield
6th Arthur Farrow, Norman Firban
8th Alec Essam
14th Raymond Bennett
16th Norma Howard, Audrey Bennett
19th Bill Ainge
22nd Florence Packwood
25th Andrew Harding
30th Joyce Ainge

Daily Readings in June

1st Revelation 21:2-4
2nd Hebrews 9:28
3rd Proverbs 15:1
4th 1 Chronicles 29:11
5th 1 Thessalonians 5:11
6th Ephesians 3:17-19
7th Psalm 90:2
8th Habakkuk 3:19
9th Matthew 7:13-14
10th Colossians 3:13
11th Psalm 46:10
12th Psalm 19:1-2
13th Luke 11:13
14th Philippians 3:20
15th Proverbs 23:24
16th Psalm 103:13
17th Psalm 68:4-5
18th Ephesians 6:4
19th Ephesians 5:25-26
20th Mark 8:36
21st Psalm 91:1
22nd Psalm 121:7-8
23rd Isaiah 40:31
24th 2 Thessalonians 3:3
25th Jeremiah 23:24
26th Leviticus 19:18
27th Matthew 16:25
28th 2 Peter 3:9
29th Psalm 138:8
30th Zechariah 14:9