

WELCOME to ST CATHERINE'S EAST TILBURY

If you are visiting or new to St Catherine's, please introduce yourself.

Please stay for refreshments after the service.

You can take this Newsletter home.

20th May 2018 – Pentecost

On that long ago first morning of Pentecost, Jerusalem was crowded with thousands of visitors, for it was one of the most popular feast-days in the Jewish calendar – the Feast of Firstfruits, looking forward to the wheat harvest.

In one small room of that great city, a small group of people who had followed Jesus were praying. There was nothing else for them to do: Jesus had died, He had risen, and He had ascended, promising to send them 'a Comforter'. They were left alone, to wait at Jerusalem. And so they waited – on Him, and for Him. They were not disappointed: for that morning the Holy Spirit fell upon that small room, and transformed those believers into the Church, Christ's body here on earth. Pentecost was not the first time that the Holy Spirit came to the world – throughout the Old Testament there are stories telling of how God had guided people and given them strength. But now His Spirit would use a new instrument: not just isolated prophets, but the Church, His body on earth.

Acts opens with the preaching of the gospel in Jerusalem, the centre of the Jewish nation. Within 30 years the Gospel had spread throughout the northern Mediterranean: Syria, Turkey, Greece, Malta... to the very heart of the Roman Empire: Rome. The Church was on the move – God was on the move! He was calling people from every nation to repent, turn to Jesus for forgiveness of their sins, and to follow Him.

COLLECT for Pentecost

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Sun	20th May Pentecost	
	10.00am	Holy Communion - Celebrant, Canon Revd. Martin Wood
	1.00pm	Baptism of James Robert Edwards by Revd. Tim Codling
Wed	10.00am	Holy Communion at St. Francis led by Rev. Barry Johnson
	10.30am- noon	Drop In (St. Francis)
Thur	11am-1pm	Food Bank at St. Francis
Sat	10am	Church cleaning at St. Catherine's – volunteers please

Sun	27th May Trinity Sunday	
	10.00am	Holy Communion - Celebrant, Revd. Laurie Blaney
	2 – 5pm	St. Catherine's open afternoon with tea and cake
Mon	2 – 5pm	Bank Holiday – St. Catherine's open afternoon

THE BIBLE READINGS at OUR SERVICES

Sunday 20th May Pentecost

10 am Acts 2. 1 - 12 **(NT 115)**
Romans 8. 22 - 27 **(NT 154)**
John 15.26 – 27, 16. 4b -15 **(NT 107)**

Sunday 27th May Trinity Sunday

10 am Isaiah 6. 1 - 8 **(OT 645)**
Romans 8. 12 - 17 **(NT 153)**
John 3. 1 – 17 **(NT 90)**

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Mon Luke ch9 v18 - 27
Tue Luke ch9 v28 - 36
Wed Luke ch9 v37 - 50
Thur Acts ch9 v51 - end
Fri Luke ch10 v1 - 16
Sat Luke ch10 v17 - 24

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Please let Colin know of people in hospital, to visit, or who would like Communion at home.

This Pentecost Sunday, our service of Holy Communion is presided over by the Canon Revd. Martin Wood once again. Among his other responsibilities Canon Wood has helped us with the advertising of our vacancy.

At 1pm Fr. Tim Codling will be baptising James Robert Edwards and we welcome his family and friends.

On Wednesday Revd. Barry Johnson will be at Linford again. As usual the communion service will be followed by our “drop-in” for refreshments and “chat”.

Next Saturday, being the last Saturday of the month we will be cleaning St. Catherine’s. Anyone who can help will be very welcome.

Next Sunday, Trinity Sunday, the Revd. Laurie Blaney will be back celebrating Holy Communion for us.

Next weekend is not only the last Sunday of May but also a Bank Holiday weekend and so the church will be open for teas on both the Sunday and Monday. It would also be helpful if there were some volunteer gardeners to help with the churchyard maintenance.

If you would like Our Pastoral Assistant, David Gunn to visit you, or someone you know, at home for a chat or for prayer, please contact him on 01375- 768202. He will be only too happy to visit.

Last Sunday the Thurrock foodbank held their “Cream tea” event in St. Catherine’s church. It was very successful and raised more than £350 for their funds. They were very grateful to have the use of the building which proved to be an excellent venue.

Last Friday (18th) St. Catherine’s was visited by the whole of the year 6 pupils from the East Tilbury Primary School in two sessions; half before their lunch and half after lunch. After a brief introductory talk about the Christian church, the Christian faith and some of the features of St. Catherine’s they explored the building with the aid of a questionnaire. Both sessions went very well and were much appreciated. In all some 100+ youngsters took part.

The foodbank have advised that their current shortages are:-

Tinned tomatoes, Fruit Juice, Tinned Carrots, Cooking Sauces, Tea Bags, Tinned Fruit, Sponge Puddings.

This Tuesday (22nd) is the last date for contributions for the June copy of **PEWTALK**. Chris would welcome any contributions and in particular an article about the recent concert.

OUR WEEKLY SERVICE TEAMS

	20th May	27th May	3rd June
Sunday	Pentecost	Trinity Sunday	1st Sunday after Trinity
Service	HOLY COMMUNION	HOLY COMMUNION	FAMILY SERVICE
Leader	Chris	Janice	Sheila
Celebrant	Canon Revd. Martin Wood	Revd. Laurie Blaney	
Prayers	Pam	Carol	Geraldine
Readers	Kathy & Jessica	Sheila & Chris	Jessica & David
Sides-people	John & Joan	Geraldine & Kathy	Kim & Chris
Offertory	Gena & John	John & Carol	
Communion Assistants	John & Pam	Brenda & Norman	
Teas	Joan	Hazel	Gena