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## Loop Special – Feast of Pentecost – Sunday 31 May 2020

**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS: Psalm 104.26-36 – Acts 2.1-21 – John 7.37-39**

Available in full with the reflection on the website – see News

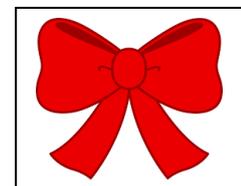
### Collect for the Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

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.  
Amen.

### Whitsun – or Pentecost??

Two names for the same festival! Here in the British Isles this Sunday - when we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit on the apostles - and certainly back to Medieval times at least, was known as Whit Sunday, the origin being 'White' Sunday. Whit was the occasion for varied forms of celebration. In the North West of England, church and chapel parades called Whit Walks still usually take place at this time. Typically, parades include brass bands and choirs; girls attending are dressed in white. Traditionally, Whit fairs (sometimes called Whitsun ales) took place and you may be familiar with the Well Dressing associated with this time as well. Other customs, such as Morris dancing, were associated with Whitsun, although in most cases they have been transferred to the Spring bank holiday.

However we mark choose to mark the festival and the days that follow, and whether we call it Whitsun or Pentecost, we are celebrating the same huge event in the life of the Church. If we were able to gather for worship in our buildings, all the vestments would be a glorious red – reminding us of the fire that rested on the head of each disciple, according to St Luke's account of the day in Acts chapter 2, and the birthday of the Church!



*How about wearing something red this Sunday as a simple witness to the day?*

*May this Pentecost be a time of blessing and peace. May God shower on the Church, on our congregations and communities across Severn Loop His refreshing, restoring Spirit. And may the fruits of the Spirit grow in each one of us, to the glory of God.*



*Come down,  
O Love divine*

*Come, Holy Spirit, come!*

## Sunday Worship this Week

**THE EUCHARIST** is offered at 8 am and 10.30 am. Please join us in spirit at home (see Spiritual Communion on the website.)

**PYJAMA CHURCH 9.30 am Sunday** – live streamed! – see <http://www.trinitychurches.org> or get in touch with Hannah who is our key link for more info. You will catch familiar faces taking part!

**SUNDAY AT SIX 6 pm Sunday** – Zoom in the Loop – Evening Prayer and catch up! Please let Peter, Mary-Lou or Hannah know by email by lunchtime on Sunday, if you'd like to receive the invitation link. If you have joined us before, you will already be on our list of regulars, but all are welcome!

### An Exciting Find at St Mary's, Shrawardine

Dee Radford, Treasurer, writes

*'Dolly Newcombe was born and baptised in Westbury in 1738 and moved to Shrawardine with her parents and two brothers. Her father Josiah was a farmer and from Westbury and her mother was called Martha and was originally from Alberbury. In August 1753 Dolly was drowned in the river when she had asked to go with the waggoner who had taken the horses to cool down after their days work and she had fallen off the horse into the water. Dolly's burial is recorded as being on 29 August that year and there is a note in a book by Rev Auden that "formerly a heart shaped piece of black tin on which was inscribed in gold letters "DN died 1753 aged 15" was to be seen hanging over the window on the south side of the nave and underneath were suspended a pair of white gloves but the whole of the monument was removed when the church was renovated in 1840". The story is well known but until recently the heart was considered lost - but Esther has found it tucked away behind the pew in the vestry! It must have been there for years and years.'*

The Maiden's Heart is now in very safe and secure keeping and we are investigating the necessary conservation. It is linked to the Maidens' Garlands you may have heard about already – there are a number in the church at Minsterley. Because much of the decoration of such memorials was made of paper (gloves again are a key element) they are very fragile and very few have survived nationally. The heart is a really wonderful find!



### *A Beautiful Sunset - for our final Blessings Jar of the Easter Season!*

Thank you Charles for sharing this lovely photo – couldn't resist putting it in the jar, as the red of the sky heralds the coming of the Holy Spirit.

### **For Our Prayers: *Lord, remember .... and all the hardships they endure* from Ps 132.1**

- We pray for all those receiving treatment, at home, in hospital, care home or hospice.
- We pray for the Price family at Bicton, following the very sad loss of Kevin. We pray for Jayne his wife, Wendy and Dave his parents, and the whole family.
- We pray for Al, Philippa and all the family at Leaton, in their recent bereavement.
- We pray for Olive and her family, following Dave's funeral this week.

We continue to pray for all the nations suffering in this pandemic, including our own; for the new track and trace system; for our schools this coming week; for steadiness of will for one another and concern for our neighbour, as we negotiate this next phase and lockdown is lifted a little more. For wisdom for those who research medical answers to the virus.

*○ Lord, hear our prayer.*

Come follow Christ  in the footsteps of St Chad  
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