

# IN TOUCH

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**Pentecost**

**Around the  
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The **Methodist** Church

Herefordshire (South & East) **Circuit**

# **Pentecost, not a Ghost but a Gift**

We used to call it Whitsun – ‘White Sunday’ because long ago children marched to church in white on that day. There are no processions nowadays, and we’ve even changed its name. It’s now ‘Pentecost’, which is more accurate but needs explaining.

Pentecost marks a vital event in Christian history. It is celebrated 50 days after Easter. The year Jesus was crucified (which took place at the Passover), the remnant of His followers, just 120 of them, were together in an upper room in Jerusalem. They were afraid to show their faces in case the authorities arrested them. But on the day of Passover, they had an amazing collective experience.

They described it in terms of wind and fire, a great surge of spiritual energy and confidence. Afraid no longer, they burst out on to the streets where crowds were gathering for the festival, led by Peter they began to tell them about Jesus and His resurrection. As they did so, although many of the people in the crowd were foreigners who spoke other languages, everyone heard them in their own tongue. Peter told them that what they were seeing was the fulfilment of an old prophecy when God would pour out His Spirit on the human race, men and women, young and old.

As a result of His words and the extraordinary spectacle, 3,000 people believed and were baptised in the name of Jesus. They were the nucleus of what in 100 years would be a Church that would turn history upside down. For Christians Pentecost is in effect the birthday of the Church.

Many people find the whole idea of the Holy Spirit mysterious and elusive. It wasn’t helped by the earlier title ‘Holy Ghost’. The spirit is not spiritually a ‘ghost’ but a precious gift.

At Pentecost this year, in Ledbury and Bromyard, we are sharing this celebration of the Birthday of the church with our Ecumenical Siblings.

At Hereford St John’s we welcome back Deacon Angie Allport for a visit, and to celebrate the Church Anniversary of St John’s, lovely to welcome Angie back and a double celebration.

As we think back to that first Pentecost and the rapid growth of the church, we continue to reflect on our 3 churches and where we are, and what we are doing. Ledbury & Bromyard have had their gatherings for discernment, and we give thanks for the gifts the Lord has revealed to us. Let us pray now, this month, for St John’s day of discernment, that again we will be inspired.



# The Tallest Man in the World

So said the villagers, laughing, when he settled into a mud hut to begin his work as a Lutheran medical missionary in Nigeria. Bill Foege was 6'7" tall and fresh from Iowa. But no-one could have foreseen the stature he would attain in the world of medicine. Without exaggeration, it can be said that he saved millions of lives, for more than any other, he ensured that smallpox would be eradicated from humanity. This contagious disease caused high fever, killed 3 out of 10 sufferers and left survivors scarred and blinded. It is credited with causing the deaths of 500 million in the last four thousand years. There was no known cure but vaccination could halt its spread.

In Nigeria, Bill was recruited by the international Centre for Disease Control (CDC) to lead a team fighting an outbreak in Enugu but the supply of vaccines was hopelessly inadequate to treat the entire population. Bill's inspiration came from the time in Iowa when he had volunteered to fight a bush fire. The firefighters would create a firebreak round every fresh outbreak to deprive the flames of fuel. Was it possible, he wondered, to do the same with smallpox – this would mean identifying every household where someone had fallen ill and vaccinating everyone in the surrounding area. Could he enlist the co-operation of charities and institutions, let alone the trust of a fearful public?

The CDC agreed to carry out a trial in Sierra Leone. Within nine months, the disease was eliminated from the whole country. Given the go-ahead in Nigeria, Bill now set about carrying out his programme, although it was in the middle of the Biafran civil war. He travelled back and forth across the front lines and was arrested and freed by both sides. When the government stopped vaccines entering Biafra, Bill stole government supplies and took them into 'enemy' territory.

People flocked to the vaccine centres on the promise of seeing "the tallest man in the world". His efforts paid off and shortly after the civil war ended in 1970, smallpox had been eradicated in West and Central Africa.

In 1973 the CDC asked Foege to be their consultant in India, with its vast population. In Bihar alone, cases of smallpox had risen to 11,000 a week. Bill set about recruiting thousands of helpers – "every three months we would visit every house in India. In a 6-day period the teams would cover 100 million homes – and this was before computers". Again, he met with great success. The total number of cases fell from 48,000 to zero in twelve months.

It was said that Foege could smell smallpox. On one occasion he was walking down a slum alley and picked out the typical "smell of death" and frantically knocked on doors until he discovered two siblings showing the characteristic red spots.

Foege inspired others across the world to adopt his methods and in 1983 the World Health Organisation announced that smallpox had become the first infectious disease in history to be totally eradicated.

Bill continued his mission in fighting other epidemics like that of HIV, challenging many a doctor and scientist to follow his lead. His slogan was “Become a good ancestor” likening his work to the builders of cathedrals, who knew that they would never see the work finished.

Treasure above all else, he said: Purpose, Faith, Wisdom and Love.

*Graham*

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## **Around the Circuit**

### **Ledbury News**

I suppose I must be a bit of a cynic, but whenever the clocks go forward an hour, I always expect the church to be half-empty on that Sunday morning. I don't think that is usually the case, and it certainly wasn't this year when the day in question was Palm Sunday. The church was as full as it has ever been, and we were pleased to have Rev Peter Grimwood leading our worship. With the help of four volunteers, we had a dramatic reading of two full chapters from Matthew's Gospel – the full story of the Passion of Christ. It was good to hear the full account like this at a single sitting, rather than just a short passage.

Rev Mary Jolly led our quiet and reflective Maundy Thursday service which always seems to bring home the awfulness, the poignancy, of that last time Jesus shared a meal with his friends. Good Friday saw the ecumenical March of Witness and short service under the Market House in Ledbury's town centre. Lisa-Jayne Lewis gave a short reflection at that service, and many people commented on the insights and relevance of it.

On Easter Day, Rev Kath Baldwin led us in joyful worship (and if you haven't tried StF 310, then you really ought to give it a go – especially if you can find the great YouTube video that we used!). The cross was transformed during our first hymn as everyone brought flowers and posies to the front and the rough wooden structure became a thing of beauty.

Thank you Peter, Mary, Lisa-Jayne and Kath – and all others who took part in Easter worship. We really do appreciate your efforts.

In the week when I'm writing this, we have three eco-events: another litter sweep around the town, a swap shop, and a bike repair event – not that I think too many of our congregation ride bikes with any regularity. Now if it were mobility scooters....

May beckons, and on Pentecost Sunday we have an ecumenical service in the Parish church, and it's also of course Christian Aid week. Perhaps we shouldn't have lost that hour at the end of March: we seem to need every hour we can find! And talking of congregation size (which we were, right at the start of this piece), we're so pleased to welcome a number of new people recently. We do hope you're starting to feel at home – it's good to see you.

*Brian Hudson*

## **St. John's News**

Our Lent study course, based on the film *West Side Story*, came to an end at the end of March. We had a record attendance each week and though not all were sure of the course itself everyone appreciated the robust discussions which ensued. (And the many and varied soups which were served at the lunches which followed the sessions!) We left the final session wondering what on earth we would do on Fridays to come – but of course the following Friday was Good Friday, with a thoughtful service early in the morning, followed by Hot Cross Buns in the hall and/or the ecumenical Walk of Witness which processed from St. Peter's Church (more hot cross buns) to the Cathedral. Many thanks to Phil and all involved for the thoughtful Good Friday service, and also for the Maundy Thursday one the previous evening.

On Easter Sunday the church was alive with rejoicing, and bright with flowers (more about them elsewhere in *In Touch*), and following the service the Easter tableau was left in the foyer for all who passed during the following week to see. Thank you to Binni and Shahul who brought Easter treats to share with 'their family in this country' – such a thoughtful gesture.

After Easter, the church itself was home overnight to a party of pilgrims from the West Midlands District, who over the next five days walked parts of the Golden Valley Pilgrimage route. (See p. ??)

The following Sunday we were pleased to welcome Adam Sanders back to our pulpit. Adam is a Mission Advisor in our District, and posed the question: 'If your church was a boat, what sort would it be?' Suggestions included liner, lifeboat, fishing boat, canoe....All good suggestions; what would you suggest?

We were sad to hear of the death in March of Elizabeth Bennett, a committed member at St. John's who contributed so much in her gentle, quiet way. She had lately been the rep at St. John's for Christian Aid, a cause most dear to her heart, and she was also a much-loved member of the recently-formed Singing for Fun group. She will be much missed and our thoughts are with her sons and wider family.

As we enter May we have a lot to look forward to: Christian Aid Week, Pentecost on 24<sup>th</sup> May when Deacon Angie Allport will be leading our worship, and our St. John's 'Away Day' on the 29<sup>th</sup> when we hope to share fellowship together off the premises and discern a way forward for our church, no doubt following up thoughts voiced at our Annual Church Meeting at the end of April.

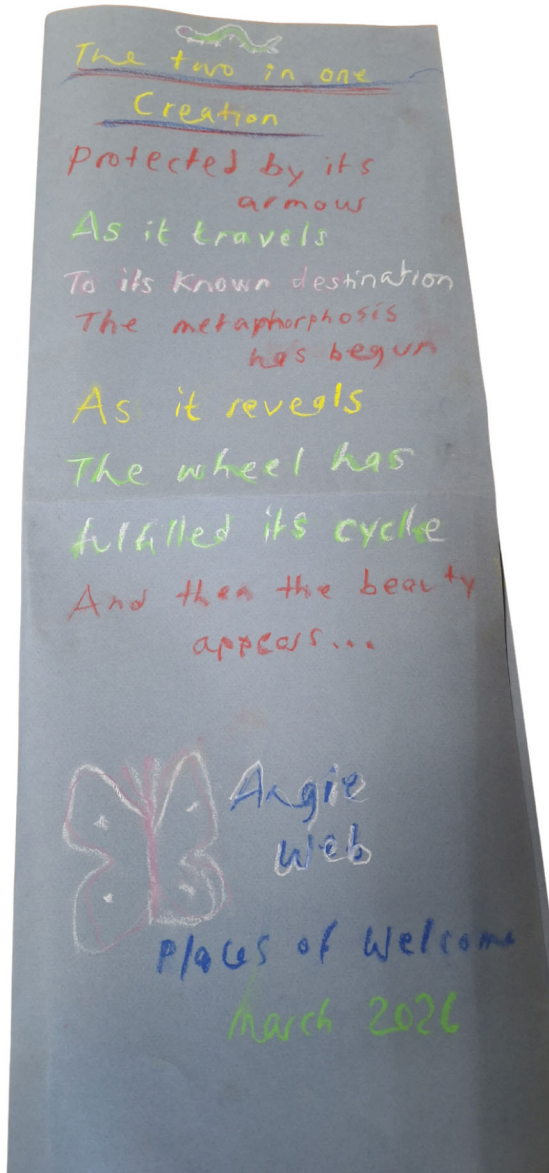
And finally, we send our love and best wishes to Pat Peden who would normally be writing this piece but who has broken her wrist (all the best people break their wrist!); we wish her a speedy recovery.

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# Ledbury Art Group



This beautiful scroll was produced by Angie Webb. It shows the transition of a caterpillar to a butterfly.

In case the words don't reproduce clearly here, this is what they say:

The Two in One Creation  
Protected by its armour  
as it travels  
to its known destination  
as it reveals  
the wheel has  
fulfilled its cycle  
and then the beauty appears....  
Angie Webb  
Places of Welcome, March 2026



10th - 16<sup>th</sup> May 2026

## Christian Aid Week

Your faith. Make it count. 7 days to make a difference – what will you do?

# Fly me to the Moon

As I write, four astronauts have just returned from a mission taking them beyond the Moon – further than humans have ever been before. I followed their progress with special interest – because, as a child, my ambition was to become an astronaut and travel to the Moon. In fact I studied Aeronautics and Astronautics at university and began my working life with what is now British Aerospace. But as I approach my seventy ninth year I have long since realised that my ambition will never be fulfilled! To be fair, John Glenn – the first American to orbit the earth – returned to space in the Space Shuttle at the age of seventy seven. That’s a record unlikely to be broken any time soon!

However, I have had something of a radical conversion. From being thoroughly involved in the aerospace industry I have now reached the point of deliberately choosing to avoid air travel whenever possible. We now drive, or take a train, to our holiday destinations. The motive, as I expect you will guess, is to reduce our carbon footprint. For some years, around the turn of the century, we scrupulously calculated the ‘Carbon Offset’ associated with any flights we took. But I was never entirely convinced that the money we paid resulted in the planting of the trees that were promised!

Don’t get me wrong – I still believe air travel to be very safe, and usually the quickest and the least expensive way to travel overseas. If you have family living on the other side of the world, there’s clearly no alternative. But since the pandemic we have only flown abroad when we have been working for our charity, teaching palliative care - most recently in Lesotho. In theory it would be possible to drive and take trains to southern Africa – but it would take weeks rather than hours!

One person’s choice to avoid air travel when possible will not, of itself, make much of a dent in the climate crisis. We are told that the ‘tipping point’ has now been passed, where the rise in the atmosphere’s average temperature has reached a level from which it may prove impossible to retreat. But every individual choice to reduce carbon footprint can and will make a small difference, particularly if it encourages others to follow suit.

During its extraordinary history, of some three and a half billion years, the Earth has known many dramatic changes of climate - from volcanic infernos to vast ice ages. But never has the change in average temperatures been so rapid, nor so clearly attributable to human society. We owe it to future generations to try to ‘row back’ and let nature take its course. Christians believe that we are stewards of the created universe, with responsibility towards those we have never met, and to following generations.

# Thoughts on District Pilgrimage

On Easter Monday 10 pilgrims from the West Midlands District set out from Hereford Cathedral, where we received a blessing, and walked for five days along parts of the Golden Valley Pilgrimage route which included many hills and lots of challenging stiles!.....but wonderful views.

An opportunity to appreciate the blessings given to us all as we immerse ourselves in the beauty of nature; mountain views, riverbanks, waterfalls and lush meadows. Also the places of worship where folk have gathered over hundreds of years to praise God. [*The first night's accommodation was at St. John's.*]

We visited 10 churches, some being very small and remote, but all a testament to hundreds of years of worship and sanctuary; the presence of bowls of daffodils evidence of recent Easter celebrations.

Joyfully walking, cooking, living and worshipping together we became a supportive, encouraging and reflective community finding inspiration in nature and shared experiences.



*10 Pilgrims as we set off from Hereford*

*Follow my leader .....  
on the level before  
another climb*

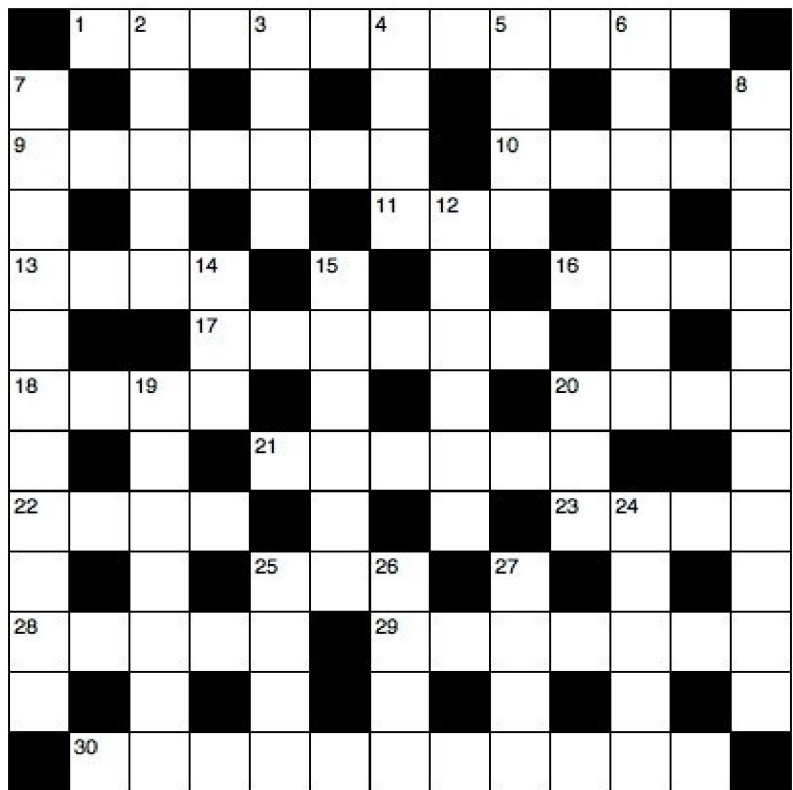


**Across**

- 1 Overpowered (Deuteronomy 11:4) (11)  
 9 'The — are mantled with corn' (Psalm 65:13) (7)  
 10 'Each man—a sword to his side' (Exodus 32:27) (5)  
 11 On the death of Jesus the curtain in the temple was torn from— to bottom (Matthew 27:51) (3)  
 13 Stagger (Isaiah 28:7) (4)  
 16 'Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought—and doesn't do it, sins' (James 4:17) (2,2)  
 17 Stir up or provoke (Acts 13:50) (6)  
 18 Burden (Luke 11:46) (4)  
 20 'As far as the east is from the—, so far has he removed our transgressions from us' (Psalm 103:12) (4)  
 21 Sign (Luke 23:38) (6)  
 22 'After that, Jesus poured water into a basin and began to —his disciples' feet' (John 13:5) (4)  
 23 The nature of the seven ears of corn which swallowed up the good ears in Pharaoh's dream (Genesis 41:23) (4)  
 25 Has (anag.) (3)  
 28 'This is the account of Shem, Ham and Japheth, — sons' (Genesis 10:1) (5)  
 29 'I will...make them drunk, so that they...sleep for—and— awake' (Jeremiah 51:39) (4,3)  
 30 Paul said of him, 'he often refreshes me and is not ashamed of my chains' (2 Timothy 1:16) (11)

**Down**

- 2 Worth (Matthew 13:46) (5)



- 'A bruised — He will not break' (Matthew 12:20) (4)  
 4 'Suddenly a great company of the heavenly — appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (4)  
 5 Slip (anag.) (4)  
 6 'Take an awl and push it through his — — into the door, and he will become your servant for life' (Deuteronomy 15:17) (3,4)  
 7 Bountiful (2 Corinthians 8:2) (11)  
 8 'Therefore, as we have —, let us do good to all people' (Galatians 6:10) (11)  
 12 Acquire (2 Timothy 2:10) (6)  
 14 Container cover (Numbers 19:15) (3)  
 15 'He...became obedient to death, even death on——!' (Philippians 2:8) (1,5)  
 19 Refrain (1 Peter 2:11) (7)  
 20 'She began to—his feet with her tears' (Luke 7:38) (3)  
 24 One who worships Brahma, Vishnu or Shiva (5)  
 25 'Give to everyone who—you' (Luke 6:30) (4)  
 26 'I lift up my eyes to the hills; where does my—come from?' (Psalm 121:1) (4)  
 27 One of those whom the Lord said would be taken from Jerusalem and Judah as judgment on them (Isaiah 3:2) (4)

# Together March in London

On 28th March, Methodists from around the country (including Stephen and Gillian from Ledbury, our much loved Angie, and David Hardman) joined the March in London, where many different groups came together in strength and unity against the far right. Amidst the many thousands thronging the streets of the capital, we managed to find one another and assembled behind the splendid banner around 12.30pm. Marching is a somewhat misleading term. The plan was to start walking at 1pm; at 3pm, we edged forward about 20 yards -and stopped once more! There were just so many people; it was a spasmodic shuffle rather than a stride. A tribute to the numbers and the diversity of the crowds. Sadly, I couldn't stay until the final destination, as I left at 4pm. My coach was 6pm and I needed to allow for my many errors on the underground - when there is a choice of two directions, I take the wrong one!

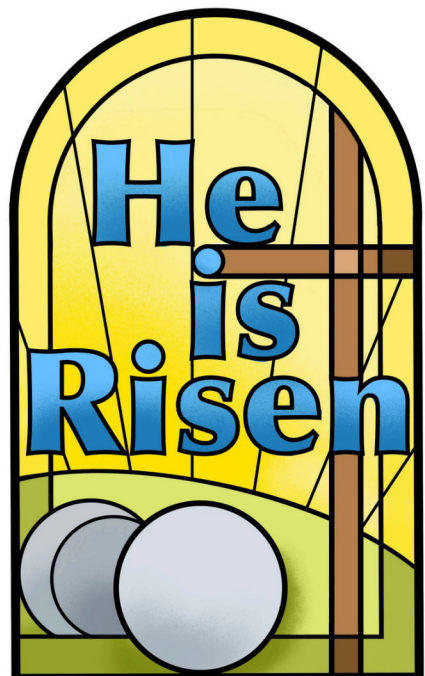
It was wonderful to see so many people, to feel the spirit of resistance, and just to chat and hear the stories of others. I was little deflated the following day, at the lack of media coverage - apparently, the BBC thought it more important that evening to report that a lorry load of KitKats had been stolen! But the struggle goes on and on that Saturday, we joined the very very many saying and singing 'hatred - not in our name'.

*Mandy Lawrence*



# Symbolism of the flowers used in the Easter Sunday arrangement

- White spray carnations represent fascination, devotion, love, and strength.
- Lilies primarily symbolize purity, passion, rebirth, and royalty.
- White alstroemeria symbolizes purity, innocence, spirituality, strength, and new beginnings.
- White chrysanthemums commonly symbolize purity, innocence, loyalty and honesty. They are traditionally a flower for mourners.
- Chrysanthemums hold deep spiritual meanings of longevity, joy, optimism, and rebirth across many cultures, often representing a "noble" spirit.
- Cream roses symbolize charm, thoughtfulness, and grace, often representing perfection and a rich, elegant beauty. They are frequently used to express admiration.
- Yellow daffodils symbolize joy, new beginnings, hope, and resilience, rebirth and unparalleled hope as they are among the first signs of spring.
- The asymmetric design of the arrangement pointed to the crucifixion symbols and Lenten journey table. It was also pointed to the direction of the open tomb guiding us towards the light and new beginnings.



Sarah B

# Old and New

I am now well embarked upon my eighties, and can no longer pretend that I am not yet an Oldie, and yes, it's true, getting old comes with many challenges most of which are, well, challenging. I have encountered all the usual miscreants – cancer (prostate of course; I am a bloke) diabetes, rheumatism, bad back, decreasing mobility, and all the rest of it, and some days I find it's all a bit depressing. I think back longingly to the time I could go for a walk for as long as I wanted to, run, play tennis, not worry about needing to go to the loo all the time, and loads of other things I took for granted.

So I have joined the universal old age club of becoming rather boringly fixated on my health and talking about it endlessly to other sufferers who are, inevitably, of a similar age, and also willing, if not keen, to bang on about their various ailments, including, oh yes, the other thing – doctors (or the lack of them), medical appointments, hospital treatments, delays, poor diagnoses, operations (with full unexpurgated details thereof) and the shortfalls of the national health service generally.

All of which, while fascinating to us, presents a problem for those younger and fitter. The nation seems to be headed towards an age-related divide based around where we are on the slippery slope towards dependency.

But, hang on, I'm a Christian. I have the power of God to fall back on, don't I? I should be facing all this with spirit-filled optimism, thankfulness for a life well lived and vibrant hope of what may come the other side of the Great Divide. It's true, I do have such feelings occasionally, but most of the time I seem to spend my days scrambling to get through the above-mentioned challenges, and not feeling particularly good about it at all.

So, I head back to the Bible, to see what it says about getting old. Well, not much, actually, not in so many words.

'Old men dream dreams' according to Joel referring to the 'last days'. (Joel 2.28); Peter reminded his listeners of that prophecy when addressing the crowds in Jerusalem immediately after the coming of the Holy Spirit. He said that the 'last days' had now come. (Acts 2.17)

OK, so oldies can dream dreams. I get that. Very nice. But dreams about what? And to what end? Well, the Bible is filled with dreams which often seem to accompany prophecies. And of course, particularly vibrant and unforgettable prophecies are to be found in the Book of Revelation, culminating in the fabulous visions of the New Jerusalem in Chapter 21.

Here is a 'New Heaven and a New Earth', and a proclamation from 'the one sitting on the throne' (Jesus, most people think) saying, 'Look, I am making all things new!' and 'there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain'. 14

Well now, there are things for an oldie to chew on with his remaining teeth. There are many interpretations of these words of course, but the idea of newness and renewal seem to be at the heart of them.

And as for a life which continues to be rich and fulfilling, we have Jesus' promise, often repeated throughout the New Testament, that Jesus is the inspiration for Life in all its forms and feelings. Perhaps the best for oldies is John 10.10 - 'I am come that you may have life, and have it more abundantly.' Yes, please!

So when you think about it, or, better still, pray about it, we find that, as Oldies, we can, with God at our side, dream our dreams, but we can also continue to look for and find newness in our lives, and we can do all those things which we are still able to do, find joy in them, find abundance, and find that life continues to present us with treasures to unearth, goals to fulfil, and a God which will renew our strength, and lead us through green pastures and beside still waters.

I know I can manage that, walking poles and all.

*Chris Knight*

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## **Bible Study at St. John's**

Now that summer is (hopefully) here we will be starting to hold our study sessions face-to-face at St. John's on a Friday afternoon at 2.30pm. Our first three sessions will be with Revd Roy Crew, looking at some parables of Jesus.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June



"Whilst I appreciate the thought, would whoever it is please stop tweeting, 'So far, so good...?'"

# Hope

In my garden is a large cherry tree. Over the past couple of weeks the blossom have been coming out filling the view from the upstairs windows with a cloud of pink flowers. Like a lot of new spring growth, it started out small and then all of a sudden the whole tree was covered. Seeds and bulbs have appeared from the soil, filling the world with colour after a grey winter. For many, the colours, signs of new life, longer days and increasing warmth that spring brings are all signs of hope even in a world that can feel chaotic and uncertain.

Often people think hope is something you are. You're either a hopeful person or you're not. But the Christian life stresses that hope is a virtue we all should cultivate. Hope becomes a habit that shapes our whole life, becoming more than just a vague sense of optimism. Instead, hope shapes how we live our lives, face adversity and make decisions. It doesn't ask that we ignore the chaos, the uncertainty or the bad things in our lives; instead it encourages us to place all of that before God.

We see this often in the Psalms, a book of prayers in the Bible that cover every range of human emotion. But even those of lament end with a positive note. For example in Psalm 42 the psalmist writes "Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God." Even during difficult times the psalmist challenges themselves to practise hope. We can do the same whether that's by joining in with psalms or in our own personal prayers.

However, we must remember that the practice of hope is not a quick-fix, instead it is slow work, but it is worth doing. Hope is a practice that reminds us to return to God. To look towards the Kingdom, not to flee to it, but to remind us what we work towards. Each time we do this we work to form a hopeful heart, and from that we gain the courage to persevere and to act.

*Ethan Ottershaw*



# Memories of Elizabeth Bennett

Elizabeth was a new member to our group but a very valuable one. We were working in the parables when Elizabeth became ill and she would have led the next session but was taken into hospital. These words are Elizabeth's own prayer that we will now treasure and use as a tribute to her.

**Dear God,**

**We have not always followed you example of compassion and love to all. It is easy to judge and condemn those who are not like us. There is so much conflict and change in the world just now. Forgive us for what we have been and guide us towards what we should be, knowing that when we become lost, you joyfully accept our return.**

*Amen*

Val and Elizabeth prepared communion together with Elizabeth making sure the gluten-free bread was in the fridge ready for the service. Val's last conversation with Elizabeth was to remind her that her birthday event we'd organised was on hold until she felt better.

Peggy and Elizabeth carried out the dusting in church with Elizabeth taking one side of the church and Elizabeth the other whilst the 'youngsters' whizzed around doing the hoovering (Peggy's words).

I got to know Elizabeth better at a Repair Café event when she brought in her childhood doll whose limbs had become loose. We chatted whilst the doll was being repaired and Elizabeth was so excited to get the complete doll home to redress it in its clothes that she had newly laundered ready for its return.

We all agree that Elizabeth's Christmas shortbread was absolutely delicious and beautifully made to include the vein details in its design.

Elizabeth will be missed and we remember her fondly in our meetings.

Elizabeth was also one of the original members of the Singing for Fun group and attended regularly until she was admitted to hospital. She is very much missed.

The pink flowers on the pedestal at her funeral were chosen to reflect her love for pink clothing.

*Sarah and the Omega group, and Singing for Fun*



# Lectionary Readings

## 3 May

*5th Sunday of Easter*

Acts 7: 55-60

1 Peter 2: 2-10

**John 14: 1-14**

## 10 May

*6th Sunday of Easter*

Acts 17: 22-31

Psalm 66: 8-20

1 Peter 3: 13-22

John 14: 15-21

## 14 May (Thursday)

*Ascension Day*

Acts 1: 1-11

Psalm 47 or Psalm 93

Ephesians 1: 15-23

Luke 24: 44-53

## 17 May

*7th Sunday of Easter*

*Sunday in Ascensiontide*

Acts 1: 6-14

Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35

1 Peter 4: 12-14; 5:6-11

John 17: 1-11

## 24 May

*Pentecost*

Acts 2: 1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30

Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b

1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13

or Acts 2:1-21

John 20: 19-23 or John 7: 37-39

## 31 May

*Trinity Sunday*

Genesis 1: 1 – 2: 4a

Psalm 8

2 Corinthians 13: 11-13

Matthew 28: 16-20

## 7 June

*10th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Genesis 12: 1-9

Psalm 33: 1-12

Romans 4: 13-25

Matthew 9: 9-13,18-26



## Diary Dates

### Saturday 2nd May

9.00 - 10.30am

Women's Prayer Breakfast at Ledbury

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May

2.30pm

Bible study at St. John's

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

2.30pm

Bible study at St. John's



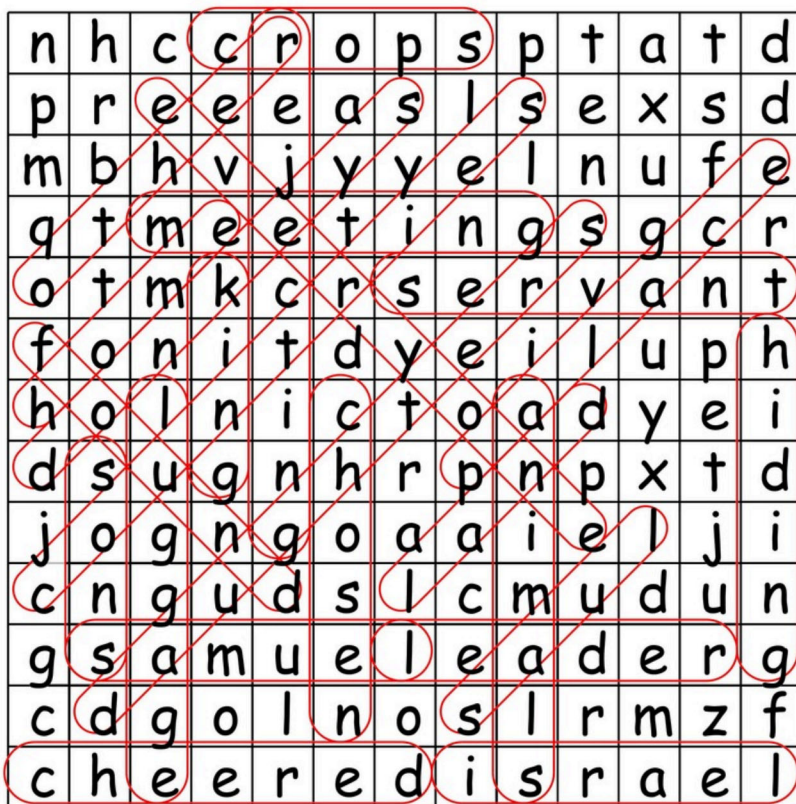
# Worship in May

<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May - Easter 5</b>			
Bromyard	10:30am	Revd Ruth & Mr Neil Eldridge	Holy Communion
Ledbury	10:30am	Revd. Martyn Sanders	
Ledbury	2:30pm	Revd. Phil Warrey	Relaxed
St Johns	10:30am	Revd, Dr Nigel Williams	
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May - Easter 6</b>			
Bromyard	2:30pm	Mrs Wendy Werrell	Tea Church
Ledbury	10:30am	Revd, Mary Jolly	Holy Communion
Ledbury	6pm	Revd. Phil Warrey	Iona style
St Johns	10:30am	Revd. Phil Warrey	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May - Easter 7</b>			
Bromyard	10:30am	Revd. Phil Warrey	
Ledbury	10:30am	Mr John Parsons	
St Johns	10:30am	Revd. Ruth & Mr Neil Eldridge	
St Johns	4:00pm	Revd. Phil Warrey	Tea Church
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May - Pentecost</b>			
Bromyard	3pm	United Service in Bromyard Public Hall	
Ledbury	10:30am	United Service at St Michael and All Angels	
St Johns	10:30am	Deacon Angie Allport	Church Anniversary
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Trinity Sunday</b>			
Bromyard	10:30am	Revd Kath Baldwin	
Ledbury	10:30am	Revd. Mary Jolly	AAW
St Johns	10:30am	Revd. Roy Crew	Holy Communion

Solutions to crossword on p. 11

ACROSS: 1, Overwhelmed. 9, Valleys. 10, Strap. 11, Top. 13, Reel. 16, To do. 17, Incite. 18, Load. 20, West. 21, Notice. 22, Wash. 23, Thin. 25, Ash. 28, Noah's. 29, Ever not. 30, Onesiphorus.

DOWN: 2, Value. 3, Reed. 4, Host. 5, Lisp. 6, Ear lobe. 7, Overflowing. 8, Opportunity. 12, Obtain. 14, Lid. 15, A cross. 19, Abstain. 20, Wet. 24, Hindu. 25, Asks. 26, Help. 27, Hero.



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