



## SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY TRINITY 3

*Habakkuk 2: 1-4, Ephesians 2:19-end, John 20: 24-end*

**10am** St Nicolas HOLY COMMUNION

**10am** St James MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY TRINITY 4

*Amos 7: 7-end, Luke 10: 25-37*

**10am** St Nicolas MORNING WORSHIP

**10am** St James HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> JULY TRINITY 5

*Amos 8: 1-12, Colossians 1: 15-28, Luke 10: 38-end*

**10am** St Nicolas HOLY COMMUNION

**10am** St James MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY TRINITY 6

*Hosea 1: 2-10, Luke 11: 1-13*

**10am** St Nicolas MORNING WORSHIP

**10am** St James HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY TRINITY 7 (JOINT SERVICE AT ST. JAMES)

**10am** St James MORNING WORSHIP

## Wednesday Service 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY

*Hosea 10: 1-3, 7-8, 12, Psalm 115: 3-10, Matthew 10: 7-15*

**10am** St Nicolas HOLY COMMUNION

## COLLECTS FOR JULY

### 3<sup>rd</sup> JULY

God our saviour,  
look on this wounded world  
in pity and in power;  
hold us fast to your promises of peace  
won for us by your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

### 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY

Gracious Father,  
by the obedience of Jesus  
you brought salvation to our wayward world:  
draw us into harmony with your will,  
that we may find all things restored in him,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

### 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY

Almighty God,  
send down upon your Church  
the riches of your Spirit,  
and kindle in all who minister the gospel  
your countless gifts of grace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY

Creator God,  
you made us all in your image:  
may we discern you in all that  
we see,  
and serve you in all that we do;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord

### 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY

Generous God,  
you give us gifts and make  
them grow:  
though our faith is small as  
mustard seed,  
make it grow to your glory  
and the flourishing of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Pause, ponder...

### ONE

We are everywhere and nowhere,  
We are not here and not there,  
Black, white, yellow, red  
And several shades in between,  
Rich and poor, old and young,  
We are seen here and there and  
everywhere.  
Each of us speaking in our own tongue  
And owning our own religious belief,  
Be it Christian, Jew or Hindu.  
We all respond to joy and grief  
Breathe the same air,  
Are conceived and born bone, skin and  
flesh  
With mind and soul.  
Here there and everywhere  
Living inside a similar frame,  
All bearing the collective name  
Of humanity.

PAT BIDMEAD



## ....and pray

Let us pray to God the Father,  
who has reconciled all things to  
himself in Christ:  
For peace among the nations,  
that God may rid the world of  
violence  
and let peoples grow in justice and  
harmony ...;  
For those who serve in public office,  
that they may work for the common  
good ...;  
For Christian people everywhere,  
that we may joyfully proclaim and  
live our faith in Jesus Christ ...;  
For those who suffer from hunger,  
sickness or loneliness,  
that the presence of Christ may  
bring them health and wholeness  
Let us commend ourselves, and all  
for whom we pray,  
to the mercy and protection  
of God.

Amen



## PENTECOST

I was moved to write this piece primarily as a result of a sermon preached by Rev Martin Butt on 8<sup>th</sup> June at the Wednesday Holy Communion. In the terminology of my home (Black Country) dialect it was truly 'Bosting' This was truly one of the best sermons I have ever heard, and I have no shame in trying to echo Martin's words here. If you weren't there, you really missed something, but I will try to capture something of what he said.

Martin started in a somewhat 'Jack Dee' style with a bit of a moan. Essentially, the question he posed was 'What happened to Pentecost?' – not 'What happened AT Pentecost?' but 'What happened TO Pentecost?'

There are three major festivals in the Christian year, Christmas, Easter and the unsung relative, Pentecost. At Christmas and Easter, we have preparation seasons of Advent and Lent to direct our worship and thought towards these occasions with appropriate colours on the altar and priests' scarves with appropriate Bible readings and prayers surrounding the celebration before and after for some weeks, but Pentecost?? – poor old Pentecost. Just one day of red altar cloths and priest's scarf and that's it, all to be tucked away until Pentecost next year to be exposed once again for just that one service.

What's so wrong with Pentecost? Why does it seem to have such comparative insignificance in our pattern of worship that the festival seems to be dismissed so quickly in the Church of England - there are other Christian denominations that place much more emphasis on this world changing gift from Almighty God? What's wrong with us in the C of E? – are we disturbed, even scared, of this gift of God that can change our lives? Do we worry so much about the potential consequences of being filled with the Holy Spirit that we hold back, holding on to comfortable normality that does not threaten our set ways and thoughts? Perhaps we feel inadequate to be guardians of such a gift and the holy power that accompanies it.

Think of Peter. All that bluster and 'I'll follow you to death, Lord' stuff he came out with but when it came to the crunch, he even denied the fact that he even knew Jesus at all. Think of Peter, demoralised after the crucifixion and thinking the whole show had come to an end – gone back to fishing like the old days. Think of the restored Peter, following the giving of the Holy Spirit to all the disciples gathered together on that first Pentecost, charged, changed, emboldened, empowered to address the crowds with such erudition that he had never had before. Declaring the message of salvation with such power that so many believed and became followers of 'The Way.' Think of the power by which people of many nations heard Peter's message in language that they could understand for themselves – such a phenomenon that some people there thought he and the other disciples was drunk – that early in the morning! That is the power of Pentecost – the power given from God, available to ordinary folks like you and me for use in bringing about the aim of those last verses in Matthew's gospel – 'Go and make disciples of all people'

We may be of the mindset that this sort of thing is only for 'specially chosen people' in the church. Forget that, - the gift of being filled with the Holy Spirit is there and waiting for us all if only we will put aside our fears of where that acceptance might lead us.

If you are still anxious about what being filled with the power offered by the Holy Spirit and the tasks that may come your way resulting from that, take heart. WE don't have to make disciples of everybody in the world all on our own – there' quite an army of us out there worldwide. Take comfort from the words of St Paul, writing to Roman believers.

'Brothers and sisters, only those people who are led by God's Spirit are his children. God's Spirit does not make us slaves who are afraid of him. Instead, we become his children and call him 'Our Father.' God's Spirit makes us sure that we are his children. His Spirit lets us know that together with Christ we will be given what God has promised. We will also share in the glory of Christ because we have suffered with him.'

Come on, Church of England, give Pentecost the credit it thoroughly deserves. Don't be frightened – the Spirit can only work for God's purpose.

John Hitchcock





## APCM and the PCC St James Weddington

Each year, we hold our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). This year we met on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May. The meeting is important because we elect our Wardens each year, and other PCC members also come up for election on a rotation basis so that there are three or four places each year, but also some continuity. Please see below for this year's changes.

### **APM & APCM - Changes from our meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup> 2022**

- Diane Trout is a new member of the PCC - thank you to Diane for being part of our PCC.
- Cheryll is no longer a churchwarden - thank you to Cheryll for all she has done over the last year.
- Juliette is churchwarden for another year.
- Maxine has stood down as treasurer and the PCC appointed a new treasurer at the meeting on 16.05.22. Mr Jim Keeley,
- Maxine has stood down as a Deanery Synod Rep.
- Janet Payne is joining Cheryll and Alex as a Deanery Synod Rep.
- Our new PCC consists of:-
  - Incumbent (Vacancy - Rev Chris Routledge will be licensed as our Priest-in-Charge on 08.09.22 as well as being the vicar of St Nicolas Nuneaton)
  - Rev Adrian Guthrie (Associate Minister)
  - Rev Martin Butt (Pastoral Group Leader)
  - Treasurer Mr Jim Keeley
  - Juliette Guthrie (Churchwarden)
  - Barry Grant (Secretary)
  - Sue Harris (Safeguarding Officer)
  - Alex Lapsley (Safeguarding Officer/Deanery Synod Rep)
  - Janet Payne (Deanery Synod Rep)
  - Cheryll Turner (Deanery Synod Rep)
  - Janet Flavel
  - Diane Trout

# HORIZON Prayers

A time for us to pray as churches for  
our new vicar Rev Chris Routledge.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00pm  
at St James Church

## St Nicolas Church cleaning Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup> 9am

If anyone can help with the cleaning it will be very much appreciated.  
Anyone coming please enter through the glass door entrance (will leave open)  
and bring their own cleaning materials (we do have brushes & a Hoover).

**This time will also be a gardening morning as well as cleaning, if anyone has  
garden tools to bring along it would be appreciated.**



## ECO TIPS

We are all stewards of God's creation and need to participate in reducing our impacts, one small step at a time:

Here are a few simple things to consider.

The energy we use:

- switch your electricity provider to a green supplier
- wear an extra layer of clothing and turn the thermostat down 1 or 2 degrees
- use a hot water bottle or an extra blanket, instead of running the heating overnight
- if buying new appliances, go for AAA energy-rated ones
- don't leave appliances on stand-by when not in use
- place your table or desk by a window so you do not need a light on
- switch to low-energy light bulbs
- only boil the water you need in the kettle
- insulate your home (windows and walls) if affordable
- install solar panels and generate your own electricity!

The food & drink we consume:

- plan meals ahead & only buy what you know you'll use
- buy food with less packaging (particularly plastic)
- check the food miles and buy local or British if possible
- buy British fruit and veg in season and traded food if affordable
- avoid buying coffee (or tea) in a disposable cup; have your own and save money too
- avoid serving drinks at church in single-use cups
- avoid buying water in a plastic bottle, have a re-fillable cup
- try to support local shops
- eat less meat and dairy – try one meat-free day a week, and explore the wonderful world of meatless cuisine – it is amazing
- try to eat **LOAF** (Locally produced, **organically** grown, **Animal** friendly, **Fairly** traded) food if this is practical for you
- grow some of your own food

**Find out more at:**

[arochoa.org.uk/our-activities/living-lightly-take-action/](http://arochoa.org.uk/our-activities/living-lightly-take-action/)







## PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral care is the responsibility of us all. In addition, we have a team of people who can visit or offer support. Please contact Revd Adrian or Revd Martin if you would value a visit from a member of the team.

## ONLINE ASSISTANCE

We are aware that some people are still not confident using new technology and that talk of Facebook and Zoom can sound like a foreign language! If you would like to find out what is possible or need help connecting with us online please call either parish office and someone will try to assist you.

## DEADLINE

The deadline for the August newsletter is Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July.

Please send your contributions to either parish office.

## STAYING IN TOUCH

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## OTHER ACTIVITIES

For Zoom the meeting ID is 2476344553 and the password is 'Shekinah'.

### Tuesday & Thursday Evenings 8:30pm

NIGHT PRAYER via the St Nicolas Facebook page.

### Sundays 10am

WORSHIP SERVICE via the Facebook page of both churches.

### Mondays 8.45 – 9:30am

MORNING PRAYER at St Nicolas and on Zoom.

### Tuesdays 10am

SWANS on Facebook; you need to be a group member to access this.

### Wednesdays 7-8pm

WORD & WORSHIP Online discussions, input and Bible study via Zoom.