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20th May 2018

17th June 2018

15th July 2018

LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

Coming up on the 20th of May, the church will celebrate Pentecost, sometimes called Whitsun. This is occasionally called “the birthday of the church,” which I don’t think is quite accurate, but it is when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit.

When you put it that way it seems a bit esoteric and academic, but really this is a big moment in the life of our communities. The Holy Spirit is God in the same way as Jesus Christ or God the Father, but the Spirit is often given short shrift. In seminary, one classmate took as his Lenten discipline that he would only pray to the Holy Spirit in his private prayers; it was certainly and intriguing and, I hope, productive discipline. But even as we commemorate the Holy Spirit descending upon the apostles as tongues of fire, it’s good to think about what that means for us.

The Spirit, also called the comforter comes among us to help bring us God’s comforting presence in the midst of trial and difficulty. I know the last couple of months have been difficult for many as we have experienced so much loss in our communities, and so we can give thanks for and invite in God’s comforting presence during such periods of hardship.

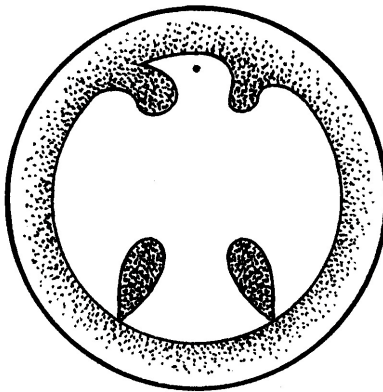
But the Holy Spirit isn’t only a comforter, in fact, it can also serve to make us quite uncomfortable. We see after Jesus’ baptism that the Spirit “drove him” out into the wilderness. The real meaning is closer to hunted or chased. There are also times when we aren’t called to comfort, but when we’re chased out into the world to pursue God’s purposes for us.

As Christians, we all have a vocation, and that vocation changes throughout our lives. As we celebrate the gift of the Spirit, perhaps this is a good time to undertake that discipline my classmate took, and to spend time praying and listening to the Spirit to see where God is calling us. Perhaps you might be in a place where you would welcome the comforting assurance of God's presence; perhaps God is calling you to share God's love with your family, friends, and neighbours.

Perhaps God is calling you to do something you never expected, to grow and find new life within. Wherever God is calling you, my hope and prayer is that we all might have the courage to listen to the still small voice, and have the greater courage to respond. If we do that, this Whitsun will truly be one in which we can give thanks for the gift of the Spirit!

Blessings,

Daniel+



WORSHIP in May 2018

Sunday 6th May

Cilcain

Gwernaffield

Llanferres

Nannerch

Rhydymwyn

Sixth Sunday of Easter

11.00 Morning Worship

11.00 Morning Worship

18.00 Holy Communion (Healing Service)

11.15 Holy Communion

09.30 Holy Communion

09.30 Morning Worship

Thursday 10th May

ASCENSION DAY

19.00 Mission Area Eucharist

St Berres, Llanferres

Sunday 13th May

Cilcain

Gwernaffield

Llanferres

Nannerch

Rhydymwyn

Seventh Sunday of Easter

08.00 Holy Communion

11.00 Morning Worship

18.00 Evening Prayer

09.30 Morning Worship

09.30 Family Service

09.30 Holy Communion

Sunday 20th May

Cilcain

Gwernaffield

Llanferres

Nannerch

Rhydymwyn

PENTECOST Whit Sunday

11.00 Morning Worship

11.00 Holy Communion

16.00 MESSY CHURCH in the Church Hall

18.00 Evening Prayer

09.30 Holy Communion

09.30 Morning Worship

09.30 Morning Worship

Sunday 27th May

TRINITY SUNDAY

Cilcain

11.00 Holy Communion

Gwernaffield

09.30 Family Praise (in Church Hall)

18.00 Evening Worship

Llanferres

09.30 Morning Worship

Nannerch

09.30 Family Holy Communion

Rhydymwyn

16.00 Family Holy Communion

Mid week services

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Wednesdays 10.30 at St Mary the Virgin, Cilcain

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THE SON OF MAN

During this Easter season we hear about Jesus in his post-resurrection appearances, in many respects a man, continuing to teach his disciples, and cooking breakfast on the shore of the lake (John 21: 1-19): yet in others he was in spirit, coming and going through locked doors (John 20: 19-29)

We cannot understand what form Jesus was in because it is unique, like his resurrection but we can assume it arises because of his special status, being both divine and human. To some it might seem that he came from nowhere, that God introduced him into the world like a magician pulling a rabbit out of a hat, saying ‘ Here is your Saviour, he can do wonderful things.’

Yet we can follow God’s plan to a large extent by reading the Scriptures carefully, and especially in this context the Old Testament. There are more than hints, we can call them prophecies, of a divine being who is always present, and who will make a dramatic intervention in human history and change the world forever.

We have one such passage in the lectionary on Ascension Day, Thursday 10th May. In Daniel 7: 9-14 we have a vision that sets my spine tingling every time I read or hear it. It is worth reading the whole passage because it sets the scene, but the critical verses are 13 & 14: *‘ As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.’*

This is the NRSV Bible version. In other Bibles it says ‘ the Son of Man,’ which is what Jesus most often called himself, instead of ‘ human being.’ It is clear that Jesus identified himself as this figure in Daniel. The text was written in Aramaic and either is permissible as translation; the Son of Man is useful because it gives a link to Jesus in the New Testament, and ‘one like a human being’ is because it conveys the idea of a divine being who is also human.

There is another place in the Hebrew Scriptures that notes the coming of the Son of Man. It is the book of Enoch, not in our Old Testament. It would have been available to New Testament Jews, although it is not canonical (not recognised as being inspired by God) neither to Christians nor most Jews. It depicts the Son of Man in a more eternal setting in Enoch 48: 2-6:

‘ And at that hour that Son of Man was named in the presence of the Lord of Spirits, and his name before the Head of Days. Yea, before the sun and the signs were made, his name was named before the Lord of Spirits. He shall be a staff to the righteous whereon to stay themselves and not fall. And he shall be the light of the Gentiles. And the hope of those who are troubled in heart. All who dwell on earth shall fall down and worship before him. And will praise and bless and celebrate with song the Lord of Spirits. And for this reason hath he been chosen and hidden before him, before the creation of the world and for evermore.’

There are many references to one whom God will send into the world, notably in the Suffering Servant Songs in Isaiah that tell of God’s servant who teaches and heals, is terribly abused by men, killed, and raised by God to rule the world. (Isaiah 42:1-4, 49:1-6, 50:4-9, 52:13, 53:12, 61:1-3 - the last does not include the word ‘servant’)

In Genesis there is the story of the visit of three beings to Abraham at his camp by the oaks of Mamre. (Genesis 18: 1-15.) One of them is the Lord, the others not named. In the 15th century a Russian monk, Andrei Rublev, painted *The hospitality of Abraham* which shows the three sitting at a table with Abraham and his people serving them. Christians seized upon it as a depiction of the Holy Trinity and that portion of the painting has been used as an icon ever since. It is wonderful as illustration of the Holy Trinity as having human characteristics, but separate and dignified in their divine presence together.

Also in the book of Genesis there is a figure called Melchizedek. (Genesis 14: 17-20.) He is the priest-king of Salem, and brought bread and wine out to meet Abram after a battle in which he had rescued his nephew Lot. Melchizedek also blessed Abram in the name of God most High, giving thanks for victory. These gifts are

contrasted with the worldly offerings of the king of Sodom, whose city was later destroyed because of the decadence of its people. (Genesis 18: 16 - 19: 29.)

Priest-kings are known in early societies, who ruled vicariously for a deity and also had the role of a priest; this reference to Melchizedek is brief and it may be supposed that he is one of this early type - an historical personage who will soon be swept away by the new covenant of God. However, ' the order of Melchizedek,' keeps on arising. Psalm 110 praises a priest and ruler of this description - it reads to Christians as a prophecy of Jesus' rule. The New Testament has numerous references to Melchizedek: Matthew 22:44, 26: 26-28, Mark 14:22, Luke 22:19, John 6:53, Acts 2:34, 1 Corinthians 11:23-25, Hebrews 4:14-15, 5:6, 5:10, 6:19-20, 7:1-21, Revelation1: 6

The constant theme in the New Testament is that the priesthood of Melchizedek was restored to Israel in king David because , like Abraham, he attributed his victory to God. Jesus is in the line of David, and so is the rightful priest-King, who rules eternally.

Melchizedek is seen by some Christian scholars as the foreshadowing of Jesus, and in another light as being Jesus in a previous embodiment.

The conclusion of all this is that Jesus was not just sprung upon us, but has a history of involvement with humankind which is recorded in the earliest Scriptures. Through the new covenant he is made available to every one of us through the Holy Spirit. He has always been present in the world, is now, and always will be.

John Foxlee

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptism

On the 15th of April Ethan Harper Vaughn was baptised
at St. Mary's, Cilcain .

On the 29th of April Jac Jepson-Jones is to be baptised
at St Marys, Cilcain .

Funerals

On 12th March, the late Ken Shovelton
at St. Berres', Llanferres .

On 27 March, the late Violet Falck,
at Holy Trinity, Gwernaffield

On 12th April the late Audrey Cannon of Cilcain
at St Asaph Crematorium

On 12th April, the late Marjorie Richards
at St. Michael and All Angels, Nannerch

On 16th April, the late Doris (Dolly) Collins
at St. Berres, Llanferres

On 24th April, Malcolm Morgan of Llanferres
at Pentrebychan Crematorium.

On 18th April, the late Patricia (Pat) Hopwood
at Holy Trinity, Gwernaffield

On 30th April, the late Anne Charlesworth
at Holy Trinity, Gwernaffield

***‘Grant them, O Lord, eternal rest, and let light perpetual
shine upon them’***

Mission Area News

THE MISSION AREA OF MOLD VESTRY MEETING

The Mission Area of Mold Vestry Meeting is to be at 7.00 pm on 26th April 2018 at St Marys, Mold.

Each congregation in the Mission Area should have nominations for two Mission Area Conference representatives and a substitute.

MISSION AREA ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION

This is to take place during the week of the 25th—30th April with copies submitted to Emily Clarke-Jones when completed

PULPIT SWAP

Please see below for the dates when our ordained priests, preach at another church in the Mission Area

Date	Church	Priest
May 27 th	Bro Famau Group	Rev'd Kevin Horswell

MISSION AREA OF MOLD WORSHIP TOGETHER

Please note the times and dates of the future worship dates

CHURCH	TIME	DATE	SERVICE
St Berres, Llanferres	7.00pm,	10 th May	Eucharist

WORD SEARCH FOR MAY

After the Ascension

The disciples had spent 40 days with Jesus and now they were called to share that experience with others. Jesus told them to wait for the gift of the Spirit to empower them as witnesses. *‘Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.’* The Spirit also equips us to display Jesus’ character (fruit) and enables us to witness (gifts). How does our life demonstrate the difference Jesus makes? The early Christians were called to witness for Jesus in ever-increasing circles of influence. For us, this will mean family and friends, workplace and community, and the wider world. Where is God calling us to serve Him?

- Ascension
- Disciples
- Forty
- Jesus
- Share
- Experience
- Wait
- Gift
- Spirit
- Empower
- equip
- Witnesses
- Jerusalem
- Father
- Early
- Christians
- Demonstrate
- Difference
- Family
- Friends
- Workplace
- Community
- World
- Calling

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PRAYER DIARY FOR MAY 2018

ON THESE DAYS IN THE MONTH LET US GIVE
THANKS AND PRAY FOR

- 1 Sts. Philip & James. Apostles
- 2 Viral Meningitis Awareness Week
- 3 Henry Vaughan, Poet, 1695
- 4 Rhydymwyn Kids' Club
- 5 St Asaph, 2nd Bishop of our Diocese, 6th century
- 6 Rogation Sunday, Llanferres Carnival
- 7 May Day Bank Holiday
- 8 Julian of Norwich, Spiritual Writer, c. 1417
- 9 St Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop, 390,
Mission Area Conference at Pontblyddyn
- 10 **Ascension Day**, Mission Area Eucharist at
Llanferres
- 11 Wrexham FOCUS Festival
- 12 Introducing Mark Yaconelli's Experiments with God
course
- 13 Christian Aid week begins
Archdeacon's Visitation at St Giles. Wrexham
- 14 St Matthias, Apostle & Martyr

- 15 International Day of Families
- 16 International Day of Living Together in Peace
- 17 Cilcain Show meeting this evening
- 18 Those in our bro famau who are preparing to take examinations
- 19 Royal Welsh Spring Festival
- 20 **Day of Pentecost**
- 21 RE and Collective Worship for Church Schools course today and on Wednesday 23rd
- 22 Help I'm a Line Manager course
- 23 Aberystwyth Cycle Festival
- 24 Charles Wesley, 1788 & John Wesley, 1791, Priests & Missionaries
- 25 St Bede, Doctor, 735
- 26 St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop, 605
- 27 **Trinity Sunday**, Pulpit Swap!
- 28 St Melangell, Abbess, 6th century
- 29 Gwernaffield Mothers' Union meeting
- 30 Hay Literary Festival
- 31 **Corpus Christi**, Thanksgiving for Holy Communion

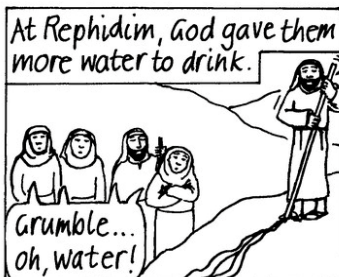
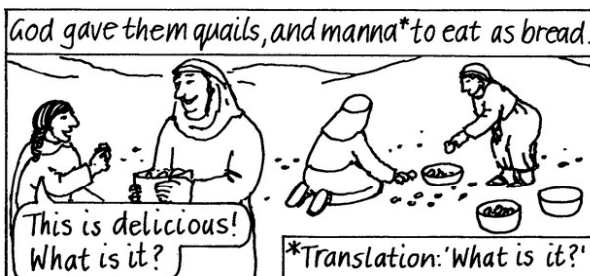
(Please let us know if we should be praying for someone or something in June)

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Exodus chapters 15:22 to 19:2

God had rescued the Hebrews from Egypt, and was leading them to their new land. But after 3 days ...



AROUND OUR CHURCHES

CILCAIN

Holy Week

We held three Compline Services in the North Aisle during Easter Week, and the Stations of The Cross Service on Good Friday. This Service was very moving and thought provoking, as it was linked to photographs of living in Modern Day Uganda. It was much appreciated by some of the people who attended the service, and promoted some very interesting discussions afterwards.

Easter Day

Easter Day was a lovely joyful service with a good attendance of over 30 people. Our thanks to the Rev. Andy Miller for conducting the service. We had lots of positive comments about it afterwards..

Many thanks to the Ladies who decorated the Church for Easter. As usual it looked beautiful, and all your hard work was much appreciated.

Food Bank

Please continue to support the Mold Food Bank, there is a box for donations at the back of the Church.

Information Hub

The Church Committee revisited the Tourism Information Project and agreed that Phase 1 should be implemented. Accordingly a splendid oak tourist information and church notices stand was constructed which also displays the ancient stonework commonly described as a 'Norman font'. This was beautifully made by Mike Cottle from Henllan who had previously made the Julian Hughes memorial lectern.

GWERNAFFIELD

Mold Food Bank

Donations are very welcome and can be brought to the back of the church.

Mothers' Union

We are delighted to have the Mothers' Union Deanery Banner on display in Church for a short period of time, when we can all admire the excellent workmanship carried out by Glenys Simkins of Cilcain. Our May Meeting will be held on Tuesday 29th May at 7pm. The Speaker will be Jill Currin who will talk about her time spent in Ghana. New members

are always welcome – we meet on the last Tuesday of every month at 7pm in the Church Hall. Please telephone Mrs Gaynor Morgan (secretary) on 01352 741515 for more information.

Church Notelets

We have two set of church notelets available to purchase, each with six cards, at a cost of £3.00 per pack. All proceeds will help raise funds for our church.

Soup and Scrabble

Unfortunately, our soup and scrabble event on 17th February had to be cancelled because of a broken boiler. This has now been re-arranged for 28th April starting at 7.00pm and tickets are £3.00 with a prize for the highest score.

Concert Success

Our concert on 17th March raised £180 for church funds – a big THANK YOU to all who supported and helped in what was a lovely evening

Easter Services

Each of our Easter Services was well attended. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way and in particular to the ladies of our Flower Guild for the beautiful arrangements on Easter Sunday

Christian Aid Week

There will be a coffee morning for Christian Aid in the Church Hall on Saturday 12th May between 10.00 and 12.30. Please support this worthy cause. Gift envelopes will also be available in Church during the week

Future Events

Saturday 26th May – Tea Dance (joint effort with the Church Hall Committee)

Saturday 9th June - Back by public demand: The James Lambert Singers - Holy Trinity Church - 7.00pm. Tickets £8.00

Saturday 7th July - Strawberry Tea with various Stalls 2.00 - 5.00pm at the Church Hall. Tickets £3.50

Saturday 14th July – the Church will be manning a bric-a-brac stall at the Village Carnival (organised by the Gwernaffield Playing Fields Committee) Please contact Carole on 01352 740550 for further details and tickets

We look forward to seeing you at our forthcoming events. If you have any new ideas for Church fundraising and activities, please let us know!

RHYDYMWYN

Kids Club.

This is held on a Friday evening in Rhydymwyn Football Club from 6 - 7pm. Anyone welcome from ages 5 - 11. Contact 01352 741226 for details.

Annual Congregational Meeting.

This meeting was held in April and Marion Watts and Liz Thomas were appointed as churchwardens for the coming year. A big thank you to everyone who has helped out during the past year.

Flintshire Food Bank.

Please put all food items for the Foodbank into the box which is left at the back of the church.

Church Cleaning.

Just a reminder that this is now taking place on the 1st Friday of each month. The next clean will be on Friday 4th May at 9am. Please come and help us with this task which usually lasts about 1 hour.

LLANFERRES

Church Bins

The church green recycling bins have recently been emptied and contained a lot of broken ceramics and glass / plastic flower wrappings and wreaths, none of which are recyclable and some quite dangerous. Please use the green bins only for flowers and other degradable matter. If you cannot take rubbish home please use the bins to the right of the church door. It is only a few yards' walk and on the way out of the church yard anyway. The churchyard has also been used for dumping of garden waste (non varietal trees to the church grounds).

Repairs to church

Repairs have been completed to two sections of guttering and (again) to the outside tap.

Congregational Meeting

The annual Congregational meeting was held in church on the 5th of April. The treasurer reported a deficit last year of circa £2,500, the third consecutive year of deficits, and that urgent remedial actions are required with structural repairs needed on the church this year.

Funerals

We said a sad farewell to another longstanding member of our congregation Dolly Collins, whose funeral service was on 16th April. She will be missed in the congregation and in the village and we send our thoughts to her family.

Church Opening

The church is now open during daylight hours for anyone to visit.

Llanferres Carnival

The Llanferres carnival is being revived after many years and is happening on Sunday 6th May starting with a parade from the Druid Inn at 12.30pm. There will be lots of attractions including games, childrens races, food and drink, and stalls manned by local groups including Llanferres church / Messy church. It promises to be a fun community event and also a fundraiser for village groups.

Flintshire Foodbank

Anyone who wants to donate items to the Foodbank can leave them in the donation box at the back of church. Thanks to everyone's donations we have already been able to make two donations to the Foodbank this year.

NANNERCH

Holy Week Compline

Thank you to Ray Alcock and David Wright for leading the compline services this year. As I entered the church I was immediately struck by the peace, quiet and serenity of the environment that had been created in preparation for this service.

The church was in darkness apart from tea lights and candles. Peaceful, meditative music played softly in the background and the sweet smell of incense filled the air, all creating a wonderful ambience. It was enough just to sit and soak it all in. It created a very reflective and fitting end to the day.

The Easter Vigil

Mission Area members, attending the Easter Vigil in Nannerch, were treated to an uplifting service. The candlelight, incense and beautiful Spring flowers created the ambience for this special celebration.

Everyone was invited to go outside where Revd Daniel lit a fire to represent the new beginning. After praying there, everyone returned inside where readings contributed to the reflective mood. Valerie provided a detailed explanation of the Easter story. The Church lit up with light as we celebrated our first Eucharist of Easter.

Nannerch/ Rhydymwyn Mothers' Union

Nannerch/ Rhydymwyn Mothers' Union met on Tuesday 17th April at Rhydymwyn church. Our speaker was Marion Watts, who spoke on 'In the Steps of Mary Sumner'.

Our meeting in May will also be at Rhydymwyn and will be on Tuesday 15th May. Our speaker will be Graham Pithouse- Age Connects.

Croeso Pawb - with the help of Mothers' Union members.

On Friday 25th May our session will be based in church. With the children of Ysgol Nannerch we will be taking a 'Eucharist Journey'. This journey is an interactive and creative way to engage the children in learning about the Eucharist. Six stations will be set up in church; each station will take as its focus a key Christian symbol. Water and fire, the cross, doves, bread, wine and the empty tomb. Each station has an introductory talk on an aspect of the Eucharist service, the children are invited to explore and reflect on that, finally there is a craft activity associated with the Eucharistic symbol.

This journey will be part of the preparation for the children to be involved in the Eucharist service, as envisaged by the Bishop.

The Eucharist Journey will be completed by Reverend Daniel giving a short talk to the children.



SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS PREVIEWED

Please use these introductions to prepare for worship. If you are a reader at home who is unable to come to church, you might like to use these pages, with your Bible, to join the congregation on a Sunday in the reading of the same passages

Sunday 6th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-end A Roman centurion, Cornelius and his family, had invited Peter and his Christian friends to explain about Jesus. To everyone's amazement, God's Holy Spirit palpably came upon them, and they were baptised into the Christian faith.

Or

Isaiah 55:1-11 We can hear these ancient prophetic words as a summons for ourselves, to put God first, to seek and listen to him. Isaiah assures us, like Jesus in today's gospel, of God's constant grace, love and forgiveness.

1 John 5:1-6 Another short section from this letter brings us this week to one of the consequences of our love for God. John says we must be obedient, as a child to a loving parent, and we will not find it difficult.

John 15: 9-17 We heard last Sunday Jesus' illustration of how a vine and its branches are like his life flowing through us. This passage follows on directly, and expands the idea of Christ living in us as we live in him, his beloved friends, chosen by him to be fruitful in his work.

Thursday 10th May - Ascension Day

There are no lectionary sheets for this day, but it is an important day of observance, and the readings below are taken from the Church in Wales Lectionary.

Acts 1:1-11 Luke's account of the divine plan of salvation is in two parts. He ended the earthly life of Jesus, as we will hear in the gospel, with the Ascension. Part two is the life of Christ in the church, and it begins as the gospel ended, with the Lord leaving the earth for his home in heaven.

Or

Daniel 7:9-14 The visionary Daniel in the second century BC saw a human figure from heaven, with all the power and authority of God, becoming the sovereign over every people and nation.

Ephesians 1:15-23 The writer of this letter to the churches gives thanks, in one long sentence of praise in Greek, for the glory of the risen and ascended Christ - ascended to heaven and therefore empowering his people everywhere. This is the faith of the Church.

Luke 24:44-53 Luke ends his life of Jesus with a last blessing, and the commission to go into every nation as witnesses to his suffering, death and resurrection.

Sunday 13th May - Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Jesus had commissioned twelve men to preach and heal, but many more had been his constant companions. The church in Jerusalem decided that one of these others should replace Judas Iscariot to restore the number to twelve.

Or

Ezekiel 36:24-28 We will hear in the gospel our Lord's prayer for those he must leave behind in this world. Ezekiel reflects the same tender care of God for his people. His images speak to Christians of Pentecost: cleansing in pure water, the giving of a new heart and an outpouring of the Spirit.

1 John 5:9-13 John sums up his reason for writing this letter which we have read week by week since Easter Day. It has given us the assurance that the gospel is true, and that this faith in our hearts brings us eternal life.

John 17:6-19 Jesus' last words of prayer before his arrest are for those who will remain in this world after he has gone, that they may remain faithful and true, consecrated to the father as he has been.

Sunday 20th May - Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

Acts 2:1-21 In Jerusalem, many pilgrims had come for the great Pentecost Harvest Festival. As Jesus had promised. The Holy Spirit of God came upon the gathered company of disciples with great power. They found themselves impelled to proclaim the resurrection gospel to everyone who would listen.

Or

Ezekiel 37:1-14 At the time of Ezekiel Jerusalem was derelict and the land laid waste. In a vision he sees nothing but dried bones, until the breath of God - the Spirit of God - fills the valley with life. It is a sign that God will give new life to his people Israel.

Romans 8:22-27 We live with all our hopes founded on God, longing for him, but it is hard for us to know how to pray. Paul's assurance is that the Holy Spirit continues to work in the Church and the world and he will make known to God everything we mean.

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15 Jesus' teaching about the Holy Spirit describes him as one who represents Christ to us, revealing to us many truths about the world and about God, leading us into all truth.

Sunday 27th May - Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8 Isaiah was called to his prophetic task by an overpowering vision of the magnificence and holiness of God, whose glory filled the Temple and the world.

Romans 8:12-17 Jesus in today's gospel will tell of the new life which the Holy Spirit brings. Paul too can rejoice that we have become adopted children of God the father, by the gift of the Spirit, in union with Christ.

John 3:1-17 Nicodemus had to learn that a new kind of birth is necessary to carry us into a new kind of life. God's only Son unites heaven and earth, and his Spirit, moving unseen like the wind, brings us into eternal life.

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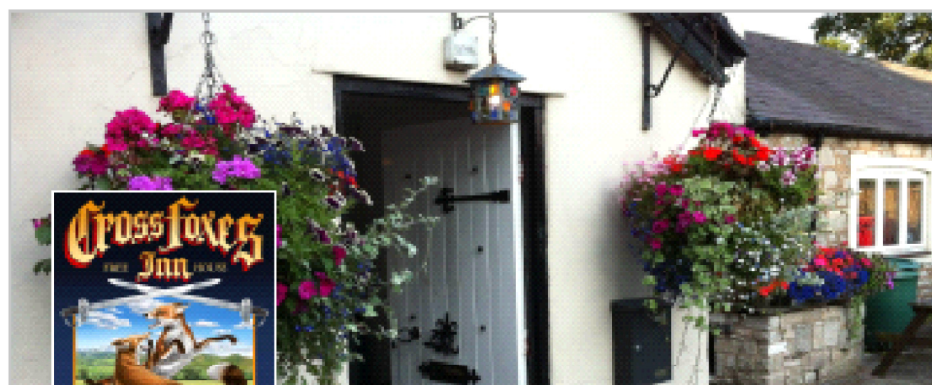
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