

Good-News Desk!

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During one of my days off when the weather was lovely, I visited my niece-in-law and her two daughters in Tunbridge Wells. They were very anxious to make my short stay a memorable one, so they took me to all sorts of interesting places in an effort to take my mind off from the recent loss of my dear daughter. I particularly enjoyed the time at the Bexhill seaside where I spent some time relaxing by the beach enjoying the sea breeze, watching the waves and the horizon.

As I started to stroll along the beach, I was approached by a man in his late fifties. He politely asked if he could walk with me and my niece, and I agreed after getting a satisfactory answer as to why he chose to approach us rather than others. The conversation was mainly about his family who were all suffering with ill-health. The conversation later turned to the subject of God once he got to know of my ministerial status. He claimed he believed in God but not in Jesus Christ – his reason being that he could not accept the fact that a man just like himself who walked on this sinful earth could be divine at the same time.

I wasted no time in seizing the opportunity to share with him the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ. However, I made it known to him that I

have done my bit and have left his conversion to the Holy Spirit. I prayed that he encountered the risen Christ, and that one day his testimony would bring others to Jesus.

The coming of the Holy Spirit promised at Pentecost is at work in all Believers. Our mission as Christians is to share the love of Christ with everyone, to create the awareness of what God has done for us all on the Cross through the power of the Holy Spirit. We also need to be aware that the good news that we share can sometimes be greeted with feelings of doubt, but this is a challenge and should not prevent us from carrying out our mission. Our resurrected Lord Jesus Christ has promised to equip and empower us for His service, and our part is to be faithful and make ourselves available for that. We are called to love “in deed and in truth” (1 John 3:18).

“We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour’s name;
we sing his glory, tell his worth.” *Edward Joseph Burns – (b. 1038) (StF 418 v1)*

With Love and Every Blessing.

Vida

WORSHIP CONSULTATION

We are now getting used to singing The Lord’s Prayer again at Services (Singing the Faith No. 762). One other thing Vida asked for is for people to let her know your favourites hymns for inclusion in services when she is preaching..

**Forgiveness from others is charity; from God, grace;
from oneself, wisdom.**

Diary and Notice Board - June, 2019

Bible Study Fellowship:

Monday, 5th June – Geraldine's home 54 Coppice Farm Road.

Monday, 17th June – Rev. Angela Singleton's home.

Coffee Morning:

Saturday 8th June – A flower arranging workshop with Maureen Rigg. Please bring scissors and some newspaper to work on. If you have any foliage in your garden, that would be appreciated.

Bible Study on Wednesdays:

12th and 26th June – continuing or study of Nehemiah (from Ch.6&7).

Songs of Praise on the Common: 23rd June, 2019

We have been invited by St. Margaret's Church to join them for a cream tea at 4pm., and 5pm Songs of Praise Service in the marquee. Rev. Vida Foday, will be leading in some prayers and Rosemary will choose and speak about one of her favourite hymns. Please come along and support this ecumenical event.

Coffee morning in July:

We are delighted to announce that on Saturday 13th our speaker will be Fiona Castle, Roy Castle's widow.

We will also have a sale of greeting cards - some folk will know Patsy Graham who sells 'Flamingo' cards. A percentage of the sales will be donated to a charity of our choice which is Action for Children. Please come along to what will certainly be an enjoyable morning.

Tradecraft - trading for a fairer world!

You are all very warmly invited to the Marlow manse, 98 Wycombe Road, Marlow, SL7 3JE, on Saturday 15th June, at any time between 9am and 9pm. Please note Saturday not as usual Friday, I thought I'd try a change! On sale will be fairly traded foods, crafts, gifts, jewellery, clothing, and cards. Coffee and cake on the go all day, please do come, and bring a friend! Pam Thompson, 01628 483985

CHURCH COUNCIL

A couple of property matters were approved at the recent Church Council. The panelled wall of the kitchen, overlooking the car park is rotting and will be replaced at a cost of around £2,000. It is hoped, but cannot be guaranteed, that this work may provide the solution to the occasional penetration of rain water when the wind is blowing from the North East.

The second matter follows from an overdue inspection of church electrics and works totalling £1,50 plus VAT will be carried out with the additional small job of fitting a PIR light to cover the front entrance area.

Both jobs will have to be programmed for when Pre-School is not in session.

CIRCUIT CELEBRATION-30th JUNE

On the last Sunday in June, Circuit Churches will join for a service of celebration led by Rev. Singa and the Tongan Community. Please note that the service will start at 10.30 am.

Parking is limited at Wesley but there is plenty of on-street parking, but watch the instructions for whether or not you need to pay.

PARISH PUMP the Church Magazine news service is 20 years old this month. It is so much more than a news service and the pages of Good News Desk have benefitted from them for articles ranging from Bible Study to poems, prayers, quotes, cartoons and personal stories. Long may it continue!

Prayer requests

For Gail and Martin beginning married life together

For Ashley Gray recovering from shingles

For Chris Hallam continuing with his recovery at home

For Linda Handcock, soon to return her membership to Tylers Green Methodist Church.

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

Our preacher for Church Anniversary on 16th June has an interesting task. It will be Church Anniversary the 2nd Sunday of Bible Month. Peter Green, who is the active local preacher who has been preaching at TG longer than anyone, will be taking the service to be followed by a bring and share lunch.

ALL CHANGE IN HIGH WYCOMBE

Please be aware that as from Wednesday 29th May Queen Victoria Road and Easton Street in High Wycombe will become two-way. Watch out for the new road signs and traffic lights and, when coming up Queen Victoria Road from the Magic Roundabout, do not attempt to turn right into Easton Street.

These changes are designed to improve traffic flow through the town centre. We wait with baited breath!

AN EVENING OF MUSIC FOR PENTECOST

Led by the Singing Group at Cryers Hill Methodist Church on Saturday, 8th June, 2019 at 7.00 pm. Followed by light refreshments. All welcome.

Want to help change the world?

Methodists have had a longstanding engagement with social issues that stretches back to the time of John and Charles Wesley.

The Joint Public Issues Team enables four Churches (Methodist, Baptist, URC, Church of Scotland) to work together in living out the gospel of Christ in the Church and in wider society. They aim to work for justice and peace and the integrity of creation, and be a prophetic voice. To enable people to be **active disciples of Jesus Christ** is a vital element of the our Churches' mission.

Go to www.jointpublicissues.org.uk where you can see the work they are doing and get involved. You could start by subscribing to **Praxis** their email newsletter, and following them on social media.

When the Spirit Came—Pentecost

By Lester Amann

For Christmas we have the build-up of Advent, and Easter Day is preceded by Holy Week. But when it comes to Whit Sunday, it just suddenly arrives. Yet Pentecost is all about the birth of the Christian church and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Surely, that is something to get excited about!

For forty days following our Lord's resurrection, Jesus appeared to His followers and taught them about the Kingdom of God. Just before His ascension into Heaven, Jesus told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the gift of the Spirit.

Ten days after His ascension, it was the Feast of Pentecost and this was a significant festival for the Jews. It was an annual occasion for people to assemble in the Holy City. The day marked the time when the barley harvest officially ended. This feast day was characterised by religious ceremonies and the offering of sacrifices. No work was done. It was a day of thanksgiving. A time to remember deliverance from Egypt and God's mercy and reconciliation with His covenant people.

On the day of Pentecost, the followers of Jesus met together in an upper room. Its location was probably on Mount Zion to the west of Jerusalem. The site can be visited although it's not *the* Upper Room. It's an ancient building dating from the 14th century and built on the site of a church destroyed by the Persians seven centuries earlier. But the first floor chamber is large with old paving stones, surrounded by stone pillars and arches. According to tradition, this is where Jesus ate the 'Last Supper' and His followers received the Holy Spirit.

On Whit Sunday we would do well to remember why the Holy Spirit was sent to us. We are given power to live God's way:

to lead us into the things God has prepared for us;

to worship and glorify Him;

to enable us to pray;

to lead us into truth;

to give us a desire to share the love of Christ with others and to help us trust God for all our needs.

This Pentecost may our prayer be for God's Spirit to transform us, for the gentleness of His Spirit to lead us, and for the gifts of His Spirit to equip us. Amen.

What's so important about the Trinity?

By The Rev Paul Hardingham

'We worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity; neither confounding the Persons, nor dividing the Essence.' (Athanasian Creed).

On Trinity Sunday we will celebrate God as one God in three Persons. This understanding is based on how we see God at work in the world. We trust in a God who is: *'God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist; God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again and God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world'* (CofE Baptism Service).

The Trinity provides a model for *Christian community*. God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit relate together in a love relationship of mutual accountability with one another. They complement and build on the work of each other. At His baptism, Jesus the Son is obedient to His Father, who declares His approval as the Spirit anoints Jesus for ministry. *'The Holy Spirit descended on Him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'* (Luke 3:22). To what extent does the life of our church reflect this?

We also find our *mission* in the Trinity. Jesus said, *'As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.'* (John 20:21). As the Father sent His Son into the world, so Jesus sends us out to do the Father's work, equipped by the Spirit of God. How are we called to share in God's mission ourselves?

If we live with a renewed awareness of the Trinity, our spiritual lives will deepen, our vision of God's mission will expand and take on a new vitality.

Living on Earth is expensive, but it does include a free trip around the sun every year.

Editor: Nigel Beeton writes: 'Though I was brought up as a Baptist I did go through a phase in my early twenties when I thought I knew better, when I truly thought that the claims of the Bible did not stand up to modern science. I did, therefore, have the opportunity to discover the 'joys' of life without God, and discovered how empty they are. But God was patient with me, and, through a Christian friend, gently but firmly drew me back'. The poem is called 'Before'.

Before

I saw the summer flowers on a bright and sunny day,
I heard the sound of birdsong as they fluttered on their way
I thought all this was science, only nature's rules at play –
 And that was such a shame.

I saw the stars of winter shining in a velvet sky
I knew creation's wonders, but I never wondered 'why?'
I thought that life was just for now and will finish when I die;
 Life had no point, no gain
 Before I knew your name.

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I had a lot of company, of friendship I'd no lack
(I always had the feeling that they wanted something back)
Of what I spent on parties I could struggle to keep track;
 My life was just a game.

I made a lot of money – I knew every business trick
I could earn it easily – I could spend it just as quick
It should have made me happy but instead it made me sick.
 I lived without an aim
 Before I knew your name.

I thought that church was not for me, I didn't trust a word
I thought the things they said and did were really quite absurd!
I really thought I understood, but in fact I hadn't heard –
 I just dismissed their claim.

And then one day a truer friend came in and sat by me,
And told me things of Jesus Christ with simple clarity
Their total faith in what it meant enabled me to see
That I was most to blame
Before I knew your name.

Before my birth you came to earth because you loved me so
My sin was why you had to die but still you chose to go
To Calvary to die for me despite my sin and woe
And then you rose again.
Your triumph saved me from the grave and now from sin I'm free,
I've raised my gaze from my old ways and now I really see!
To live for you is what I'll do and that eternally
And so, to live is gain
Because I know your name.

By Nigel Beeton

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Thought for the month

How can God be One and Three at the same time? Perhaps the Father is like the sun in the sky – dazzling in majesty and glory, whose light, Jesus Christ, illumines all mankind; and whose invisible warmth, the Holy Spirit, brings us to life. Sun, light and warmth – eternally the same, but eternally different.

Anon



With the congregation depleted by the bug that was going around, it suddenly dawned on Roy that he wouldn't be able to get away with just miming to the hymns this week

Peace to the End

The peace of God to dwell with you,
The peace of Christ to dwell with you,
The peace of Spirit dwell with you,
And peace dwell with your children too,
From the day we have here to-day
To the last day of your life's way,
Till come the day that ends your way.

From Poems of the Western Highlanders



And finally...

The minister at a local church experienced some technical problems with the sound system one Sunday. He invariably began services with the words 'The Lord be with you.' Instead of starting the service as usual with 'The Lord be with you', he said: 'There's something wrong with this microphone.'

Not hearing this, the congregation responded:
'And also with you.'

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Minister: Rev. Vida Foday* - 📞 562788 (Vida's day off is Friday)

Worship Leaders: Geraldine Nelson* and Chris Oxby*

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Church Premises

Please mention anything requiring attention to any of the
Property Stewards: Peter and Christine Stevens,
Martin Hellewell or Rosemary Newman.

**ITEMS FOR THE JULY GOOD NEWS DESK TO PETER
BY 16TH JUNE PLEASE**



SERVICES DIARY - SERVICES AT 10.45 a.m. unless otherwise stated.

Date	Preacher/Service Details	Vestry Steward	Org	Welcome Stewards <small>If you are unable to do your turn, please arrange cover!</small>
2nd June	Peter Stevens	Toyin Akinwale	No	Christine Stevens & Jenny Crayford
9th	Rev Vida Foday—Holy Communion	Martin Hellewell	Yes	Angela Davis & Chris Oxby
16th	Peter Green Church Anniversary	Geraldine Nelson	Yes	Christine Stevens
23rd	Jeffrey Orange	Chris Oxby	Yes	Margaret Hallam & Rosemary Newman
30th	Circuit Celebration at Wesley (10.30 am)			

BIBLE MONTH—COLOSSIANS

Please pray for

The congregation of The Avenue Methodist Church following the fire. The congregation at Stokenchurch preparing to cease to meet. For Rev Singa Vunipola preparing to move to Shepherds Bush and Rev Mike Hall, preparing to move to his new posting to RAF Anglesey.