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St Mary The Boltons

rooted in faith - open in thought - reaching out in service



Friends,

This week we are keeping the Feast of Pentecost in our worship – that festival which recollects the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the friends of Jesus, suddenly and uncontrollably, to empower them to proclaim the word and works of God.

The striking thing about the account in Acts is how the Spirit comes to the disciples in their upper room, just as the Risen Christ had done, weeks before. There they are filled, energised and empowered to move out into the streets. We are looking forward to the wind of the Spirit urging us out once again. What will we have to say about the word and works of God when it does?

The preacher this week is Philip Welsh.

This week's podcast can be heard [here](#) and the order of service, with words to the hymns and prayers can be downloaded [here](#) with a large print version, [here](#). I hope that you'll listen on Sunday morning at 10.30am with us, and sing along with gusto in the hymns. Once again, we are grateful to John Ward who has been putting these together week by week.

Join us for coffee afterwards at our Zoom Sunday Coffee Time – a chance to see familiar faces, and even to chat in small groups for a while. After last week's Zoom chaos (Not caused be me, I was glad to discover) we'll be glad to see as many of you as would like to come along. Bring your own coffee.

The link to Zoom Coffee Hour is here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83346676568?pwd=OWdLcE9MY3k0a3JCUzJVejc5TTBmUT09> Just click on it and follow the instructions, making sure your camera and microphone are on so that you can be seen and heard. (If you are using a smartphone, you'll need to download the app).

Or if you want to join in by telephone, dial 0203 051 2874 and follow the spoken instructions.

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Daily Prayer

A few people have been joining in a zoomed service of Morning Prayer each day at 8.30am using the Church of England's daily prayer app <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer> If you would like to join us, use this Zoom link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89960059757?pwd=UGcwU0tjSWJTRXV3R3lyVENoK3U3QT09>

or dial in via your telephone and follow the instructions.

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The Clarion for June is available [here](#) to download. There are paper copies available in the church porch, and you are welcome to pick one up, to share with friends.

Message from Bishop Graham Tomlin, Bishop of Kensington

for Pentecost Bishop Graham has recorded a homily for Pentecost for us to share with the congregation. Do have a look here <https://youtu.be/ipiclvWqv2E> Perhaps it might generate some discussion – I'd be glad to hear your thoughts.

Sad news We were saddened to hear of the death of Rose Stephenson, who died peacefully at home after a long illness last week. She had been a longstanding member of St Mary's for many years, before moving away from the parish a few years ago. Please pray for her and for all who mourn her at this time. May she rest in peace, and rise in glory

Coming in June:

Sunday 7 June Trinity Sunday: The podcast worship will be an 'all age' one, with readings and prayers by some of the children, and some special music for this most wonderful of festivals.

How to Live: A new parish book group on Wednesday evenings, from 10 June, using the wonders of videoconferencing. Non-computer users are also able to join these meetings by telephone, so everyone can be included. There will be further information in the June Clarion, about how it will work, but I wanted to give people a chance to get hold of the book we shall be reading together. We will begin with *How to Live: a guide to the Christian Journey*, by Stephen Cottrell and Steven Croft. The book is available to order from Church House Bookshop for £9.99, but I will gladly order it for you, if you let me know. All are welcome to join in. Let me know if you are interested and I will share the Zoom link with you.

St Mary's Quiz We are planning a parish quiz for sometime in June, and hope that lots of people will join in. This is still in the planning stages, but we wanted to give you enough notice to start boning up on the works of Shakespeare or the winners of the FA Cup. More information will come soon.

Finance and giving

As with all of us, the financial situation at St Mary's is serious. Our church still needs to meet its costs of paying our Common Fund to the diocese and the salaries of our lay staff who are continuing to work or be furloughed. Our Sunday collections and income from services have stopped during the closure, as has the important income from hall lettings. Thank you to all those who have continued to support St Mary's through regular giving and one off donations. Can I please encourage you, if you are one of those would normally put your donation into the plate on Sundays, to consider giving by bank transfer, whether each week or by standing order? It is easy; we can still benefit from your GiftAid, and it will help us to maintain our ministry in this difficult period.

PCC of St Mary with St Peter and St Jude

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Food Banks Remember, when you manage to do your shopping, that lots of people are hungry at this time, particularly those whose children depend on free school meals, not to mention those who have lost jobs and income. Dad's House continues to need our support for their food banks, including one at 22 Lillie Road in Fulham. They are open 7 days a week between 10am and 3pm, and would love to receive your food donations.

Help available for those who need it Are you or someone in your neighbourhood needing extra help with groceries, or could benefit from regular hot meals being delivered to them; or who needs help with getting prescriptions? A new local multi-church initiative called Love Your Neighbour (#LYN) has started a hub at Holy Trinity Brompton, which provides food

parcels for anyone who needs them and also is able to deliver hot meals cooked at one of the local schools or other institutions on request. Please let me know if this would be useful to you or someone else, so that those who are in need can be helped.

Keeping in touch (while keeping our distance)

I am trying to phone members of the congregation whose phone numbers we have, but in case I miss you, I'll be glad to hear from you! Please remember to let us at St Mary's know if you need any help or support, or if you would like us to pray for you or someone you know, or if you simply want to chat. We are all missing each other at this time. Remember too, that the Intercessions group is continuing to pray for all those on the prayer list, and we will be very glad to pray for new people as needed. And the Buddy System has plenty of people who are ready to chat, run errands or generally support people in the parish. Contact with the Parish Office, office@stmarytheboltons.org; 020 7835 1440 (Jane is working remotely holding it all together) and we will try to match you with someone local to you, and share your contact details with them. We then leave it to you to make further arrangements. Note that we will informally vet people offering assistance; please be in touch with us if any safeguarding concerns arise.



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