



Working as part of the Hospice Chaplaincy team is an enormous privilege and I meet truly remarkable people, people who are living with life-limiting illness, people in pain, having to face the deep sense of loss which comes as they approach the end of their lives.

For some, a point of acceptance is reached which brings with it a sense of peace, for others it can be a long and difficult struggle.

A question I sometimes ask is : “Where does your strength come from, what is it that helps you to cope with your situation?”

Some people say it comes from the support of family and friends, some that it's just the way they are and that it comes from somewhere inside. But there are others who say that strength comes from a deep faith in God, from a real sense that God is with them.

We are familiar with the dramatic story of Pentecost – the rushing wind, the tongues of fire, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples and completely transformed them, enabling them to do things they could never have done in their own strength, empowering them to continue Christ's work here on earth.

We can imagine this story from the sidelines can't we? Try to imagine what it might feel like to know the presence of the Spirit appearing in our

lives in such a dramatic way. But what about the inside story of Pentecost? What is the Pentecost that is going on in each of our inner lives that can transform us and make a difference to our life as a community?

I read about this question being asked at a conference and the answer was “It's all about Grace, and Grace is what God, by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, is doing in our inner lives.”

The inside story of Pentecost is an ongoing story, a work in progress in our inner life, capable of transforming our outside story, our life as a community.

It is where our strength comes from, quiet strength, God working in us by the power of the Holy Spirit. God is working in us already, he is already there, wherever we are, wherever we go God is already there. We are being changed, we just need to recognise what God is doing in us and acknowledge the presence of his Spirit deep within our lives.

It is what gives us our strength – quiet strength, the power of the Spirit.

*Linda*



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| Children's Society                          | Ruby Leyshon             | 352151       |
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| Coffee Makers                               | Guido Barzini            | 300497       |
| Fund Raising Events Co-ordinators           | Ruby Leyshon             | 352151       |
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| Safeguarding Officer                        | Paula Carter             | 07952 919701 |
| Servers                                     | Bill Elsey               | 357622       |
| Sidesmen & Sideswomen                       | Terry Barringer          | 424584       |
| Sound System                                | David Wilson             | 07899 917831 |
| Sunday Lunch Club                           | Jinty Keir               | 572303       |

## READINGS FOR MAY

### Sundays and holy days

- 3 EASTER 5  
Acts 8: 26 - end  
Matthew 21: 33-44
- 10 EASTER 6  
Acts 10: 44 - end  
John 15: 1-17
- 14 ASCENSION DAY  
Acts 1: 1-11  
Luke 24: 44 - end
- 17 EASTER 7  
Acts 1: 15-17, 21 - end  
Galatians 5: 13-26  
John 17: 6-19
- 24 PENTECOST  
Acts 2: 1-21  
Romans 8: 22-27  
John 15: 26-27; 16: 4-15
- 31 TRINITY SUNDAY  
Philippians 1: 1-10  
Romans 8: 12-17  
John 3: 1-17

### Wednesdays

- 6 Acts 15: 1-6  
John 15: 1-8
- 13 Acts 17: 15, 22 – 18: 1  
John 16: 12-15
- 20 Acts 20: 28 - end  
John 17: 11-19
- 27 James 4: 13 - end  
Mark 10: 32-45

### FIRST CALL

**Sunday May 3** at 7pm in the Chapel

### HOUSE GROUPS

started week beginning Monday April 13.  
Details will be in the weekly bulletin.

## REGULAR SERVICES IN MAY

Sundays 8.30am Holy Communion  
10am Parish Communion

Wednesdays 9.30am Holy Communion

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays  
Morning Prayer, when said in church, will  
be at 9.15.

Second Monday of each month will be set  
aside for Staff Prayer.

## SPECIAL SERVICES IN MAY

**Sunday May 10** the 10am service will be a  
service of healing and the laying on of hands  
with prayer.

**Thursday May 14** at 9.30am. Eucharist for  
Ascension Day

**Friday May 22** at 7pm Deanery  
Confirmation service at The Good Shepherd

**Sunday May 24** the 10am service will be  
an All Age service

## EVENTS IN MAY

**Sunday May 3** at 12 noon Sunday Lunch  
Club meets in the Church Hall

**Saturday May 9** at 6.30pm Quiz and  
Bring and Share Supper in the Hall

**Saturday May 23** at 10.30 Plant and Book  
Sale in the Hall



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

## GUIDELINES FOR LIFE

- ~ Pray not for things, but for wisdom and courage.
- ~ Compliment three people every day.
- ~ Watch a sunrise at least once a month.
- ~ Be the first to say hello.
- ~ Live beneath your means.
- ~ Treat everyone like you want to be treated.
- ~ Never give up on anybody; miracles happen.
- ~ Never deprive someone of hope; it may be all they have.
- ~ Be tough-minded, but tenderhearted.
- ~ Be kinder than necessary.
- ~ Keep your promises.
- ~ Learn to show cheerfulness, even when you don't feel like it.
- ~ Remember that overnight success usually takes about 15 years.
- ~ Never waste an opportunity to tell someone you love them.

"Some people don't understand the promises they're making when they make them," I said.

"Right of course. But you keep the promise anyway. That's what love is. Love is keeping the promise anyway."

## **WHY THE CROSS?**

(First published in my 2014 collection  
COME WHAT MAY)

When Hindus worship river gods  
They're caught in net that Paley taught,  
Unless one posits devils ranged  
Against the good, as gurus thought,  
In constant wars against the odds.  
When hellish storm or earthquake strikes  
They blame the evil ones. But why create  
A world with pathogens, the likes  
Of tiny microbes, worms in gut,  
Or vicious virus causing death?  
Unless some gods of ill intent  
Are out to claim one's final breath,  
One must surmise that single God  
Is sadist, not the caring Lord  
Of love that Christ revealed in word  
And deed. I'll stand in awe, accord  
The diverse products nature still  
Displays with thanks and praise as well  
As sense of rage at some of works  
And acts that mar the scene. We tell  
Unvarnished truth our freedom's born  
Of universe that spins the wheels  
Of chance at every turn. We may  
Object; indeed recoil. One feels  
It means the blame remains with Lord  
Who started all, but stayed his hand  
When Christ was led to cross. Perhaps,  
Because the use of force is banned  
In Kingdom's way that He proclaimed  
All sins by grace alone are tamed.  
Forgiveness nurtures love that springs  
From depths of Him who's King of Kings.

*Henry Disney*



I was turning out unwanted stuff at home and came upon a copy of November 2012's GS News. You know what it's like – you can't help looking to see what we were doing then! There was an article about our visit to Evington to Anthony's collation, pictures of our Harvest celebrations when we had had *Street Voices* with us, the usual articles about Shoe Box Sunday and the Christmas Market and Joy voicing the dilemma all of us have when we are bombarded with appeals from charities in the run up to Christmas. There was also this article

### **The Perfect Minister**

**The Perfect Minister should condemn sin but never upset anyone.**

**The Perfect Minister ought to receive about £2600 a year, wear good clothes, keep an up-to-date library, and give about £2500 a year to the poor.**

**The Perfect Minister is 30 years old with a young family; has 25 years experience as a minister and works through from 8am to midnight.**

**The Perfect Minister will have 2 weeks holiday yearly, never be away for more than a day or two at a time, preach every Sunday, keep healthy and never accept retirement.**

**The Perfect Minister has a burning desire to work with teenagers and will spend the vast majority of their time with senior citizens.**

**The Perfect Minister smiles all the time with a straight face because of the sense of humour that keeps the person seriously dedicated to the work at all times.**

**The Perfect Minister must make daily calls but only on congregation families, those living alone and those in hospital. Most of their time should be spent evangelising the unchurched.**

**The Perfect Minister should always be out doing something but always in when someone calls...**

I don't know about you but I don't want a perfect minister – I want someone human who understands what it is like to be pulled in so many directions at the same time, who tries hard to do God's will and who prays that he will be able to ascertain what he should do. Isn't that what we all try to do? I've certainly been pulled in different directions recently so I cherish someone who knows what that is like. It hurts.

Every day I receive on my computer/phone a short message from the writings of Henri Nouwen (warmly recommended). Today's reading contained the following:

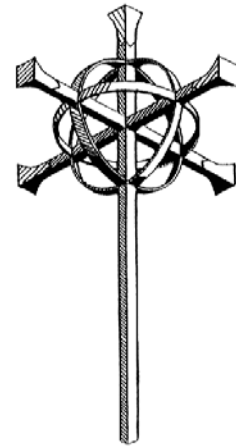
**One of the greatest gifts we can give others is ourselves. We offer consolation and comfort, especially in moments of crisis, when we say: "Do not be afraid, I know what you are living and I am living it with you. You are not alone." Thus we become Christ-like shepherds.**

Now that's someone I can understand, but that loving and giving is really costly.

## IN THE CHURCH HALL (to book call 352151 (evenings))

|   |                          |  |
|---|--------------------------|--|
| <b>THE SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB</b><br>1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month noon – 1.30pm                       | Jinty Keir               | 572303                                     |
| <b>RED HEN</b><br>Monday 8.15 – 11am  | Christine O'Reilly       | <a href="tel:07816444439">0781 6444439</a> |
| <b>MONDAY MUMS</b><br>11am – 1pm  | Zuzana Lovellova         | 328521                                     |
| <b>THE MONDAY CLUB</b><br>Monday 2.00 – 3.30pm  | Eva Hutson               | 574070                                     |
| <b>THE GOOD SHEPHERD CUBS</b><br>Monday 6.30 - 8pm  | Charles Brown            | 07720 441123                               |
| <b>LINE DANCING</b><br>Tuesday 10.15 - 11.45am  | Deborah Walker           | 01954 231382                               |
| <b>KEEP FIT 50+ GROUP</b><br>Tuesday 2.30 - 4pm   | Margaret Briggs          | 01954 250870                               |
| <b>THE GOOD SHEPHERD RAINBOWS</b><br>Tuesday 6.15 – 7.15pm  | Miss Rachel Marsh        | 574520                                     |
| <b>DOG TRAINING CLASSES</b><br>Tuesday 7.30 - 9.30pm  | Susannah O'Hanlon        | 235281                                     |
| <b>CARERS &amp; SUFFERERS OF DEMENTIA</b><br>Wednesday 10 – 12 noon                                     | The Manager              | 884031                                     |
| <b>THE 18<sup>th</sup> &amp; 25<sup>th</sup> GOOD SHEPHERD BROWNIES</b><br>Wednesday 6 - 7.15pm         | Mrs Pat Marsh            | 574520                                     |
| <b>THE CAMERA CLUB</b><br>Wednesday 7.30 – 9.30pm   | Steve Morrell            | 529670                                     |
| <b>GUILDHALL RETIRED MEMBERS CLUB</b><br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month 2 - 4pm                 | Yvonne Wisbey            | 523549                                     |
| <b>ROYAL BRITISH LEGION</b><br>3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month 2.30 - 4.30pm January to November | Mr. Gawthrop             | 351855                                     |
| <b>T G W U</b><br>4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month 2 – 4pm  | Evelyn Hunnyball         | 364293                                     |
| <b>ALZHEIMERS DROP IN CAFÉ</b><br>12.15 – 3pm on 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month                  | Sheila Burgess           | 01353 699422                               |
| <b>THE GOOD SHEPHERD BEAVERS</b><br>Thursday 6.15 - 7.30pm  | Emma Roberts             | 426043                                     |
| <b>THE GOOD SHEPHERD SCOUTS</b><br>Thursday 7.30 – 9.00pm   | Chris White              | 0700 891511                                |
| <b>CHURCH TODDLERS' CLUB</b><br>Friday 9.15 – 11.30am   | Claire Duell             | 0787 4850867                               |
| <b>TAI CHI</b><br>Friday 2 – 3pm  | Mike Tabrett             | 503390                                     |
| <b>DOG TRAINING CLASSES</b><br>Friday 7.30 - 9.30pm   | Arbury Road Vet. Surgery | 361911                                     |

**Submission date for  
June Newsletter:  
May 17  
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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

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