



## NEWSLETTER ❖ PENTECOST

Dear friends

You may share my amusement that we are celebrating Pentecost with the descent of our own Dove this year. No, we have no avian props dangling from the roof - as far as I'm aware - but Fr Giles will be driving down from Strathkinness to preach at the Sung Mass, for which I am grateful. However, the movement of seasons in the Church's year is just about to reach a moment of change.

The age of liturgical change that beset the church in the latter decades of the last century brought much upheaval: liberation for those who desired revision, and distress for those who did not. Even now, so many years later, the reordering of the words we use in the worship of God can be a sensitive matter. W H Auden once wrote to his priest in New York, concerning the changes that were taking place; the poet's opening sentence is not particularly ambiguous: *Dear Fr Allen: Have you gone stark raving mad?*

We should surely care deeply about our worshipping life, both corporately and individually, so the form of language that we use when relating to God and things holy should also be important. However, some of us have been brought up to be 'amphibious' regarding linguistic register, familiar with the cadences of the Prayer Book, and with whichever modern rite a particular church chooses to use: CofE Series 2 & 3, Rites A & B of the *Alternative Service Book*, Rites 1 & 2 of *Common Worship*, the 1982 Scottish Liturgy, even the Roman Rite is used in some places I've been.

While more changes are in the pipeline with the Episcopal Church working on a new contemporary rite, next month General Synod will make adjustments to the 1982 Rite in order to keep the register of the language aligned with contemporary use, mainly through making language consistently inclusive for gender. Some will welcome this, while others find the underlying philosophy patronising and bogus. It's just as well that most people come to the 1970 Rite service and value its stability: there are no plans to change that. Which reminds me: How many Anglo-Catholics does it take to change a lightbulb? *Change?!!*

What I was really wanting to note is that we return to Ordinary Time on Monday: with the last day of Easter, the holy seasons have now come to their end, until we reach Advent again - and we'll soon be entering the long green season of Sundays after Trinity or Pentecost. Hidden here is another of the changes that came bundled with the revision of words, the revision of the *calendar*. It all works well enough, I suppose, pulling Ascensiontide and Pentecost into Eastertide, which now has fifty rather than forty days, but there are consequences.

Pentecost once had an octave, a week of celebration, but that has now been sort of displaced into the week before, squeezing many of the themes of Ascensiontide. What has been termed 'Ascension deficit syndrome' is one factor, the other is the more subtle effect

of praying for the gifts of the Holy Spirit before Pentecost, rather than after, and then immediately immersing ourselves in Ordinary Time. It's just as well that the Holy Spirit's generosity is not limited in any way by our liturgical seasons, but I do sometimes find myself wondering if the calendar was better before. Perhaps I should just get out more.

Hopefully the weather will improve later this week, which will enable me to visit more people outside. If you could tolerate me visiting or would like a stroll with conversation, please let me know!

– Fr Alasdair

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

		<b>PENTECOST</b>
Sunday 23	0800 Mass 1000 Sung Mass 1800 Evening Prayer	
Monday 24	0900 Morning Prayer <i>No Mass</i> 1730 Evening Prayer	
Tuesday 25	0900 Morning Prayer 1730 Evening Prayer 1800 Mass	<i>St Bede</i>
Wednesday 26	0900 Morning Prayer 0930 Mass 1730 Evening Prayer 2100 Compline	<i>St Augustine of Canterbury</i>
Thursday 27	0900 Morning Prayer 1215 Mass 1730 Evening Prayer	
Friday 28	0730 Morning Prayer 0800 Mass 1730 Evening Prayer	
Saturday 29	1100 Morning Prayer 1130 Mass 1730 Evening Prayer	
Sunday 30	0800 Mass 1000 Sung Mass 1800 Evening Prayer	<b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b>

**Audio recordings** of selected services will continue to be placed on the website here:

<https://www.allsaints-standrews.org.uk/category/virtualseervices/>

### Services this Week

There are some changes this week due to the Rector taking some leave and Brian Johnstone's Funeral on Thursday. Sadly there will be no Mass on Monday, and the 12.15pm lunchtime Mass on Thursday will be moved to 6pm, after Evening Prayer.

## **Zoom Meeting Room**

There will be no Wednesday coffee morning due to the Rector's annual leave.

## **Corpus Christi**

The Bishop has offered to visit on Corpus Christi, Thursday 3rd June, to celebrate and preach at the Sung Mass with Procession and Benediction, but also to baptise and confirm candidates for those two forms of sacramental initiation into the body of Christ which is the Church. Please remember in your prayers those being baptised and confirmed.

## **Reserving seats**

Please continue to email [allsaints-seats@mail.com](mailto:allsaints-seats@mail.com) by Friday evening with your name and number of seats requested for the following Sunday's 10 am mass. If access to the internet is an issue, one of the church wardens (Fiona: 01334 479941 or Frances: 07931 722221) can reserve a seat for you.

## **Volunteers for Church Open Hours**

The church is open each day ostensibly for private prayer but also for those who might like to come inside and have a look; people are naturally moved towards prayer in churches like ours, where tourists perhaps become pilgrims rather easily. While we are mindful of the amount of time that is involved for those who supervise these openings, it does seem an important thing to do when many churches remain closed.

Should you be willing to spend a couple of hours in the church every so often, it would be much appreciated. Sometimes several people come in during those hours, sometimes none; some are chatty, others are silent. However, the Government asks that, for the time being, we supervise the building and encourage people, when necessary, to observe protocols to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission taking place.

The church is now open **daily from 3–5 pm**. If you are able to help - once or twice a month would be splendid - you can use the online rota to book times here: <http://bit.ly/allsaintsopendoors>. Alternatively, if you would prefer to book a time by 'phone or email, please contact the Rector.

## **Giving to All Saints'**

Our bank details:

<i>Bank</i>	Royal Bank of Scotland
<i>Branch</i>	113 – 115 South Street, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9QB
<i>Sort code</i>	83-26-28
<i>Account name</i>	All Saints Episcopal Church – St Andrews
<i>Account number</i>	00104363

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## **INTERCESSIONS**

### ***In particular need***

Debbie & Priscilla White, Robyn Seenan, Anne Clayton, Jeremy & Elizabeth, Elma, Jenny Bisset, Steve Scott, Samantha Thomas, Margaret Trimble, Malcolm Macgregor, Kirsty Wiley, Anna, Pauline, Alec, Vanessa Watchman

### ***Continuing need***

Effie Keracher, Jonah & Chris Andrews, Gareth & Jenni Saunders, Judy, Ashley & Kathleen Cummins, Lawrence Reynolds, Edie, Alice Bullough, Joan Day, Catherine Rowe, Lori-Mark Quate, Rebecca, Beatrice, & Alexander, Dorothy Clark, Jay Sterling, David McLean, Regan, Florence & Harrison McMillan, Shelagh Brown, Kate Jennings, Heather Cardwell

### ***Residential care***

Catriona, Fiona Ingham, Marie-Louise Moffett, Priest, Janet Reid, Ann Noltie, Dorothy Foster

### ***Recently departed***

Brian Johnstone, Peter Kreglinger, Sheila Marsh, Collette Mignal

### ***Year's mind***

23/5 Jane King, 1921, Anne Boyd, 1941  
24 Frederick Sharman, 1930  
25 David Everard Poole, 2001  
Evelyn Agnes Henley, 2003  
26 Mabel Dodd, 1996  
Mary Jane Thackeray, 1997  
27 Emily Janet Wynne, 1931  
Agnes Goodall Spence, 1936  
Stanley Roland Wilson, 2011  
29 Margaret Barry, 1941  
Lawrence Leonard Gourlay, 1979