

Lark Valley and North Bury Team Ministry

VIRAL BULLETIN

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Pentecost - Whit Sunday

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Tribute to Sidney Pettitt, who died twenty years ago and always tried to time his poppies to decorate St John's church for Pentecost

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Platinum and Pentecost

As you are all no doubt aware, this year marks the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen, who came to the throne 70 years ago. And as you are also no doubt aware Sunday the 5th of June 2022 is the final day of the so-called Platinum Jubilee central weekend, the end of a time of great celebration arranged to mark this historic event.

For the Queen herself, this long weekend with its two bank holidays, will involve such as the Trooping of the Colour, a service at St Paul's Cathedral, a concert at Buckingham Palace, and a day at the Derby at Epsom. And for the rest of us as well there are events arranged both nationally and locally suitably to mark this occasion. Events such as the lighting of beacons, the sounding of church bells and various services held in our churches. And then on Sunday the 5th itself, it is hoped that we will gather as communities to celebrate. It is hoped that we will meet with our friends and neighbours for street parties to have fun and enjoy ourselves in the name of our Queen, and perhaps to lift a glass in toast to Her Majesty to acknowledge her 70 years of loyal service to our country.

It is perhaps apt then, that this time of joy and celebration involving people spilling out on to the streets in excitement falls around the time in the Church year that marks a similar time of great celebration. And this is one that equally involved such wonder spilling out on to the streets. For this is the feast of Pentecost. And this is maybe even more apt given the deep faith of Her Majesty the Queen herself. A faith that has always been a large part of the life of our Monarch during the many years of her reign. And this is a truth outlined so clearly in a recent documentary shown to mark the Jubilee, in which the Queen spoke of how she relied upon her faith to guide her through both the good times and the bad.

But to describe Pentecost simply as a street party, does of course, underestimate the importance of this feast for those who are Christians. For the day of Pentecost represents nothing less than a call to those who are followers of Jesus to spread the good news of His resurrection. It is a call to do the job that Jesus gave to His disciples at His ascension, where He told them that they were to be His "witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth".

And yet, this day does begin with something akin to a party, involving as it does, a lightshow and sound effects. For there was, as the passage from the Acts of the Apostles that describes this day says, a sound from heaven "like

the rush of a violent wind”, filling the entire house where the disciples were gathered together. And this was followed by the appearance of “divided tongues, as of fire”, coming to rest upon each of them. And what more fitting way can there be to mark the arrival of the power of God Himself with His people, in the form of the Holy Spirit, than with such a bold and vibrant feast for the eyes and ears that we hear of on that Pentecost day? Nothing less than this could surely do justice to this event that marked such a crucial point in the life of the followers of Jesus after He had left them and gone up to be with His Father in heaven.

But as I suggested, the really crucial part of Pentecost, is that this was the day that God’s power was given to the disciples so that they could tell people about Jesus. The gift of the Spirit came with sights and sounds yes, but practically its initial effect was to throw these men out on to the streets. And this occurred in such a way as to see them immediately engage with people, such that these people were intrigued and wanted to know more about the lives of those that they were seeing who had so been clearly influenced by the power of God.

And yes, as is so often the case, the sheer number of those people who are to be gathered in by this Spirit empowered wonder is shown to be boundless. For as well as providing something of a tongue twister for whoever is reading the lesson at Pentecost, the huge list of places with magnificent names such as Cappadocia, Phrygia and Pamphylia found in the passage we read on this feast day are there to make a point.

The point is that all those who will hear the good news of a risen and ascended Jesus do indeed begin with those in Jerusalem where these people are found at that time, but will go on to encompass everyone in the world. For these people gathered in that great city represent the known world at the time, and therefore point to this job of proclamation being one that is to be done for the whole of the world and all peoples found in it.

And this all-encompassing plan for the world is further revealed in that great list of those who will be fuelled by the Spirit, as described by Peter in the sermon that this same Spirit puts into his mouth at Pentecost. For those that are mentioned in the passage from the prophet Joel that Peter quotes include sons and daughters, young and old, men and women, captives and free. The people mentioned are then from all aspects of life and represent all people in the world.

And significantly in these words from Peter, it is not just hearing that these people will be doing, they will not just be gathered in by the Spirit fuelled people of God, but they will also be a part of this Spirit fuelled plan. “All flesh”

shall have the Spirit poured upon them such that they prophesy, dream dreams and see the signs of God in the heavens and on earth. As Peter states succinctly to end his words, “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved” and as we hear at Pentecost, this is indeed everyone.

But to be clear, for me Pentecost is not merely a feast that demands action of us. Yes, it is a clear call to fulfil the task that Jesus offers to His earliest followers to spread the good news of salvation won thanks to His death and resurrection to all in the world. And yes, as usual, it is call that is still one that those who follow Jesus are required to answer now. But it is also a feast that lays plain to all those who are faithful to God that we will always have support in our faith, and then, in these very tasks that are set before us by God and His Son. And indeed, more than this, it makes clear that God can be trusted - it is a day in which we can clearly see that our faith in God is well placed because He does what He promises.

For in sending the Holy Spirit to the disciples God is providing what Jesus promised prior to His ascension. And this, as is so obviously revealed to us in the actions of the disciples and in particular Peter himself, deepens their faith such that they are able to become the spreaders of good news that God wishes. And for proof that this faith is so deepened, just think of the transformation of Peter from fisherman, to confused follower often chastised by Jesus Himself, to teacher and preacher extraordinaire, the true rock upon which the Church was built, thanks to the firm Spirit filled faith that he has.

Pentecost is then the day that we celebrate, and rightly so, the joy and wonder of the Holy Spirit and accept its help in our own efforts to take up the task of spreading the good news of Jesus our Saviour. But it is also the day that we know and trust in a God who will keep us firm in our faith. Firm in our faith to face everything that life throws at us, trusting and believing in God and His promises.

This is something that may well be firmly and keenly held in our minds as we take part in another celebration ourselves on the weekend of the 5th June. The weekend in which we celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of someone who has also shown great faith and service over the many years of her reign, Her Majesty the Queen. Someone who indeed made clear in that programme mentioned earlier that she faced each day as a new beginning, a time to try and do what is right not least through trusting in God to be there for her. May she and all those in our world who follow Jesus be firm in that trust, remain true to that faith and live lives that reveal to all the knowledge that Peter offers on the feast of Pentecost, that “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved”.

Andy Miller

Lark Valley and North Bury Churches

SERVICES WEEK BEGINNING 5 JUNE

PENTECOST Whit Sunday 5 June

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| 8.00am | Holy Communion (BCP) | All Saints', Bury St Edmunds |
| 9.30am | Parish Communion (CW) | St George's, Bury St Edmunds |
| 9.30am | Parish Communion (CW) | All Saints', Bury St Edmunds |
| 9.30am | Holy Communion (BCP) | Timworth |
| 10.00am | worship@fornham | Fornham All Saints |
| 10.00am | Eucharist (CW) | West Stow |
| 11.00am | Parish Eucharist (CW) | St John's, Bury St Edmunds |

Monday 6 June *Ini Kopuria, founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 1945*

Tuesday 7 June

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| 8.30am | Morning Prayer (CW) | St George's, Bury St Edmunds |
| 10.00am | Eucharist (CW) | Fornham St Martin |
| 6.00pm | A Quiet Space: Meditation | St John's, Bury St Edmunds |

Wednesday 8 June *Thomas Ken, bishop, nonjuror, hymn writer, 1711*

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| 8.30am | Morning Prayer (CW) | St John's, Bury St Edmunds |
| 9.30am | Eucharist (CW) | St John's, Bury St Edmunds |
| 5.00pm | Evening Prayer (CW) | St George's, Bury St Edmunds |
| 7.30pm | Compline | Flempton |

Thursday 9 June *Columba, abbot, missionary, 597*

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| 9.30am | Eucharist (CW) | All Saints', Bury St Edmunds |
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Friday 10 June

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| 7.30am | Eucharist (CW) | St John's, Bury St Edmunds |
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Saturday 11 June **Barnabas the Apostle**

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| 9.30am | Solemn Eucharist (CW) | St John's, Bury St Edmunds |
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TRINITY SUNDAY 12 June

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| 8.00am | Holy Communion (BCP) | Culford |
| 8.00am | Holy Communion (BCP) | All Saints', Bury St Edmunds |
| 9.30am | Parish Communion (CW) | All Saints', Bury St Edmunds |
| 9.30am | Parish Communion (CW) | St George's, Bury St Edmunds |
| 10.00am | Eucharist (CW) | Fornham St Martin |
| 10.00am | Eucharist (CW) | Lackford |
| 11.00am | Parish Eucharist (CW) | St John's, Bury St Edmunds |
| 11.00am | Zoom Service | Please email clairerose1953@gmail.com to receive the link. |

LIVE-STREAMED WORSHIP

The **Parish Eucharist** is usually live-streamed from St John's on Sundays at 11am on Facebook [@StJohnsBSE](https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsBSE) and is later posted onto our website www.northburychurches.org.uk

CHURCH on ZOOM

Our **Zoom Service** is at 11am on the second Sunday of each month. All are welcome. Please email clairerose1953@gmail.com to receive the link.

Churches Together In Bury St Edmunds and District

Welcome To Our Jubilee 2022 Cross Trail.
We Hope You Enjoy Visiting The Churches.
Please Answer The Questions For Our Fun Quiz.
All Churches Are Identified By Number – But Not In A 'Trail' Order.
Please Visit The Locations In Any Order, In Your Time
(All Have Appropriate Visitor Safeguarding)

| Jubilee Cross Trail 2022 Churches Together in Bury St Edmunds & District | |
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| 1 | St. Mary's Church |
| 2 | United Reformed Church |
| 3 | Trinity Methodist Church |
| 4 | Garland St. Baptist Church |
| 5 | All Saints' Church |
| 6 | The Cathedral |
| 7 | Bridge Community Church |
| 8 | St. Peter's Church |
| 9 | St. George's Church |
| 10 | St Edmund's RC Church |
| 11 | Christ Church Moreton Hall |
| 12 | Whepstead Baptist Church |

The Churches Together Jubilee Cross Trail is up and running.

Please see the questions and map attached. It is interesting to do, (walk, cycle, car or combination), and the crosses are really interesting to see - and all unique.

Fun Quiz questions

- 1 **St Mary's Church, IP33 1RT** "Which Queen lies here?"
- 2 **United Reformed Church, IP33 1NR** Which two martyrs does the tall memorial in the forecourt commemorate?
- 3 **Trinity Methodist Church, IP33 1EB** Which Pub is next door to the Church?
- 4 **Garland Street Baptist Church, IP33 1HN** What is the name of our centre (opposite the church)?
- 5 **All Saints' Church, IP33 3QW** When did the Bishop of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich lay the stone at the bottom of the wall?
- 6 **The Cathedral, IP33 1LS** The Cathedral is dedicated to which two saints?
- 7 **Bridge Community Church, IP33 3EW** In which year was our current building built?
- 8 **St. Peter's Church, IP33 3JT** How many keys are on the cross on the East wall (nearest the car park)?
- 9 **St George's Church, IP32 6JZ** What is the name of the Community Centre?
- 10 **St. Edmund's RC Church, IP33 1QG** Inside the church find the statue of St Edmund. How many arrows are there?
- 11 **Christ Church Moreton Hall, IP32 7EW** Fill in the blanks: Your ____ Church Everyone ____
- 12 **Whepstead Baptist Church, IP29 4TB (3mIs)** In which year was the church built? (Look for Roman numerals)

Yalda Davis

The concert given by Yalda Davis at St Martin's church on Friday 27th May was a great success. 29 people attended, and were very appreciative of the beautiful music. £290 was raised for the Bells and Tower project.

*Beryl Dykes
David Yates*



FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Matrimony

30 April..... Penelope Price and Aaron Bates.....Fornham All Saints
16 May Gregory Largent and Penny GillespieFornham All Saints
21 May Ben Baldwin and Sarah Boggis.....Fornham St Martin
21 May Philip Tattersall and Fiona Place.....Culford

Funerals and Memorial Services

24 March... Bobyl Margaret Rainbird.....Fornham All Saints
5 April Colin James Peachey.....WSC (All Saints Bury)
7 May Joyce Winnifred Veitch.....WSC (Culford)
9 May Alan Terence Askew..... WSC (All Saints Bury)
9 May Gillian Riches.....WSC (All Saints Bury)
11 May Gerhard Sinclair Cloete.....St John
24 May Gwendoline Phyllis ParkingtonWSC (Fornham St Martin)
24 May Pamela Jean Sharman.....Lackford

Raising a scone at Timworth ...

... on behalf of Her Majesty as part of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. After their service on 5th June, they will be planting a tree around 10.30am - and afterwards, tea, coffee and cakes will be served in the church. If you would like to come along and bring some Royal memorabilia they will happily display it.

Royal Refreshments at All Saints' ...

... after the main 9:30am service at the church on 5th June.

Raising a glass at St John's ...

Prosecco and nibbles will be served after the 11am Pentecost Eucharist on 5th June. All are welcome. Join in the service or come along at 12.15 to raise a glass.

WEST STOW JUBILEE STREET PARTY



Join us to celebrate the
Queen's 70th Jubilee

Sunday 5 June 2022

St Mary's Church Garden, 2pm to 5pm

An enjoyable afternoon of celebrations with BBQ, games, crown decorating, best decorated house competition, scavenger hunt, cake competition and much more. Please bring your own chair, crockery, cups and cutlery. Tea, coffee and squash provided.

Please RSVP to eileengilbert54@aol.com or janethobley@btinternet.com



Coffee Morning

Tuesday 7th June All Saints' Church, Bury St Edmunds
10:00am - 11:15am Everyone Welcome



Eco Church Flempton Churchyard Walk and Talk

This picture shows a Slow Worm in Hengrave churchyard. Mark Prina comments: "Well would you believe it? I only put one Refugia mat down just a few days ago and straight away can reveal we have a Slow Worm population at St Catherine's. It really emphasises the importance of churchyards as a space for nature."

Wednesday 8th
June at 6:30pm

Walk and Talk in the churchyard,
followed by Compline in the church at 7:30pm.
All are welcome but please wear suitable footwear and clothing.

Caring for God's good creation:
*where the environment
and churchyards meet*

with Mark Prina

Ecologist and Author at A Rocha UK
Reserve Manager at Foxearth Meadows

East of England Cathedrals Eco Churches conference

18 June 2022 10.00am until 1.00pm (online)

Six cathedrals, including St Edmundsbury Cathedral, are joining forces to host an online conference to help churches to play their part in achieving the Church of England's goal of 'net carbon zero by 2030'.

Keynote speakers and workshop leaders include representatives from A Rocha Eco Church, Caring for God's Acre, Christian Aid, Climate Stewards, a conservation architect and others involved in aspects of the church's environmental engagement.

Attendance at the conference is free of charge but registration in advance is essential. Full details and registration links are available on the Sustainable Living Conference website here: www.sustaininggodscreation.org

Churches Together in Bury St Edmunds and District Summer Celebration in the Abbey Gardens

Sunday 26th June 1.30pm - 3.30pm
followed by Songs of Praise from 3.30pm - 4.15pm

Heather Corbell writes: We have a huge amount to celebrate with our Christian heritage, the freedom of worship, rich variety of churches, and freedom of the Bible which we enjoy, and for which many of our brothers and sisters in past centuries have prayed, laboured and suffered.

For this reason, 'Abbey 1,000' is for all the Churches and Christians in the Bury area to celebrate.

We were asked last year to make our 2022 celebration part of Abbey 1,000, and as part of that invitation, we have been given use of the Abbey Gardens on that day free of charge!

We plan to have a similar event to last year, (music, puppet show, interviews...) and we have already booked the stage and sound equipment. Please let me know what you can offer or suggest for the programme.

Contact Heather at corbell.hm@gmail.com

St John the Evangelist St John's Street Bury St Edmunds IP33 1SN



Corpus Christi

CELEBRATION EUCHARIST

with Procession and Benediction

Thursday 16 June 2022 at 7pm

President: The Revd Dr Andrew Miller Team Rector

Preacher: The Revd Alison Miller Team Vicar

Followed by a parish party

ALL WELCOME

*Lark Valley and North Bury Team Ministry
Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich*

*Organist: David Honeyball
Affirming Catholicism*

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have details of events which have happened
and events coming up at your church.