

# NEWSLETTER

ALL SAINTS, SCRAPTOFT & NETHERHALL - April 2024

## Living in the Spirit

50 days after Easter we have a special celebration - the festival of Pentecost. Here we give thanks for the gift of God's Spirit to his Church and it is often referred to as the Birthday of the Church.

Pentecost also expresses a very special attribute of the Church - that even though it can be found in many forms, at heart we are all meant to be one: there is a unity bestowed upon all Christians that comes from the Holy Spirit.



In a very polarised world, this is a crucial part of the Pentecost message that we need to hear and very much take to heart. As I look around today, never in my lifetime have people been so divided about so many things and so bitterly - whether it be about political affiliation, the effects of Brexit, human rights and much more. As we celebrate the gift of the Spirit this year, perhaps we need most to remember the diversity of people present when the Spirit was given - more than a dozen ethnic groups are mentioned in the Pentecost story - yet it is the same Spirit who communicates with all of them, regardless, bestowing the same gifts of healing and renewing.

It is through living in the power of the Spirit that we, as followers of Jesus Christ, are able to do the things we do: worshipping together week after week; preaching the gospel through our words and our deeds; keeping our churches going; creating new church communities, and so much more. It is the Spirit who makes the seemingly impossible, possible. As we read in Acts:

“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.”

Living in the Spirit gives us abilities and qualities we otherwise wouldn't know, helping us see possibilities, inspiring our vision and speaking God's truth to the world in many and varied ways.

May this Pentecost reinvigorate us for God's work in this part of his world. Come, Holy Spirit!

*Fr Martin*

## May Diary

- 1st **Our Lady**  
12.00pm Eucharist
- 4th 10.00am Coffee Morning
- 5th **EASTER 6**  
10.00am Sung Eucharist
- 7th 10.00am Coffee pop-in  
7.00pm PCC Meeting
- 8th Bishop's Study Day  
12.00pm NO Eucharist
- 9th **ASCENSION DAY**  
7.30pm Sung Festival Eucharist
- 11th 10.00am Coffee & Cake at St Chad's
- 12th **SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION**  
10.00am Sung Eucharist
- Christian Aid Week Begins**
- 14th 10.00am Coffee pop-in
- 15th 12.00pm Eucharist
- 18th 3.00pm Cream Teas for Christian Aid
- 19th **PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
10.00am Sung Festival Eucharist  
and Baptism
- 11.30am APCM
- 21st 10.00am Coffee pop-in
- 22nd 12.00pm Eucharist
- 26th **TRINITY SUNDAY**  
10.00am Sung Eucharist
- 28th 10.00am Coffee pop-in
- 29th 12.00pm NO Eucharist



## Supporting our friends at St Chad's

You may remember that, as a church, we are now in one Benefice with St Chad's on Coleman Road. This means that we now officially come under the care of the same priest. It also means that we pray for each other and try to support each other when we can. We have one such opportunity coming up soon (see below). If you can make it, it would be great to see some folk from All Saints at the Coffee and Cake morning so that we can show our support for our brothers and sisters.

**St Chad's Church, Coleman Road,  
Leicester**  
**Coffee and Cake Morning**

**Saturday 11th May**  
**10 am to 12.00 noon**



**Bric a Brac Stall**

**Everyone is Welcome.**  
**Entrance is Free**

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## Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This year's APCM will take place after the service on Sunday 19th May. This is an important occasion, when we not only elect our Churchwardens for the year but also look at the year past and then to the year ahead, giving thanks for the goodness God has bestowed on us.

Please come if you can.