



Catholic Parish of St Edmund, King and Martyr, Godalming

with St Joseph's, Milford

*Through the love of the Father, Son and Spirit,
our Parish will grow as the Body of Christ in Godalming.*

Pentecost 31st May 2020

The second reading for Pentecost comes from one of the most famous parts of St Paul's writings – the three chapters which have this poem on love at its heart. It seems that he is here writing to the church in Corinth to answer some questions they have about spiritual phenomena, and it looks as though some had been giving greater esteem to those in the community who had the more spectacular spiritual gifts. The section we read this week gives us the core of Paul's teaching about spiritual gifts, and the omission of his list of them in the omitted verses serves to underline that it what the gifts are about that is far more important than what they are.

- They are spiritual *gifts*. Freely given and not on account of anything we might have done to deserve them. Notice how he shifts vocabulary from spiritual phenomena (*pneumatika*) at the start of Chapter 12, just before our passage, to gifts (*charismata*).
- There is a variety of them. The list in the verses which are omitted as intended as examples, not an exhaustive list. There are lots of different gifts and different ways of serving. So mine are not and do not need to be the same as yours.
- They all have the same origin – God gives us his spirit.
- They are for the same purpose – for the common good. (Elsewhere Paul talks about them as being for the building up of the body of Christ.)
- They are given to each individually. That is, God chooses who to give which gifts. The gifts we have are not the result of a lucky dip or our part, or on a scattering on God's. The gifts we have are given to each of us personally, but for the good of all.

Management planning tends to focus on identifying needs and then seeking to address them. If we pay attention only to the need we can easily get disheartened and frustrated at our inability to meet it and the lack of resources at hand. Sometimes needs can and should be an indication of what we should do, and Jesus commands us to pray for what we need, and to ask the Lord to send labourers into his harvest (because the harvest is rich but the labourers few). But if God really is in charge and gives us what we really need, then walking in the way of faith requires us to pay serious attention to the gifts that we have actually been given and to ask ourselves how they might be called into service for the common good and the building up of the body of Christ, and perhaps worry less about the gifts that God hasn't given us and that we think we need.

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Pentecost Sunday

7.00pm Saturday Solemn Vigil Mass

<https://www.facebook.com/stedsgod>

9.15am Sunday Rosary Rally for the end of the pandemic on GoToMeeting.

10.00am Liturgy of the Word as now usual on GoToMeeting.

5.00pm Evening Prayer the final liturgy of the Easter Season on GoToMeeting.

Plant Giveaway in honour of Pete Kelly

Pete was the inspiration behind the livesimply 'Plant Swap' weekends. The plants are to be set out in St Joseph's (Milford) car park. Come at whatever time suits you and find yourself a souvenir plant to take home and plant in your garden in memory of Pete.

The plants range from wild strawberries, lettuces, annual seedlings, tree peonies and euphorbias to tomato plants, squash and pumpkin plants.

Please be sure to bring with you a box/tray to take away your plants and remember to observe social distancing at all times if your visit coincides with other people.

We hope that the 'Plant Giveaway' will continue through the weekend, so if you have any spare plants which you would like to add to the collection, please bring them with you and leave them for others to take away.

Any questions, please phone Janet Quinlan on 01252 702156.

Pick of the Week – Fr Matt Blake, Carmelite priest and chaplain to the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham, is giving a series of eight talks on **St Teresa of Avila's teaching on prayer**. I watched the second one last week – really excellent and very accessible. Mondays at 10.00am and 8.00pm.

<https://www.stjosephs.org.uk/Live>

Farewell to Anne and Rogers Stephens who have moved down to Winchester. They hope to join us for the Liturgy of the Word this Sunday.

Opening Up We are starting to prepare to open our churches for private prayer as soon as it is safe to do so. The opportunities are likely to be limited by the need to do so safely, which may require supervision and regular cleaning, while protecting those who volunteer. I know that many are looking forward to this and it will be communicated as soon as there is something more to say.

Praying for those we love continues on Tuesday from 7.30pm to 8.00pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament streamed from St Edmund's Church and time for silent and intercessory prayer. Names and intentions for reading out are best sent in advance to Fr Jonathan, but can also be added using the chat function during the time of prayer. This will be hosted on **Zoom** (ID: 810 3258 4584). Contact Alan Lion on 01483 420859 if you need help getting set up.

Lectio Divina is a very special and fruitful way of praying with the scriptures. St John Paul II said "It is especially necessary that listening to the word of God should become a life-giving encounter, in the ancient and ever valid tradition of *lectio divina*, which draws from the biblical text the living Word which questions, directs and shapes our lives." This week Fr Jonathan will lead us in praying through the second reading for next Sunday, 1Corinthians 12: 3-7,12-13. **Wednesday 7.30pm – 8.45pm** on GoToMeeting.

As part of Laudato Si' Week our Diocese announced that it has become the third in the country to **divest from fossil fuels**. Bishop Richard said, "Care for the world that has been given to us is an increasingly pressing need. It is therefore timely that the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton divests from fossil fuels. This positive step will contribute to the common good and, I trust, pave the way for further practical action to safeguard this and future generations."

Do visit the parish Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/stedsgod) and give it a "Like". You don't need to open a facebook account to view the page. We've hidden the Facebook group for the moment as a few people were finding it confusing.

Some Recommended Streaming

St Edmund's, Godalming. Services by video conference on **GoToMeeting**. ID 450-922-301. Or **by telephone** on 020 3713 5028 using access code: 450-922-301. Please ask if you need help setting it up.

Guildford <https://www.cpg.church> They also have a lot of resources for adults and families.

Arundel Cathedral with Bishop Richard or Fr David. From www.dabnet.org or <https://tinyurl.com/y75fpbeg>

Walsingham

<http://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream>

Dominican Sisters at Swaye

<https://dominicansistersofstjoseph.org> Mass and Liturgy of the Hours with the community in the New Forest.

CAFOD Children's Liturgy continues at <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>.

CAFOD Coronavirus Emergency Appeal continues via cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal. You can put something through the door of presbytery if you prefer to give that way.

Thank you for your regular giving. Eileen Hudson (t: 01483 208238) can help set up standing orders or make bank transfers, for those who wish. Donations for the parish can also be made through a new Just Giving facility – mention the parish against your donation and it will get to us:

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/parish-offertory>

Pray-as-you-go have some great resources on their website, including a prayer walk a wide range of *Examens*, and some videos on *Lectio divina*. <https://pray-as-you-go.org>

Prayer Intentions

Fr Jonathan is keeping a prayer list in the Lady Chapel at St Edmund's, which will remain on the altar with a lighted candle during the current pandemic. Please email requests for prayer direct to Fr Jonathan: they aren't for publication.

Sources of Practical Support

Love One Another Fellowship

If you would like help from our team of parish volunteers do not hesitate to call the help line number (07593 121430) or send a message via the parish email or Fr Jonathan.

Godalming Food Bank is still providing vital support to many. For latest update and details, including new collection points see: <http://www.parishofgodalming.org.uk/our-church-of-st-marks/food-bank/>

Parish Welfare Fund aims to support those who are struggling at this time to afford basic necessities. If you need a bit of help or know someone who does please don't hesitate to contact Fr Jonathan, in confidence. The **SVP** are also able to help.

Sacraments during lockdown

Please do not hesitate to call if the sacraments are needed for those who are gravely ill and able to receive a priest.

Please remember in your prayers

All those affected by the **Coronavirus**: parishioners or their families who are sick, the sick and dying, those work in our essential services, who are anxious or struggling with living well together at home, Our families, schools and their staff as they prepare to begin teaching on site after half-term, and for those who find juggling learning, work and family life difficult.

The Holy Father's Intentions for June: We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

The sick and those who care for them

including - Cliff Hutchinson, Alan Berry, Nicolle Ernould, Gerry Newell, Ruth de Stefani, Josie Whittle, Barbara Brightman, Nuala Gallagher, Maria Chacaltana, Ann Lloyd, Anita van Rheen, Jean Humphrey, Maura Goodfellow, George Gelder, Jean Tyrell, Pat Wilson and Rudolf Dorrepaal, and those in our hospitals and care homes.

The faithful departed Mary Casey, Krystryna Miszko, John Harte, Pete Kelly and Pat Cooke who died recently, and Kathleen Laskiewicz, Fr Maurice Pledger (former Parish Priest), Molly Brton, Andrew Hynes, Michel Weston, Matthew McCann, Madeline Newell and Joan Kitson, whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

Schedule of Services for Pentecost and Tenth Week of Ordinary Time

Fr Jonathan celebrates Mass in the parish each day and the times and intentions are given below for those who wish to join spiritually with this celebration by praying at home. They are not available online. Items in bold are usually on GoToMeeting. The meeting code and dial in details are at the bottom of this page. Please contact Fr Jonathan if you are unsure and need help joining.

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| Sunday 31st May Pentecost | 7.00pm (Sat) Vigil of Pentecost (www.facebook.com/stedsgod) 9.15am Rosary Rally online 10.00am Liturgy of the Word online 11.15am Mass – <i>People of the Parish</i> 5.00pm Evening Prayer online |
| Monday 1st June Mary, Mother of the Church | 10.00am Mass – Pat Cooke RIP (Home Group) |
| Tuesday 2nd June <i>Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit</i> | 9.30am Mass – Pete Kelly RIP 7.30pm – Praying for those we love (Zoom: 810 3258 4584) |
| Wednesday 3rd June Ss Charles Lwanga & Companions | 9.30am Mass – Pat Cooke RIP 7.30pm – <i>Lectio Divina</i> online |
| Thursday 4th June Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest | 8.30am Mass – Pete Kelly RIP |
| Friday 5th June St Boniface | 9.30am Mass – John Harte RIP |
| Saturday 6th June | 9.00am Rosary online 9.30am Mass – Frank & Matthew Brown RIP |
| Sunday 7th June Trinity Sunday | 10.00am Liturgy of the Word online 11.15am Mass – <i>People of the Parish</i> 5.00pm Evening Prayer online |

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June 2020

Keeping Churches in Touch

www.godalmingchurches.org

Message from the Acting Chair

Thy Kingdom Come – 21 to 31 May

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses ...to the ends of the earth. When he had said this... he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight... Then they returned to Jerusalem ... and were constantly devoting themselves to prayer... When the day of Pentecost had come they were all together in one place... All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit... and that day about three thousand persons were added.” Acts 1, 2

As many of you will be aware, *Thy Kingdom Come* is an ecumenical call to prayer from Ascension to Pentecost, which this year runs from 21 to 31 May. This year, in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, it feels that there is a new urgency and sense of the Holy Spirit moving. In the words of Reverend Canon Chris Russell, the Archbishop of Canterbury’s Advisor on Evangelism and Witness:

Haven’t we sensed more than ever the longing for the Kingdom of God – where there is no pain or crying, no injustice or loneliness? Haven’t we longed for God’s ways to be seen in the world? Haven’t we been most moved by those who give their lives to serve all that the Kingdom of God stands for? We long for signs of the Kingdom. And as a church do all we can to serve that Kingdom.

This year, although we can’t physically meet together, we’re encouraged to join with Christians all over the globe, praying not only for more people to come to know the love and peace of Jesus Christ, but also that they may experience that love in action through our churches.

For more information on how to take part and prayer resources go to www.thykingdomcome.global

Revd Maggie Stirling Troy, Acting Chair of Godalming & District Churches Together

Churches Together prayer breakfasts

Our prayer breakfasts have moved online! You can join by visiting <https://zoom.us/j/9463914833> and using password **2020**. Each person to provide their own breakfast! The next event is Saturday 27 June at 8:30.

News of the Churches and organisations

The Parish of Godalming – St Peter and St Paul’s Church and St Mark’s Church

Our online services via Zoom continue to be well attended by members of our regular congregation and by some who have joined us from churches around the country. We are also offering a form of worship Monday to Friday, this varies from morning prayer to coffee and fellowship. Please see the list of regular worship below and if you would like to participate in any of these, visit our website – parishofgodalming.org.uk

10:15 - Sunday Worship

10:30 - Monday morning coffee and fellowship

9:30 - Tuesday morning prayer

12:00 - Wednesday prayers

9:30 - Thursday morning prayer

10:30 - Friday morning coffee and fellowship

Busbridge&Hambleton Church

Online services and activities

Busbridge&Hambleton Church is continuing to broadcast Sunday services on YouTube and has introduced a Heritage service based on the BCP each Sunday too. Both are available on the BHC Godalming YouTube Channel. We are delighted to share the service for Pentecost with Godalming Baptist Church for Pentecost on 31 May.

More and more regular activities have moved onto Zoom, particularly prayer groups and meetings and youth activities - the latter in particular seems to be thriving online. A full list is on the website:

www.bhcgodalming.org.

Church Family Support Fund

We're pleased to share that the Church Family Support Fund has made a series of gifts to local people in the past few days. Please pray for those who have been blessed in this way. Details for making donations and applications to the fund – which is open to anyone in the Godalming area – can be found on

<https://www.bhcgodalming.org/c19-givingandsupport>.

Looking to the future

We are also starting to think actively about the future and what church will look like going forward, and thinking about this in terms of the stages: Rescue, Recover, Renew. Please send any thoughts you make have to church.office@bhcgodalming.org.

www.bhcgodalming.org

Hascombe St Peter

In common with other churches, we are streaming services either of our own or with Dunsfold and Cranleigh. Both Dunsfold and Hascombe have their own pewslips which are circulated each week together with the sermon and Bidding Prayers. We look forward to the day when we can all meet again as Church members.

Godalming Baptist Church

We at GBC have a YouTube Channel - what a steep learning curve for us all! We have divided the church into Pastoral Groups with individuals calling individuals on their list, and we have some who are able to go and shop for others and do doorstep deliveries. We are encouraging people in the church who do have email to send in favourite hymns and passages and jokes and funny stories etc and we will post these out to those stuck at home without computers and the rest will receive by email. Blessings, Sandra

www.godalmingbaptistchurch.org.uk

Godalming United Church

Online church

We continue to keep in touch with each other by phone-calls, emails, Zoom etc.

During Lockdown, the United Church, though closed, continues to “witness, worship and serve” thanks to the marvels of technology.

Services are streamed real-time every Sunday at 10:30 at <https://guc.online.church>, with a facility to exchange greetings and comments. They are available for viewing later on our website www.guc.org.uk. Or YouTube channel bit.ly/GUCYouTube. Viewing figures have been very positive and include people watching from across the country.

VE Day and Christian Aid Week

On Sunday 10 May, we remembered VE Day and also marked Christian Aid Week. We have always been wholehearted supporters of Christian Aid, and this was a timely reminder of the continued essential work of this charity worldwide – and a very tangible way of witnessing our faith. Like all charities, fundraising has been knocked by the Lockdown, so this year there has to be a different approach to Christian Aid Week donations, which are now online. Please visit the Christian Aid e-envelope scheme for donations.

<https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/evJlbnZlbG9wZSI6MzA3MSwgImNoYW5uZWwiOiJjb3B5Ino=>

There is also a Christian Aid Sermon from Dr Rowan Williams on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/iISBv4YV8U4>

Potential new minister

At the time of writing, the weekend of 16/17 May is set to be a very special one for GUC, with a potential new minister “preaching with a view” on Sunday morning – to be preceded by a virtual Question and Answer session the day before.

Keeping in touch

In addition to our monthly magazine, *Span*, we are also producing a more frequently emailed newsletter, with hard-copies home-delivered (with the usual precautions) to those not on the internet, by volunteers on an exercise-walk!

www.guc.org.uk

St Edmund King & Martyr Godalming with St Joseph’s Milford Roman Catholic Churches

New Facebook page

St Edmunds Parish Godalming Facebook page was launched last month and has proved very successful. Do visit the page, which is packed with useful links: www.facebook.com/stedsgod

St Edmund’s Virtual Parish

GoToMeeting Virtual Parish 450-922-301 t: 020 3713 5028 – access code 450-922-301

Every Sunday at 10:00, Fr Jonathan live streams our morning service, which regularly has an attendance of around 70, including several families, which is so nice. He also streams evening prayer at 17:00 on a Sunday evening. It is a great way of getting together as we can all see each other and talk to each other, and our regular readers can still do the readings etc.

Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina is a very special way of praying with the scriptures. It helps us to hear the “God who Speaks” and we find in it that God is not indifferent to our struggles and search for meaning. Wednesday evenings from 19:30 to 20:45 on GoToMeeting – details as above.

Family quiz of Godalming

One of our parishioners, Alan Lion, (formerly Chairman of Trinity Trust Team) has devised a family quiz of Godalming, which he is happy to share with you – for a copy email alion@btinternet.com

Please sign the CAFOD Coronavirus petition...

Please join CAFOD in asking the Prime Minister and all leaders to work together with other world leaders to:

- Make sure that any vaccine developed with UK public money is made available to everyone regardless of their income or where in the world they live
- Provide urgent financial and technical support to help developing countries cope with this crisis
- Cancel all debt payments by developing countries due in 2020 so that countries can spend money on much needed healthcare rather than debt repayments
- Put plans in place to rebuild a fairer, more just society after the crisis so that the world’s most vulnerable people can live in dignity and to restore our common home for future generations.

Now is the time for the world to unite in love and compassion for our sisters and brothers overseas:

cafod.org.uk

<https://stedsgod.com>

Godalming Quakers

We continue to hold online Meetings for Worship on Sundays using the Zoom platform: <https://zoom.us>, as well as virtual coffee breaks on Friday afternoons. These have allowed us to worship and socialise together in spite of the physical limitations.

www.godalmingquakers.org

Trinity Trust Team

During the past couple of months in lockdown, the team have met daily for Bible study and prayer and have been using the time to undergo some online training in areas we feel to be pertinent when anticipating some of the issues that young people will be facing when re-integrating into social/educational ‘norms’ (such as mental health and adverse childhood experiences as experts predict a spike in mental health issues in teens

as a result of lockdown). In addition to running a number of our regular groups online, from 1 June we will resume our street outreach, to be a presence in our local parks and open spaces, seeking to re-connect with the many young people we are used to engaging with in on the streets and in local parks.

Please pray for:

- The team - as we seek to resume detached work, for our safety and the safety of the young people we engage with.
- Parents struggling to juggle work/home school and for children and young people who are finding it difficult to adapt to these challenging times.
- That, with so many people anxious regarding their health and those of friends and family, many will turn to Jesus to seek comfort and strength.
- For the right candidates to come forward to take the role of Chair and Vice Chair of TTT and help drive the vision with the Management Team.
- All those who currently donate to TTT (both corporately and individually).

We continue to thank all those who play a part in and support the youth ministry of the Trinity Trust Team, particularly in these challenging times. Our thanks and blessings all.

www.trinitytrustteam.co.uk

Godalming Filling Station

All of our meetings are suspended for the present time. Please visit our website for further details:

<https://thefillingstation.org.uk/station/godalming> or go to our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/GodalmingFillingStation>

Godalming Prayer Walkers

All of our meetings are suspended for the present time. Please visit our Facebook page for more information:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/248847602431786>

Items for next month's Link-up

Please send items for the July 2020 edition of *Link-up* to Matt Farrow: farrow.matt@gmail.com by Monday 15 June, for publication on Monday 22 June.

HOLY SPIRIT – WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?

The simple answer to that question is perhaps that the Holy Spirit has never been away. The Spirit of God is the very image of God, has, is and always will be part of our created uniqueness. Jesus' Ascension was the event that switched the spiritual part of our being on to God's spiritual wavelength. Our Baptism gave us the necessary frequency to be able to identify and most importantly, listen to God's spiritual broadcasts. Our Confirmation gives us G5 spiritual capability! Here of course is the rub. As vulnerable human beings, do we have the ability and willingness to tune in to that eternal frequency? Our lives are full of competing distracting frequencies that are forever cutting out that quiet, rather silent, persuasive and permanent spiritual programme.

In a world addicted to noise, it is difficult to persuade ourselves and others, of the rewards of setting aside periods for silence from which grows the lasting fruits of inner peace. Surprisingly, for those who provide themselves with these silent periods, they soon discover that they can become as addictive as the cacophony found in our earthly living.

The frequency the Holy Spirit broadcasts on can be found in the gentle breeze, the soft rustling of the leaves in the trees, the refreshing sound of a nearby stream cascading gently over rocks and through the meadow. The Holy Spirit can also be found in all our human activity involving the love of neighbour, humility, forgiveness and the gentle touch of friendship. If only we had the spirituality that allows our eyes to see, ears to hear and a heart with an open door. Yes, the Holy Spirit is and has, always been there. Our faith is the frequency which allows us to tune in!

Deacon Jeremy