

News for the Pews
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Sunday: Pentecost

The Bridges Group of Parishes



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News and Views

Welcome back! It is so good to be re-opening our buildings for public worship – what a joy to worship our God together, in prayer and praise and fellowship! This has been a challenging year for so many reasons for so many people so let's also spend some time reflecting on that, thanking God for being with us throughout and giving us his peace and strength.

We do still need to keep to the Covid19 precautions: hand-sanitising, signing-in, face coverings, one-way system, social distancing etc. But let's pray that things might change by the end of next month.

Events for the week

Monday 24th May – Group Council meeting at 7.00pm via Zoom

Wednesday 26th May – BCP Communion at 10.00am at St. John the Baptist Church, Lower Shuckburgh

Saturday 29th May – the wedding of Andy Watson and Melissa Dove at 1.00pm at St. Lawrence's, Napton

Looking ahead – watch out for details of cream teas, church mini-fetes, concerts and lots of other happy events over the summer!

Services next Sunday – 30th May 2021 – Trinity Sunday

This is a 5th Sunday but we decided to remain cautious and have two “mini-Gatherings”:

9.00am – BCP Communion at St. Mary's, Priors Hardwick

10.30am – CW Communion at St. Lawrence's, Napton

Bible readings for the week are: Isaiah 6:1-8 and John 3:1-17

And finally

Pentecost Sunday – the day we celebrate the birth of the church over 2000 years ago; the day the believers received the promised gift of the Holy Spirit; the day when 3000 people joined the church. “They joined with the other believers and devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, sharing in the Lord's Supper and in prayer” – surely a good pattern for us to follow!

A prayer for personal renewal: Blessed are you, sovereign God and eternal Father. Daily your Spirit renews the face of the earth, bringing strength out of weakness, hope out of despair and life out of death. By the power of your Spirit, may your blessing rest upon us today. May we be equipped and empowered, formed into the likeness of Christ, so we may be witnesses of your astonishing love, and filled afresh with life in all its fullness. Amen.

God bless,
Gillian

(For more details of events and diary dates, see our website: www.thebridgesgroup.org.uk or the parish magazines)