



This Week Sheet

Pentecost

Sunday 9th June 2019

Welcome

Hymns: 236 264 **238** 241 721

(the collection for the work of the church will be taken in the third hymn)

SERVICES

This Week:

6.30pm

Hymns:

Evening Worship

503, 235, 258

Weekdays:

Mon – Fri 8am

Wed 10am

Morning Prayer

Holy Communion
(followed by Open Church)

Next Sunday:

8.00am

10.00am

Readings

6.30pm

Trinity Sunday

Holy Communion

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Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

Choral Evensong

If you are new to this morning's service:

If it is your custom to receive the bread and wine in your own church, then you are welcome to do so here. If you would rather not receive, you can keep your hands down for a blessing.

You may wish to remain in your seat, which is also fine.

Stay for refreshments after the 10am service if you can.

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If you wish to support the work of the church financially, you can be part of the 'envelope scheme' or set up a Standing Order. You can also fill out a Gift Aid Declaration to increase the value of the gift. See wardens for information. Here are our account details:

PCC St Mary's Church Selly Oak
HSBC Account number: 41565818
Sort code: 40-11-20

Parish ministry team

Clergy

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Revd David Parker 0121 445 1901/07532 338961

Licensed Reader

Mary Cutler 0121 472 3343

Church Wardens

George Harrison: 07831 573169 Martin Sorby 07982 850 444

Bookings for weddings and baptisms: Weds 6.15-7.15pm

Bellringing practice: Weds 7.30-9pm.

If you have any notices to add to the TWS, please email sarahjherbert@aol.com.

Collect:

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Readings:

Acts 2:1-21

Romans 8:14-17

John 14:8-17

For your prayers:

Those who are unwell: David Bowden, Ezra Simms, Brenda Skinner, Vicky Tod, Pat Westwood, Ben Williams.

Those who have died: Joanna Jukes

Post Communion Prayer:

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Diary Dates

June

Sat 8 th	10am	Car boot sale
Mon 10 th	7.30pm	The Way Group
Tue 11 th	10.30am	Bible study
Thu 13 th	7.30pm	Issues Group
Sat 15 th	1pm	Wedding
Sun 16th	10am	Trinity Sunday (incense at 10am)
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong
Tue 18 th	10.30am	Coffee morning

July

Sun 14 th		Junior Church picnic
Tue 16 th	10.30am	Coffee morning

Issues Group

Would those who have copies of the Traidcraft brochures which Pat Finney made available please return them to her pigeonhole so that they can circulate and others can borrow them and place orders. Thank you.

Way Group (Mon 10th June) 7.30 pm at 3 Cutsdean Close, Northfield, B31 1HP: "How we came to our faith-or not."

Bible Study (Tue 11th June) 10.30am at 37 Tillyard Croft. Wm.Barclay, *The Gospel of Luke*, Ch. 14:1-35, pp. 221-235. Under hostile scrutiny; The necessity of humility; Disinterested charity; The King's banquet and the King's guests; On counting the cost; The insipid salt. All Welcome

Issues Group (Thu 13th June) 7.30pm at 37 Tillyard Croft. Topic: Question at Issue. All welcome

Choral Evensong (Sunday 16th June, 6.30pm)
Why not bring someone with you to this service? You'll be most welcome! Look out for the flyers giving details.

Coffee Morning (Tue 18th June) The next coffee morning will be held at the home of Gill and David Sanders, 53 Weoley Park Road. All welcome.

Junior Church Picnic (Sun 14th July)
We are planning to hold a picnic for junior church after the church service on Sunday 14th July. We hope as many families as possible will be able to join us, so please put the date in your diaries.

The Readings

When Jesus promises the Holy Spirit to his disciples, it doesn't exactly seem to be what they are hoping for. Perhaps to his despair, even after the time they have spent with him, they still ask to see God the Father – the main man! Patiently (and almost certainly not for the first time) Jesus explains that he is the Father and the Father is him. If this concept is hard for them to grasp, how much harder is that of the Holy Spirit, which will descend unseen like a dove, a wind, a fire....?

But when we hear about the day of Pentecost itself, that day when the Spirit of God *does* descend on all (even women!) who are open to receiving it, somehow things seem a little simpler. True, if we are to believe that all who received the Spirit were suddenly able to speak in tongues, the story is not without its complications, but if the point of this description of Pentecost is to impress upon us the experience of those listeners who miraculously *understood* what they were hearing, then it seems easier to relate to.

Just occasionally we experience moments when it actually seems possible that if everyone felt the same way at the same time, if all people acted in a "spirit" of peace, understanding, goodwill etc. we might be able to effect change in our world. Perhaps this is what it was like when the Holy Spirit descended and perhaps, as Jesus explains to Philip, if we allow it – that spirit can be within all of us, always.

Kate

