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The Parish Churches of Elstead, Thursley,  
Shackleford and Peper Harow  
Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020  
Pentecost Sunday  
ZOOM Service – gather from 9.50am and  
start at 10am

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All of them were  
filled with  
the Holy Spirit!  
Acts 2.4

**Revd Hannah writes:**

Pentecost is regarded as the birth of the church. The Holy Spirit touched each of the disciples as “they were all together in one place.” Of course, this year, we cannot be together in one place, but by the wonders of modern technology we can be together in many places inviting the Holy Spirit into each of our homes. The Holy Spirit enabled the disciples to proclaim the gospel to lots of people in many different languages. The Holy Spirit empowered Peter to preach the first ever sermon in the church era. The success of Peter’s sermon empowered by the Spirit meant that 3000 disciples were added to their number and the church’s mission was launched with a flourish. Pentecost marks the gift of the Spirit being given to the church, but it is also a gift given to each one of us. The gifts of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, gentleness, patience, kindness and self-control. Pentecost offers an opportunity to ask for an outpouring of these gifts in our own lives so that we can share them with others. If we pray for an increase in the Holy Spirit in our own lives, I wonder how many more might be added to our number?

**First Reading** Acts 2:1-21

The Holy Spirit gives new power to the disciples, enabling them to share the good news of Christ with an international audience.

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

The Holy Spirit is the giver of gifts, which, although many and varied, are given by God for the building up of the Body of Christ.

**Gospel** John 7:37-39

Jesus connects the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit, who is to come, with the image of living water, which sustains and refreshes all life.

**Collect for today**

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father  
Ignite in us your holy fire;  
Strengthen your Church with the breath of  
love,  
And renew the face of the earth,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

**Collect for Thy Kingdom Come**

Almighty God,  
your ascended Son has sent us into the  
world  
to preach the good news of your kingdom:  
inspire us with your Spirit  
and fill our hearts with the fire of your love,  
that all who hear your Word  
may be drawn to you,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
**Amen**

**A PRAYER FOR ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS**

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy.  
Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick,  
and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing  
that nothing can separate us from your love. In Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen



## Prayer Pointers

### **Our concerns:**

We pray for Headteachers, governors, staff, parents and pupils as some children return to school premises this week. We for the anxiety this is causing for all concern. May they know God's peace.

We pray for God's wisdom for our government and the scientists guiding us through this crisis. Lord we pray the decisions to reopen our society might be for the right reasons and that personal safety and protection of our citizens is at the forefront of our leaders minds.

We continue to pray for those who have been affected by Covid -19.

We pray for those who live in care homes and those who care for them.

For those feeling worried, isolated, or alone. We pray they will know God's peace.

We also pray for those struggling to cope with financial pressures because of the virus, for those furlough and those needing to use Foodbanks

### **Christians far and wide:**

We pray that Christians may continue to serve the communities in which they live and demonstrate God's love in the world.

We pray for church leaders across the denominations as they try to discern the best ways to reopen church buildings.

### **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

Pray for The Children's Society (Janet Legrand, Chair; Mark Russell, Chief Executive) and all those who work for the welfare of children

### **Anglican Cycle of Prayer**

Pray for the Anglican Church of Melanesia

The Most Revd Leonard Dawea - Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Melanesia and Bishop of Temotu

### **Our nation and our world:**

We pray for our nation as it tries to get back to work even amid new infections and Covid 19 deaths

We pray for the people of South America, the new epicentre of the pandemic, we pray for God's healing and restoration.

We pray for America whose cases of Coronavirus have passed 100 000, for strong voices and strong leadership

Pray that nations will work together to find a vaccine

### **Our neighbours:**

We pray for our villages, Elstead, Thursley, Shackleford and Peper Harow.

We thank you for the community spirit and care for our neighbours which is present in our villages

**For those who are unwell and those who have gone to their rest in you.**

### **Everyday Faith Daily Reflections and other resources**

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/renewal-reform/setting-gods-people-free/everyday-faith>

<https://www.sacredspace.ie/>

<https://taketime.org.uk/>

<https://www.24-7prayer.com/dailydevotional>

If you want to use daily morning or evening prayer as part of your week's routine, the Church of England provides a full daily version on its website under the title Daily Prayer. This is complete with the readings and collect for the day. You can find it at <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

The Church of England website also has a range of other readings, reflections and prayers to use, including services and items produced by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Our Cathedral is offering music and daily thoughts accessible from its website <https://www.guildford-cathedral.org/>

## Thy Kingdom Come 2020

### 31/5/2020 – 6pm- Diocesan Pentecost Digital Beacon Event

Join us this Sunday 31st May at 6pm for our virtual Pentecost Prayer Service. It's live and it's online - doing church differently during lockdown. We'll have contributions from around the world, local churches and ecumenical partners local to the diocese, as well as contributions from children, young people, a virtual choir of 134 musicians and Bishops from our link dioceses in Pakistan and Denmark. Along with a dramatic and hilarious interpretation of the coming of the spirit in Acts as told as a video conference. It will be suitable for all ages and run for approximately an hour.

Join the service at **6pm on 31 May** on our YouTube channel ['Diocese of Guildford' on YouTube](#)

### Noticeboard Ministry

During the Thy Kingdom Come the pictures on the notice board will be focusing on the word of The Our Father I encourage you to stop and have a look as you walk in Elstead and I will upload them to the Worship Online section of our Website <https://parishesofetsph.org.uk>



### Pentecost Doves

The Noticeboard outside The Rectory is decorated for Pentecost with ribbons.

Pentecost Dove fridge magnets are available to take out of a pot on the notice board as you walk past.

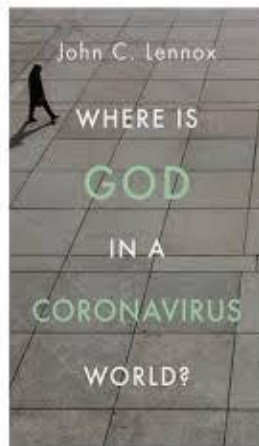
### Prayers for Healing Service Friday 5th June at 2pm by Zoom.

You are warmly invited to our ecumenical Prayers for Healing Service to pray by name for those in need of God's healing strength and peace for whatever reason whether for themselves or others. To comply with GDPR regulations please ask permission of others first or their relatives if appropriate.

All are welcome to join us for this important ministry.

For prayer requests, service sheet and Zoom link please email [lindajenniferchamberlain@gmail.com](mailto:lindajenniferchamberlain@gmail.com).

We hope you can join us.



I have recently read this little book. It is an interesting read and makes some good points and poses questions for the reader to ponder. I would encourage you to read it.

Someone has kindly donated 5 copies which I have at The Rectory. Please let me know if you would like to pick one up.

[rector@stjameschurchelstead.org](mailto:rector@stjameschurchelstead.org)

It is also available from Amazon

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Where-Coronavirus-World-John-Lennox/dp/1784985694>

### Using Technology:



**We gather from 9.50am and the service will start at 10am**

### **ZOOM service Sunday at 10am**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78943420469?pwd=UlhIUkFQ2bjRlSWWhjN2dNMzVBbjNzZz09>

Meeting ID: 789 4342 0469

Password: ETSPH

We have a new website: <https://parishesofetsph.org.uk/>

**Something to make you smile – We are not ready to baptise like this just yet!**



**And finally.....Something to enjoy**

UK Blessing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PUtl3mNj5U>

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