

# Pentecost

31<sup>st</sup> May 2020

## Notices:

**Thy Kingdom Come Morning Prayer 21 – 31 May:** Thank you for taking part of the Thy Kingdom Come Morning Prayers. We hope that those people we have prayed for have felt the Spirit in their lives, and continue to do so.

**Sunday Worship:** As we now move on to a season of Ordinary, our Sunday services continue to be Holy Eucharist services where Rev Maria receives the Body and the Blood of Christ on behalf of all. The Spiritual communion words for you to use at that moment is made available via church website. Any comments, please get in touch.

**Giving:** In order to pay the church's monthly running costs, we would like to encourage those who normally give weekly by envelope, to set up standing orders instead. The bank account details to enable you to do this are:

**Account name:** Parish of the Good Shepherd & St Barnabas

**Sort code:** 77-19-46

**Account number:** 00034309

**Branch:** TSB Longsight

A Standing Order can be cancelled at any time by yourself.

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## Recently Deceased:

## Years In Mind:

## Birthdays:

## Reflection:

The Day of Pentecost is a celebration that is rich and challenging for followers of Christ, but it is easy to miss the transformative call that it offers. Today's readings bring together a number of different themes, but all call us into a deeper encounter with God and God's reign here and now, and into a life of Christ-like service. In Acts God's Spirit is given as the empowerment for God's people to become proclaimers of God's goodness. The Psalmist recognises that it is God's breath that sustains all creation and that the only appropriate response is to offer his life in praise of God. In his letter to the Corinthians Paul teaches that God's Spirit is given to all and empowers all so that all of God's people may serve one another. In John's Gospel this calling is opened even further as Jesus, in his gift of the Spirit to the disciples, informs them that they are now sent as he was sent – and he was sent to bring living water to all who would come to him. Pentecost's call to us is then to open ourselves to God's Spirit, to be empowered and gifted, in order that we may be sent to bring God's life, God's grace and forgiveness and God's empowering Spirit to all others. The evidence of a Pentecost Church, including our Church, then, is not so much particular gifts or experiences, but the life, grace and service that the Church brings to the world. We are filled with the Spirit not for our own sakes, but for the sake of the world that God loves so dearly. Let's continue to show the God's love and grace to the world and our local communities through our lived lives.

*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.*

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