



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Mass will be celebrated Wednesday 26th May at 10.00 am and Sunday 30th May at 9.00 am.

Please do not arrive at church hoping to attend Mass if you have not booked in advance.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday is currently suspended.

It is mandatory for face coverings/masks to be worn in places of worship unless you have an exemption from wearing one (Children under 11, illness, disability, etc.)

Please note that Covid regulations require young children to be supervised by an adult, remaining with them at all times in and around the Church. Thank you.

To pre-book your attendance at Mass, contact Anne Doyle telephone 01225 707486 or email

anne.doyle16@blueyonder.co.uk on

Monday, Tuesday or Thursday of each week

Heartfelt thanks to all our volunteer stewards and cleaners who make reopening possible.

Sunday 23rd May – Solemnity of Pentecost

Sunday Year B; Psalter week 4

Reading 1 – Acts 2: 1-11

Psalm refrain: Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth

Reading 2 – 1Cor 12: 3-7, 12-13

Gospel – John 20: 19-23

Prayers of the Faithful, Pentecost Sunday

God our Father, fill us with your Spirit as you fill us with your life. Give us breath to praise you all day and every day. We ask the Holy Spirit to be with us in all we think and do and say this day and every day. We pray that He may reconcile all divisions, soothe all pain and heals all wounds. We pray that the wonders of God's creation be cared for and nurtured in every country of His world. We pray for all who suffer in any way and ask that he comfort them. We remember all who have died and their families and friends.

Through our prayer, let us entrust our lives to God knowing that He loves us and will hear our prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen

Anne Doyle

Monday 24th May: Memorial of Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Word: Gn 3: 9-15; Jdt 13; Jn 19: 25-27

Hours: Psalter 4

Tuesday 25th May: memorial of St Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor of the Church

Word: Ecclus 35: 1-12; Ps 49; Mk 10: 28-31

Hours: Psalter 4

Wednesday 26th May: Word: Memorial of St Philip Neri, Priest

Word: Ecclus 36: 1, 4-5, 10-17; Ps 78; Mk 10:32-45

Hours: Psalter 4

Thursday 27th May: Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest

Word: Jer: 31-34; Ps 109; Mk 14: 22-25

Hours: Psalter 4

Friday 28th May: Word: Ecclus 44: 1, 9-13; Ps 149; Mk 11: 11-26

Hours: Psalter 4

Saturday 29th May: Word: Ecclus 51: 12-20; Ps 18; Mk 11: 27-33

Hours: Psalter 4

Pentecost Prayers: There will be a Pentecost Prayer display at the back of the church from Sunday 23rd May. Paper "flames" will be placed on the board to display your prayers. Everyone is invited to write names on coloured paper flames which will be available in church for you to take away and write a short prayer, then return them to church or Presbytery, to be added to the display. If you are unable to attend church, please send names to Sharon (using the email at the foot of the newsletter, leave a message on the parish answer phone, or pop them through the presbytery door) who will write a candle for you. **Please do not add candles to the display yourself;** this will compromise our Covid infection control systems.

Monday 24th May - Mothers' Prayers: We are pleased to recommence Mothers Prayers on Monday 24th May in the Hall. Covid-19 restrictions will apply, and you will need to book attendance with Mary Rooney on **07789 910591** or email maryaroonney@blueyonder.co.uk each week, please.

Tuesday 25th May - Candle of Justice: Bishop Declan has invited us to join Churches Together in England on 25th May 2021 for **Candle of Justice: a moment of action**, commemorating the first anniversary of George Floyd's murder. The Candle of Justice will be a moment to light a candle, pray for racial justice and commit to taking personal and institutional action to tackle racial injustice. Follow these **five simple steps** for how you can get involved in the national #CandleOfJustice campaign on 25th May:

1. At noon, **pause for one minute** to remember George Floyd and all those who experience racism;
2. **Light your candle*** (or alternatively shine a light from your phone)
3. **Pray** using the Candle of Justice prayer
4. Pause, reflect and **make a personal commitment** to tackling racial injustice
5. **Share on social media** – upload your candle photo or share the Candle of Justice prayer graphic. Remember to use the hashtag #CandleOfJustice and tag in @ChurchesEngland

*Safety note - please take all necessary fire precautions when using a lit candle.

Fr Danny writes from Peru: Many thanks indeed for the collection made for my mission here. Thank you, too, Fr. Vincent. I have received £228.00. My work here is very restricted because of the Covid-19 crisis. We cannot celebrate public Masses. I believe the situation in England is improving. Please pray for me and the people here. I will keep you in my prayers. I wish you health and Easter Blessings. Un abrazo. Fr Danny.

Fair Trade: The St Edmund's Traidcraft stall has continued to provide support to marginalised communities through Traidcraft Exchange and Doorway, but at a very much reduced level during the pandemic. The stall will be part of a Calne Fairtrade Group event at the Pocket Park (next to lower Sainsbury's car park) on Saturday 14th August, 11.00 am to 3.00 pm, pandemic restrictions permitting. In the meantime, make a donation towards Traidcraft Exchange's work at <https://traidcraftexchange.org> before 7th June and the UK government will **double** your gift to help the most vulnerable stand strong in the face of climate change.

Love, Care and Respect for Our Common Home: 2021 is a significant year, not just because we are gradually emerging in UK from the pandemic, but because of some very important international meetings which could determine the future of our planet and its inhabitants. The G7 summit takes place in June and COP26 on the climate crisis in November, both of which are held in the UK; also, China will be hosting international negotiations on protecting biodiversity. Now is our opportunity to join with voices from Catholics (and others of faith) around the planet asking the leaders of these global gatherings to urgently align national and global commitments with limiting warming to 1.5°C at most. Alongside this we are asking that the wonderful diversity of creatures living in our common home be protected. Please sign the **Healthy Planet, Healthy People** petition and ask family and friends to join with you.

Order of Mass Cards: We have purchased some Order of Mass cards if anyone would like to buy their own to keep. Priced at £1 per card, please contact Mary or Michael Rooney if you would like one.

Parish Charities: If you would like to make a donation to **Wiltshire Air Ambulance**, please use the following link: <https://www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/donate/> **Mary's Meals** also has an internet "Giving Page": <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/donate>

Gift Aid: Giving envelopes are available at church. Please start using these envelopes now and dispose of any of the old envelopes you hold. Many thanks for Gift Aiding your donations. Your Gift Aid contact is Tricia Hoy, phone number **01225 704805**.

Melksham Food Bank: There has been a huge rise in the number needing the Food Bank. To donate food items, please use either the designated trollies in the Supermarkets or deliver to the Baptist Church. Items needed - cans of meat, vegetables and fruit, pots of jam, crisps. Do not send chilled, or frozen foods or fresh fruit or vegetables as these cannot be stored. Thank you.

Melksham Family of Churches' Crisis Support: Melksham Family of Churches also supports those who need emergency relief help (non-food items such as energy meter payments, etc.). If anyone would like to contribute to this, please contact Sharon (email as at foot of newsletter) for further information.

Please pray for the following: Don d’Cruz, John Doyle, Geoff Blwyddin, Mrs Jeanette Allsop, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, Andrew Bate, Katja Lubina, Patrick Egan. Deacon David Wakefield, Rebecca Matthews, Paul Hogg, Keith Healy, Alan Glass, Tricia Rigg, Henie Dixon, Brian Hillhouse, June Carey, Janet Ruddick, Judith Curtis, Janice Kuranlu, Alan McFall, Alistair Strudwick, David Elliot, Callum Ford, Dennis Andrews, Maria Podraza. All who are suffering from coronavirus, and those finding isolation difficult. **Please note – due to GDPR regulations, we are obliged to have the consent of the person you wish to pray for (or that of a close family member) before publishing their name in the newsletter.**

If anyone in the Royal United Hospital would like to receive Holy Communion, please telephone 01225 824039 and leave a message, or email: ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net

Wordsearch – Pentecost Sunday

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| AMAZED | GOD | RADIANCE |
| BEST | HEAL | SELFCONTROL |
| BESTOW | HEARD | SEVENFOLD |
| CLEAR | INMOST | SOUND |
| DEVOUT | LAST | TOIL |
| DIVINE | LIGHT | TRUSTFULNESS |
| EGYPT | MARVELS | WIND |
| FIRE | MELT | WITNESS |
| FROZEN | NOISE | WOUNDS |
| GIFT | OWN | |

Eliminate only the words in the list. None of the listed words is entirely inside another. The remaining letters give the word used by Jesus to describe the Spirit:

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The words from the Ascension wordsearch last week were “ETERNAL GLORY” Hilary Clifton

Words of Wisdom:
The Gospel has two sides, the believing side and the living side. American Preacher

Just a thought....
Church Bulletin: Special thanks to the minister’s daughter who laboured all evening on the piano which as usual fell on her. Holy Joke

Could you be a School Foundation Governor? Our parish school, St Patrick’s in Corsham requires Governors; contact Clerk to the Governors Sharon Gilbert, **01249 713125**, email admin@st-patricks.wilts.sch.uk . Alternatively contact Bill McEntee at Clifton Diocese bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com **07710 094976** for more information – he would be delighted to hear from you.

Any Comments? *Is there anything you would particularly like to see included in the weekly newsletter? Please send any comments to the email address below, 'phone the office on **01225 702128** and leave a message, or put a note through the Presbytery door. Thank you.*

Contact: comms.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com

If you know of any parishioners who do not have access to email, please print this newsletter for them.

