

Pentecost 2009

In June we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church. The people in Jerusalem that day had come from all over the known world, there would have been a tremendous amount of noise with all those people, and many different languages being spoken. If, like me, you're not very good at languages, you will know what it's like when you're in foreign place and suddenly you hear someone speak your language – it is a real relief! I can communicate with this person! I have something in common with them!

Suddenly, out of the blue, each person there hears their *own* language above the hubbub of the market place. This is not one super-language they all understood. Each person, the Bible tells us, hears their own language spoken. The language of their childhood, the language of their home.

And each one hears of the amazing things God has done. Someone is speaking their language! They have something in common with someone else! In that foreign and bustling place they are not alone! They belong!

This month the deanery confirmation service will be at our church. At every confirmation service the Bishop prays that the Holy Spirit will rest upon the candidates, that same Spirit which was poured out on Jesus' disciples at Pentecost, the same Spirit which rested upon all of us at our baptism. The Holy Spirit reminds us as we pray that we have something in common. We belong to one another. As Christians we are part of the same team, we speak the same language, we share the faith of the first disciples and the Church throughout the ages. We are not

Christians by ourselves – we need one another for support and fellowship. The Spirit tells us we belong.

But the Spirit tells us more. Go back in your imagination to the busy foreign street where there's lots of foreign noise. When you hear the voice of someone speaking own language, not only do you feel you have something in common with that other person, you might also feel a little homesick. This is especially true if you are a long way from home. One little word in your own language and you can start yearning for home...roast beef...a proper cup of tea..... Wimbledon... real aleThe BBC...

The Spirit's role is to make us feel homesick for God – to long for God – to want to be nearer to God. Paul says that the Spirit 'groans within us', making us groan for God. As St. Augustine wrote: "O God, Thou hast made us for Thyself and our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee."

Perhaps you can think of the times in your journey of faith when the Holy Spirit has nudged you, spoken to you, times when you have really longed for God. This doesn't only happen with tongues of flame and the sound of rushing wind. Sometimes a piece of music will make you long to be nearer to God, or words of a poem, or words from a friend, or something in a Bible reading will really strike you. Perhaps during a service, the Spirit will nudge you again, and make you long to be closer to God. The Spirit works in many ways.

By his Holy Spirit, God draws us, calls us, makes us long to be near him. The Spirit makes us homesick for God:

because it is with God that we truly belong. Wherever we come from in the world our home as Christians is always with God.

The Spirit also empowers us. Like those first disciples we are called upon to spread the Good News of what God has done for the world in Jesus. Christians are not called to be water tight containers “fill me up please, Lord” hold onto it till next week. We are called to allow God’s Spirit to flow through us to bring life and light

We are to go out, like those first disciples with our hearts filled with joy, singing aloud the praises of God. And to those of you who are shy, to those who are quiet, remember too that it is not only by our words, but also by our lives that the Holy Spirit may speak. Another quote from St. Augustine. This is the advice he gave to the newly baptized:

“Sing a new song to the Lord”, the Psalm tells us.

“I do sing”, you reply.

You sing, of course you sing. I can hear you. But make sure your life sings the same tune as your mouth. Sing with your voices, sing with your hearts. Sing with your lips, sing with your lives. Be yourself what your words are about! If you live good lives, you yourself are the song of new life!

And who knows - it could be that it is because of something *you* say or do that another person hears the voice of God's Spirit speaking to them. How wonderful that would be!

David Maher



Newsletter in July and August

If you want to get an advance notice in the Newsletter for activities you are planning to organize in September, please aim to put them in the July issue. We shall have a full issue in July, but August will contain just the usual contact lists plus the readings and services for the month. We shall start up again in September with a bumper issue which will, I hope, contain coloured pictures from Arbury Carnival, the Garden Party at the Vicarage and any other summer activities. So please remember – the submission date for the July issue is June 14.



Ely 900 Booklet

A conveniently sized guide to the Diocese has been published. This is organized Deanery by Deanery and is illustrated with some excellent photographs. Cost is £2 plus postage and packing and it is available from the Diocesan Office or through the website.

Feast of St. Etheldreda

There will be a pilgrimage and pageant on Saturday June 20. This starts at the riverside in Ely and concludes with Eucharist in the Cathedral. Further details available from Canon Alan Hargrave
(alan.hargrave@cathedral.ely.anglican.org)

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Churchwarden	Terry Barringer	424584
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Coffee & Rolls	Fiona Blows	329822
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House Group	Terry Barringer	424584
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Servers	Bill Elsey	357622
Sidesmen & Sideswomen	Iris Brown	565956
Sidesmen & Sideswomen	Henry Disney	359396
Social Events Co-ordinator	Evelyn Walker	364067
Sound System	John Lamont	565559

READINGS FOR JUNE

Sundays and holy days

- 7 TRINITY SUNDAY
Romans 8: 12-17
John 3: 1-17
- 14 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, 14-17
Mark 4: 26-34
- 21 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
2 Corinthians 6: 1-13
Mark 4: 35 - end
- 28 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
2 Corinthians 8: 7 - end
Mark 5: 21 - end

Wednesdays

- 3 Romans 8: 12-17
John 3: 1-17
- 10 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, 14-17
Mark 4: 26-34
- 17 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13
Mark 4: 35 - end
- 24 2 Corinthians 8: 7 - end
Mark 5: 21 - end



REGULAR SERVICES IN JUNE

- Sundays 8am Holy Communion
10am Parish Communion
(first Sunday in the month is an All-Age service)
- Mondays 9.30am Morning Prayer
- Tuesdays 9.30am Morning Prayer
- Wednesdays 9.30am Holy Communion
- Thursdays 9.30am Morning Prayer
- Fridays 9.30am Morning Prayer

SPECIAL SERVICES IN JUNE

Sunday May 31 at 4pm an evening service with music to celebrate Pentecost. Tea will be served afterwards.

Wednesday June 3 at 7.30pm Deanery confirmation service at The Good Shepherd.

Saturday June 27 at 3pm Anthony's Ordination at Ely Cathedral.

EVENTS IN JUNE

Monday June 1 at 7.30pm Good Shepherd Players visit Harry Scott Court

Sunday June 7 at 12 noon Sunday Lunch Club meets in the Church Hall.

Sunday June 7 at 8pm Social Evening in the Carlton Arms

Saturday June 19 Arbury Carnival. Good Shepherd has a stall.

Monday June 22 at 7.30pm Good Shepherd Players visit Havenfield.

Sunday June 28 Shared breakfast in Church between about 8.30 and 9.30 to welcome Anthony and his family. (See page 7)

MEETINGS IN JUNE

Monday June 15 at 12.30pm Standing Committee meets at the Vicarage for meeting and Bring and Share Lunch followed by further meeting at Church with the Architect at 2.30pm.

Liz Collinson has been exploring sources for Christian Ecology on the web as part of her ALM course (she will be telling you more about how her course is progressing next month). Meanwhile here is a prayer from a web site to which she directed me.

"Be content with what you have..." by Joyce Dinham

Creator of the Universe,
Lover of all that you make,
We thank you for this marvellous world
Which you have given us for our home.
Help us to show our gratitude
As much by our lives as by our words.
We acknowledge that so often
Our best efforts are tinged with greed,
The desire for more and different things;
And, at our worst we wholly disregard
The needs of others in this world.
Our greed is nothing less than theft
From those who have no power against us -
People, animals and nature's store.
So much we once have done in ignorance;
In these days we have no excuse.
Continue, Lord, to open our eyes
To the enormity of our deeds,
And our hearts to the suffering and despoiling
Which those deeds have caused.
We ask forgiveness, Lord, from you;
From the children, women and men
Whose hurts have come from us;
And from every animal, plant and rock,
The skies above and the good earth itself,
Which nourishes and sustains us all.
By the power of your Spirit
May we change the way we live,
And walk again in your healing ways,
O Creator of the Universe,
And Lover of all that you make



Drinks Quiz

Jean Samson kindly provided this enjoyable quiz. How many can you solve?
(Answers on page 8)

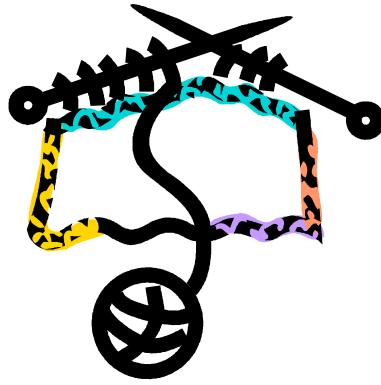
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| 1) Devon seaside town | 11) 19 th century rifle |
| 2) Monastic order | 12) Worn in bed |
| 3) Very cold | 13) Left |
| 4) CRIED (anagram) | 14) Takes your bags |
| 5) Very friendly | 15) Judy's partner |
| 6) A trap | 16) Strange |
| 7) Red headed beer | 17) Sussex sea port |
| 8) To pawn | 18) Stocky |
| 9) DEMONALE (anagram) | 19) Squeeze and flatten |
| 10) Atlantic island | 20) Meal |



A special offer

If you have been distracted from your devotions by admiring my knitwear (as some have confessed) now is your chance. My mother is a one-woman Knitting factory and she cannot get enough work. She would be happy to receive commissions. You provide the wool and the pattern (though we might be able to help with the latter), she'll provide the skill and the labour. Babies clothes a speciality. No payment required but a gift to church funds (to be divided between COGS and Mum's church in St. Neots) would be appreciated.

Terry Barringer



Arbury Carnival 2009

By the time you read this, we may have already held our Plant and Book Sale, but there's still time to find those last few leftover plants to donate to the Church's plant stall at the Carnival on June 13th. As you plant your baskets and borders, please just keep one or two of each variety aside for us and then bring them to Evelyn over on the green at the stall on the day.

Of course, we hope that all of you cake-makers are planning something special for the cake stall being manned by Eva as well. Again, if you could bring your delectable delights over to the green on the morning of the Carnival, she will be very happy to display them to advantage.

For all details, please contact Eva Hutson on 574070 or Evelyn Walker on 364067. Don't forget, whatever else you bring to the Carnival, what we really need there is YOU, so please put the date in your diary now and bring all the family!



How about coming to breakfast?

On **Saturday June 27** at 3pm Anthony Lees-Smith, our new curate, will be ordained in Ely Cathedral and hopefully a number of us will be there to support him.

On **Sunday June 28**, the first Sunday we shall be welcoming Anthony and his family with us formally, we are organising a breakfast. By "we" I mean Margaret Handley and I (Margaret for the 8 o'clockers and me for the 10 o'clockers). We intend to serve tea and coffee, rolls etc and assorted jams between about 8.30am and 9.30am in the church. This is your big opportunity to meet Anthony informally and just have a chance to chat. Those of us who shared breakfast at Easter will, I know, all agree that we all felt we benefitted just from having time to sit and talk without pressure to friends we perhaps don't see often. I had a great time chatting to friends from the 8 o'clock service!

Do make an effort to come along. And if you would like to help with the organization, talk to Margaret or me. We'd be most grateful.

Ruth Banger

A really enjoyable evening

One evening recently about 20 of us gathered in the Church Hall for a fun quiz evening. This was really not about winning or beating the other teams, just about enjoying ourselves together. There was no entry charge and we donated the drinks (kindly organized by Bill and Jeanne) to commemorate the fact that we have now been members of the Good Shepherd for 21 years (doesn't seem possible!)

Liz organized the questions - and there really was something for everyone – we grouped ourselves into three very mixed teams and got started. The team name that stills sticks in my mind was “Bill and the pinkish ladies” (I won't go into that further!) We enjoyed a really great Bring and Share Supper with plenty of chat and then got back to the second half of the quiz.

I know I said that it was not about winning but I must mention the star of the evening, Barry. Our team won, not just because of Barry's awesome sporting knowledge, but because of his great breadth of information in a number of other areas. We were all dead impressed!

Thank you to everyone who came and especially to Liz, Jeanne and Bill. It was a lovely way to celebrate with friends

Dorothy & Ruth



Answers to Drinks Quiz on Page 6

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| 1) Beer | 11) Martini |
| 2) Benedictine | 12) Night Cap |
| 3) Bitter | 13) Port |
| 4) Cider | 14) Porter |
| 5) Cordial | 15) Punch |
| 6) Gin | 16) Rum |
| 7) Ginger Beer | 17) Rye |
| 8) Hock | 18) Stout |
| 9) Lemonade | 19) Squash |
| 10) Madeira | 20) Tea |

Do the meek inherit the earth?

The papers make a song and dance
When Oxford don reports a slug
That's new to science, hence to list
For England too. But why the plug
For fellow's routine work, when most
Of smaller beasts on planet Earth
Have yet to be described and named?
Perhaps frenetic press has dearth
Of stories needed fast to fill
A space between the adverts few,
If any, readers scan. Perhaps
The tiny flies I name as new,
On monthly basis, lack allure
Of mollusc munching favoured
blooms.
Or else a canny scientist
When needing funds renewed he
grooms
His in-house media contact man,
Inflating why his find is news.
Too soon it's wrapping chips, too soon
Forgot. The tales our papers choose
Too often seem a random pick
Of mostly bleak, depressing lists
Of violent deaths or evil deeds.
At least report of slug insists
We need to care for precious earth
Or else we'll lose its rich display
Of varied forms of life. At least
Our mollusc friend is neither gay
Nor straight*. It can't provoke the
fools
Who choose to take offence if male
Or female takes the stage and leaves
Excluded sex to rant and rail!
It's not the ant as paradigm
We need to seek, but slug sublime!
It calmly, slowly lives its life
Avoiding any form of strife.

Henry Disney

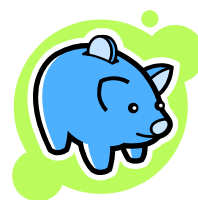
*Note: slugs are hermaphrodite.



A pause for thought

The world will not be safe for any of us until it is safe for all. However difficult the principle of love, and however demanding and hard at times to define, love is the only moral principle that opens a door to the future. When I truly believe that I am as human as you and you are as human as I, that God loves us indistinguishably, I shall begin building a different kind of world.

William Countryman. The truth about love



Offering

The priest said to the poor farmer, "If you had a horse, would you give it to the Lord?" "Yes." And if you had a cow?" Absolutely." "And a goat?" "Sure." A pig? "Now, that's not fair!" protested the farmer. "You know I have a pig!"



What did he mean?

A small boy, when asked to draw a picture of his favourite hymn, drew a picture of an old bearded man in a jeep. When asked what hymn he was illustrating he replied "Come by car, my Lord".

(Clue – We sang this at the Choir concert on May 16)

Welcome to our Scouts

If you look at the list of Church Hall users on page 11 you will see that as of June 11 we shall have Scouts meeting there on Thursdays after the Beavers – the first time we have had Scouts since 1990. And by the way, 18th Cambridge (i.e. those who meet at The Good Shepherd) will be celebrating their 40th anniversary later this year, a real cause for celebration.

Congratulations!



From Church Bulletins (but please, not ours!)

(Many thanks to Geoff Leyshon who found and sent me these!)

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

(There will be more of these gems in future months)

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

April 26

Connor Joshua Lawrence

Jimmy's Update

At present Jimmy's are clearing out their premises in preparation for the proposed alterations. Unfortunately this has reduced their storage facilities making them unable to take textiles at present such as blankets, curtains, sleeping bags etc.

HOWEVER, the housekeeper assured me that the need for food items is as great as ever, saying, "No storage problems there as it vanishes as soon as it arrives!"

Ann Callear

IN THE CHURCH HALL

THE MONDAY CLUB Monday 2.30 - 4pm	Eva Hutson	574070
THE GOOD SHEPHERD CUBS Monday 6.30 - 8pm	Charles Brown	07720 441123
LINE DANCING Tuesday 10.15 - 11.45am	Mrs B Wright	426517
KEEP FIT 50+ GROUP Tuesday 2.30 - 4pm	Mrs V Ford	870711
THE GOOD SHEPHERD RAINBOWS Tuesday 6.15 – 7.15pm	Miss Rachel Marsh	574520
CARERS & SUFFERERS OF DEMENTIA Wednesday 10 – 12 noon	Jo Hughes	0776 6058767
THE 18th & 25th GOOD SHEPHERD BROWNIES Wednesday 6 - 7.15pm	Mrs Pat Marsh	574520
THE CAMERA CLUB Wednesday 7.30 – 9.30pm	C.N. Hall	350516
GUILDHALL RETIRED MEMBERS CLUB 2 nd Wednesday of the month 2 - 4pm	Yvonne Wisbey	523549
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION 3 rd Wednesday of the month 2.30 - 4.30pm March to November	Mary Glasscock	155 Minerva Way CB4 2TZ
T G W U 4 th Wednesday of the month 2 – 4pm	John Drake	244030
CAMBRIDGE INSTRUMENTS PENSION FELLOWSHIP 3 rd Thursday of the month 10am - noon	Mr Richard Luff	424027
THE GOOD SHEPHERD BEAVERS Thursday 6.15 - 7.30pm	Emma Roberts	426043
THE GOOD SHEPHERD SCOUTS Thursday 7.30 – 9.00pm (from June 11)	Alan Leader	563233
CHURCH TODDLERS' CLUB Friday 9.15 – 11.30am	Claire Duell	0787 4850867
TAI CHI Friday 2 – 3pm	Mike Tabrett	503390
THE SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB 1 st Sunday of the month noon – 1.30pm	John & Elizabeth Lamont	565559

TO BOOK THE CHURCH HALL

Please phone 352151 (evenings)

**Submission date for
July Newsletter:
June 14
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CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Here at the Good Shepherd we like to help you to celebrate and commemorate many of the milestones on the journey through life; these include weddings, anniversaries, funerals, and baptism services.

If you wish to find out more about these, the first step is to contact the Vicar, the Reverend David Maher. He will be able to tell you what is involved and arrange for a meeting with you if you then wish to take things further.

He can be contacted on 01223 351844

Church website: www.churchofthegoodshepherd.co.uk

