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Isaiah 30:21



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**** Members of our team are very pleased to visit you in your home, to listen to you, talk with you, and pray with you. Nothing is too trivial, and nothing is beyond the reach of God's love and grace.**

All you have to do is pick up the telephone and call.

We will be delighted to hear from you, and respond to your need.



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church**



May Letter

Dear Friends,

I wonder whether like me you ever have days when you wish there was someone you could talk to, someone by your side, someone who would pray for you when you can't find the words, someone with the understanding and authority to speak up for you?

Would it surprise you to know that actually there is someone to do all these things and much more besides? The person I am talking about is someone whose presence and support we especially remember and celebrate this month, on 19th May, Pentecost Sunday. That someone is God the Holy Spirit.



On that first Pentecost Sunday, the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples shortly after Jesus had ascended into heaven, just as he had promised. Gathered in prayer in an Upper Room, the disciples heard a noise like a rushing wind and there appeared what looked like tongues of fire resting on each of them.

Empowered by the Spirit, they rushed out onto the streets of Jerusalem and shared about Jesus' death and resurrection. Two thousand people responded and were baptised that very day. Effectively the church was born. You can read all the details in Acts chapter 2.

But the Holy Spirit was at work long before Pentecost. In Genesis 1 we can read of his part in creation. Less dramatic, but just as important, are the ways the Holy Spirit can help us in our walk with Jesus everyday. Jesus explained the role and work of the Spirit in John chapters 14, 15 and 16. Here we learn that he is not some strange or weird force we need to be alarmed about, rather he is sent by the Father and the Son.



When Jesus promised to be with us always, he was referring to the way the Holy Spirit lives in the heart of every Christian. This means we can talk (pray) to him

(Romans 8: 26& 27). When we need someone to come to our defence and speak up for us, again, this is the work of the Holy Spirit.

And so the Holy Spirit is our Comforter, Counsellor, Advocate, Intercessor. He teaches us and reminds us of the ways of Jesus and leads us into all truth. Individually, when we work with him, he grows his fruit in our hearts. As the church, when we look to him, he blesses us with his gifts.

any time, wherever and whenever we want, and he listens and hears us. The Spirit is always by our side, no matter what we are going through. We can ask him to strengthen and support us, and provide us with guidance about the right things to do and say.

As we celebrate Pentecost this year, let's make time to pray and to consider how we can be open to all the Spirit wants to do with us and in us.

When we don't know how to pray about a situation, the Spirit is right there to help. Paul writes *We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the spirit, because the spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.*

God bless,
Heather



Meru's Musings

Teasers

Sally bought a bracelet for £21 which she then resold for £25. She unwisely accepted a cheque from the purchaser for £35 and gave them £10 change. She then gave the cheque to her landlord, but it bounced. She had to borrow a further £35 to pay the rent. How much money has actually lost?

A train takes 2 seconds to enter a tunnel which is 2km long, if the train is travelling at 180km per hour, How long will it take to pass completely through the tunnel?

A man walks into a bar and immediately falls unconscious. Why?

Latin

Meminerunt omnia amantes

Lovers remember everything

Nox Night; nocturnal

Nunc aut nunquam Now or never

Post mortem After death

Praemonitas praemunitus
Forewarned; forearmed

Primar lux Dawn; first light

Sol The sun; solar

Tempus fugit Time flies

Latin names for plants, can you name them?

Latin

Answers

Calamagrostis Feather reed grass

Calluna Heather

Carex Sedge

Carpinus Hornbeam

Caryopteris Bluebeard

Ceanothus Californian lilac-

Cedrus *Cedar

Sayings of our elders

Greed:

The eye is small but devours all.

Show a dog your finger and he'll want your hand and arm.

Don't desire what you can't acquire.

Grief:

The price you pay for love.

To grieve alone is to suffer most.

The deeper the grief, the less words can express it.

If we don't forget, we would never be free from grief.

Guests:

Guests like fish, begin to smell on the third day.

A woman recognises the character of a guest sooner than her husband does.

Habit:

When a habit begins to cost money, it's called a hobby.

Habit is overcome by habit.

Meru Ullah



**9.00am
12th May
Ascension Day to
Pentecost**



In Messy Church children and their parents/ carers have fun learning about the Christian faith together through different activities—crafts, cooking, games, songs...

**If you would like to know more about
Messy Church please contact
Jackie Moss on 01782 771067
Or come along on the day.**





Christian Aid Week 12-18th May 2024

Extraordinary Love.

We reflect together on God's love and the call to love our neighbours. We follow the story of Aline Nibogora, from Makamba Province in Burundi. Aline has experienced abuse and extreme poverty but she has found ways to persist in faith, hope and love.

And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.
1 Corinthians 13:13

**Push back against Poverty this
Christian Aid Week**

Aline's Story

In Burundi more than 70% of the population live in poverty.
Many families eat just one meal a day.

Aline Nibogora faced extra challenges.

A survivor of domestic abuse, Aline was pushed into the most extreme poverty.

Aline told us: 'I don't want my children to have a painful life like mine, remembering it makes me weep.'

The graphic features a red background with white text on the left and a portrait of Aline Nibogora on the right. She is wearing a blue headwrap and a yellow patterned top.

Poverty is an outrage against humanity. It robs people of their dignity and lets injustice thrive. Aline Nibogora, a determined mother in Burundi, was pushed to the brink of survival by poverty. She suffered abuse at the hands of her husband and was forced to flee. He then turned the community against her. Aline lost almost everything. Separated from her children, she had to sleep on the streets. ' **People forgot I was human**' she told us ' **I don't want my children to have a painful life like mine.**'

Aline's situation is not unique. Burundi is one of the poorest countries in the world. The global cost of living crisis has intensified the challenges families face, and now malnourishment and poverty affect more than 70% of the population, putting them on the edge of survival. In their own areas where Christian Aid work people without their own small business or income often head out on an empty stomach each morning to look for casual work to buy food for the evening. Most only eat once a day. What and how much they eat depends on. The work they find that day.

Coming back from the edge isn't easy when food can be scarce, disease prevalent and jobs hard to come by.

But there is hope. Together we can push back against the inhumanity of extreme poverty.



Aline reunited with her three sons Vyukesenge, Fisto and Trumva and the new home they're building together.

Aline's Story

Aline's business was successful and she was able to rent a house. At last she was reunited with her three eldest sons who came to live with her.

Now Aline is baking her own bricks and building a stronger home for her family, in every sense.

Aline told Christian Aid: 'We pray together as we are still alive thanks to God's grace. ... We have been through difficult times, but now we make plans for the future.'



Aline helping her son Vyukesenge Aubi with homework.

Do join us for our Christian Aid service on 12th May at 10.45am a retiring collection will be taken. All money raised will support Christian Aid and its 30 year partnership with the people of Burundi.

Our retiring collection on Sunday 12th May will be used to train villagers like Aline's to form a Village Savings and Loans Association (VSLA) That will support people to grow food, buy medicine and improve their living conditions. Together, we can help ensure more people in Burundi get the skills and knowledge they need to fulfil their ambitions and hopes. We can help families plan for a better future that they'll build together.



Aline selects good baked bricks from the kiln for her new house Under construction





Church Lawton to host Fish and Chip Supper, Beacon Lighting and 40'S Party Night to Commemorate D-Day Landings

Church Lawton is planning to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings in 1944 - the largest naval, air and land operation in history - in style.

All Saint's Church. Church Lawton Parish Council and Lawton Memorial Hall have been planning events for some time to enable to the community to come together to remember, give thanks and celebrate this historic occasion.

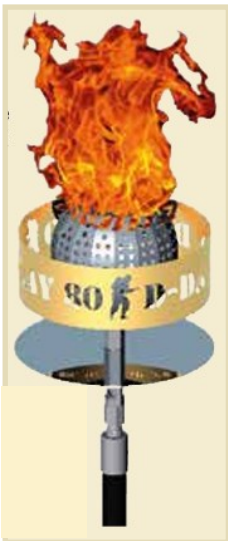
On June 6, there is an invitation for people of all ages to come together as the church bells toll to share **A Peace Supper** at Lawton Memorial Hall before walking to the church to hear the International Tribute and witness the lighting of the beacon at 9.15pm. As it is National Fish and Chip Day (moved to this day to support the commemoration) on 6 June, supper will be fish and chips!

On Saturday evening, the hall will again be opening its doors to celebrate 80 years of peace with a **Forties Party Night** of fun with a chance to get into the 40's spirit by dressing in costume, singing war time classics, dancing the swing and jive and having a good time 40's style. All the proceeds from the ticket sales will be donated to the Royal British Legion in memory of those who lost their lives during the D-Day landings.

'We are also hoping to be able to pay tribute to local heroes from the World War 2 and acknowledge the part local people played in those conflicts. A call out to local people who

may have stories, photographs, etc of family from that time is being made so that we can create an archive of **Church Lawton at War**. This will be on display during the events,' announced Margaret Blease-Bourne, Chair of the Operational Committee at the Hall. *'If you have photographs, stories, newspaper cuttings about Church Lawton in World War 2, please email chair.committee@lawtonmemorialhall.co.uk. We look forward to hearing from you.'*

Further details of more events taking place in and around All Saints' church and Lawton Memorial Hall on Thursday 6th June to be announced soon.



More details of the national commemoration can be found here <https://www.d-daybeacons.co.uk/>



Tuesday 28th May 7pm Bring and Share Meal



An opportunity to hear from Ruth and Solomon Nabie from the IcFEM Dreamland Mission in Kimilili

(Western Kenya) where Heather and Alan visited last October before joining us here at All Saints' .

Ruth and Solomon will speak about the Mission's work and the current project to raise funds to furnish a new Theatre block at the Dreamland hospital.

Come to the Bring and Share Fellowship Meal at 7pm.

From the Church Registers

Funerals

On 18th April Elsie Beech Age 98 years

On 25th May Maria Wilhelmina Julia Emma
Hancock-Gobius Du Sart Age 85 years

“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”

(23rd Psalm)

Wedding

On 20th April Lisa Elizabeth Forrester &
Kieran Jon Hutchinson

“ clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

... Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”

Colossians 3: 12-14

Church Collections for March 2024

Week Beginning	3rd March	£690.12
Week Beginning	10th March	£1,095.55
Week Beginning	17th March	£715.79
Week Beginning	24th March	£175.35
Week Beginning	31st March	£403.54

Our thanks to everyone who has helped us by giving faithfully and generously towards our costs of mission, ministry and maintenance.

During this unprecedented challenging time, you can also keep up to date via our website where you can find out about our worship, church life, giving and accessing our monthly parish magazine.



ASHTON ON MERSEY SHOW BAND

(www.aomshowband.co.uk)

This 34-musician band has toured Europe & the USA, playing classical, musicals, jazz & pop music. The band, which celebrated its 50th birthday in 2023, now presents a concert on

**Saturday 19 Oct. starting 7 30pm (doors open 7pm)
at the Civic Centre Alsager (ST7 2AE)**

Tickets £15, available from the Home Coffee Shop, Alsager.

The event includes free refreshments and a raffle.

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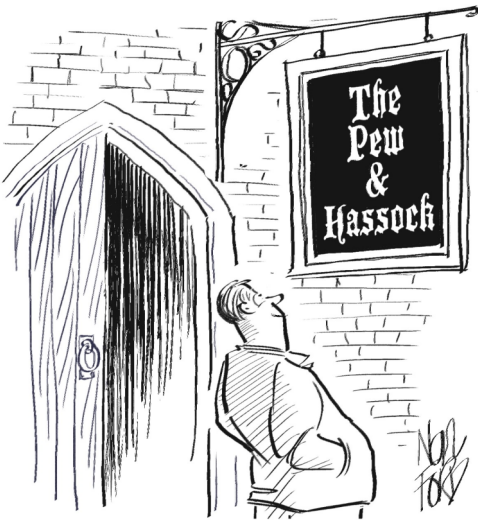
Supporting



Laugh lines etcetera...

Walking out

"I hope you didn't take it personally, Reverend," said an embarrassed woman after a church service, "when my husband walked out during your sermon." "I did find it rather disconcerting," the preacher admitted. "It's not a reflection on you, sir," insisted the churchgoer. "Ralph has been walking in his sleep ever since he was a child."



Changing the name from 'St Mark's Parish Church', resulted in a big increase in the number of men attending services

Children's exam papers

The following real-life answers to various exam papers explain why teachers need long holidays...

-What is a nitrate? – Cheaper than a day rate.

-What did Mahatma Gandhi and Genghis Khan have in common? – Unusual names.

-Name one of the early Romans' greatest achievements. – Learning to speak Latin.

-How does Romeo's character develop throughout the play? – It doesn't, it's just self, self, self, all the way through.

-Name the wife of Orpheus, whom he attempted to save from the underworld. – Mrs Orpheus.

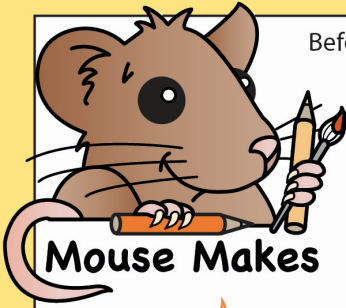
-Where was the American Declaration of Independence signed? – At the bottom.

-State three drawbacks of hedgerow removal. – All the cows will escape. The cars drive into the fields. There is nowhere to hide.

-What is the meaning of the word varicose? – Close by.

-What is a fibula? – A little lie.

-Where was Hadrian's Wall built? Around Hadrian's garden.



Mouse Makes



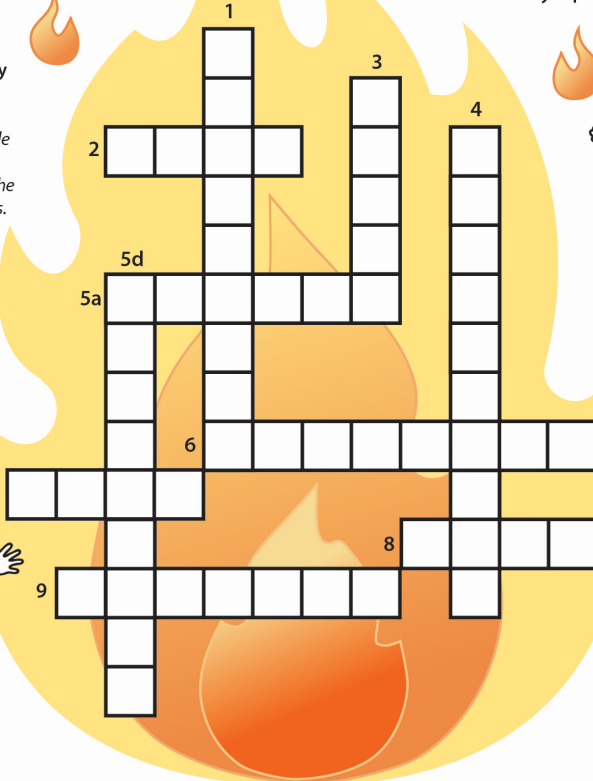
READ the story of Pentecost in Acts 1-2
Look up the Bible verses to find the answers to the crossword clues.

How many words can you make from the letters of:
DAY OF PENTECOST



Before Jesus ascended to heaven he told his disciples
"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witness in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth"...

...When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit."



- 1 After Jesus ascended into heaven, which city did the Apostles return to? *Acts 1:12*
- 2 What appeared? Tongues of ...? *Acts 2:3*
- 3 Who spoke to the crowd? *Acts 2:14*
- 4 What were the disciples filled with? *Acts 2:4*
- 5a What did the Apostles devote themselves to? *Acts 1:14*
- 5d Which special day was it? *Acts 2:1*
- 6 Who was chosen to replace Judas? *Acts 1:26*
- 7 Who had prophesied this? *Acts 2:16*
- 8 What rushing sound came from heaven? *Acts 2:2*

Recycling & Green Living Tips

How to reduce microplastic pollution in your laundry



Your laundry could be leaking microplastics. Microplastics have been linked to heart attacks, fertility issues and cancer - and are found everywhere from clouds to our bloodstreams. These tiny plastic particles come from larger plastics that have broken down, with synthetic clothing a key culprit. Humans consume up to 52,000 microplastic particles per year, according to a 2019 study by scientists in Canada.

1. The type of fabric

Polyester garments shed the most - up to 1,900 fibres per wash. Clothing and textiles made of upcycled single-use plastics are problematic, even though they are seen as environmentally friendly. The property of fabrics also impacts shedding, with tightly woven fabrics with longer fibres less likely to emit high levels of microplastics. Nylon fares

better, shedding around eight times less than polyester. Most pieces of clothing shed the worst on their first wash. Another reason to opt for quality clothes that you can reuse for a long time, rather than buying into throwaway fast fashion.

2. The wash temperature

Cooler wash cycles could reduce the amount of microfibrils that shed. It's easier on your clothes and can help them to last longer. Cotton cycles that run at high temperatures of around 60°C with a high spin rate place more stress on clothing leading microfibrils to shed.

3. The load

Full loads also help to reduce friction on clothing, further lowering microplastic shedding.

4. Drying

Air-drying clothes on a washing line prevents further microplastic leakage caused by using a tumble dryer.

5. Detergent

Washing powder can increase microfibre shedding, so using less can help make a wash more sustainable. Two tablespoons per load for clean clothes is advised. Avoid pods

coated in PVA which dissolves in water. This is neither safe nor biodegradable as has been claimed. Opt for plastic-free detergent brands and shop at refill stations to reduce your impact.

6. Filters

Filters that catch microfibres can be installed in washing machines. In 2020, France mandated that every new washing machine must have one of these by 2025. A similar law has been introduced in Australia and campaigners are calling for it to be introduced in the UK too. They retain up to 90 per cent of microfibres and can be retrofitted onto an existing washing machine. They must be cleaned regularly with fibres being deposited in waste disposal. If you are purchasing a new clothes washer, opt for one with a microfibre filter built in. Front loading washing machines have also been found to release fewer fibres due to their softer tumbling motion.

The World's E-Waste Has Reached a Crisis Point

A new UN report finds that humanity is generating 137 billion

pounds of TVs, smartphones, and other e-waste a year—and recycling less than a quarter of it. If you can't repair it and have to discard it, the device will become e-waste, joining an alarmingly large mountain of defunct TVs, fridges, washing machines, cameras, routers, electric toothbrushes, headphones.

This electrical and electronic equipment aka EEE i.e. anything with a plug or battery is increasingly out of control. In 2022, humanity churned out 137 billion pounds of e-waste—more than 17 pounds for every person on Earth—and recycled less than a quarter of the equipment.

Humanity must quickly bump up those recycling rates, the report stresses. So make sure you repair your devices when possible and recycle when they are finished with. Most recycling centres have bins for electronic and electric waste.

Happy recycling

Carol Henshaw

All Saints' Community Page

Audley Male Voice Choir Evening 13th April



What a wonderful evening we had at a sell-out concert by Audley Male Voice Choir, raising funds for our 'Divine Relief fund (installing an inside toilet in the church and Reordering project).

The choir were superb, singing a wide range of well known pieces. We also heard a variety of works performed by the Musical

Director Christopher Cromar, on the church pipe organ. A special mention to accompanist Anna Chiu and soloist Doug Parker. The penultimate piece was a rousing rendition of Jerusalem, when both Choir and Audience stood to sing. After the concert refreshments were served, much conversation could be heard as people enjoyed fellowship and friendship at the end of the evening. We would like to give thanks to all the volunteers who worked hard to make this such a successful event. An amazing circa £2000.00 was raised for the fund.

Churchyard Update



Work carries on in the churchyard from clearing the paths, weeding and planting in the flower beds to construction work repairing the path on the

East Corner of the church. Many thanks to our volunteers carrying out this important maintenance. Do join us on a Tuesday and or a Thursday 10am to 12pm followed by a very welcome cup of tea or coffee.



Diane, Pat and Carol working away, do take a look and see what a wonderful area they have created.

Paul and Michael (taking photo) Doing what they love, working with flags and bricks again!

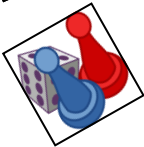
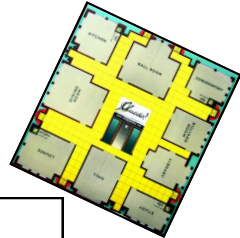


Diary Dates

**Tuesday 28th May 7pm Bring and Share Meal
Including a welcome to Ruth and Solomon from Kenya and
their work for ICFEM– see page 11**

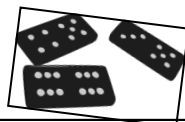
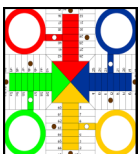
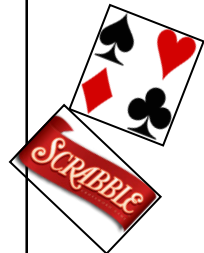
**D-Day weekend Thursday to Sunday 6th– 9th June see article
on pages 10& 11 with more details to follow next month.**

**Friday 19th July 7pm Murder Mystery and Bring and Share
Supper**



Fancy a game of Logo,
Dominoes, Rummikub, Snakes
and Ladders,
Ludo, Scabble or other games.

Then come and join us on
14th May
(due to Bank Holiday)
Enjoy a challenge or
teach others.



All Saints' Church Lawton is open daily

The church is open daily for private prayer 10am to 3pm.

Come in and spend a few quiet moments in the tranquil and peaceful setting. There is a prayer station at the front of church or simply choose a pew.



Morning Prayer at All Saints'

Rev Sister Heather Kemball warmly invites you to join her for Morning Prayer at 8.30am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Prayer for May 2024

Dear Lord,

May, the loveliest of months – and this year, as we welcome the blossom and the beauty of late Spring, we also welcome Your Holy Spirit afresh, as we celebrate Pentecost.

May we open our hearts to receive Your Spirit, as Your people did on that first Day of Pentecost. May we be filled and empowered and emboldened to witness to Your goodness and love.

May we be transformed by Him and reflect Your transforming grace to the broken world in which we live. May people who meet us ask, "What does this mean?" May they turn to You and hear You speaking in ways they can understand.

Without Your Holy Spirit we can do nothing. With Him living in us, we can do all things.

Come Holy Spirit, come to us, we pray,

In Jesus' name.

Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

Bible Readings for May Services

Date	Epistle	Gospel
5th	Acts 10.44-48	John 15.9-17
12th	Acts 1.15-17,21-26	John 17.6-19
19th	Acts 2. 1 - 21	John 15. 26 & 27, 16. 5 - 15
26th	Ezekiel 37. 1 - 14	John 3. 1 - 17

Meru's Answers

Sally bought a bracelet for £21 which she then resold for £25. She unwisely accepted a cheque from the purchaser for £35 and gave them £10 change. She then gave the cheque to her landlord, but it bounced. She had to borrow a further £35 to pay the rent. How much money has actually lost? **Ans= £31. She has lost the £21 originally spent on the bracelet plus the £10 she gave as change. She failed to make the £4 profit she hoped for, but this cannot count as money lost.**

A train takes 2 seconds to enter a tunnel which is 2km long, if the train is travelling at 180km per hour, how long will it take to pass completely through the tunnel? **Ans= Travelling at 180km an hour, the train would take 20 seconds to travel 1km and therefore 40 seconds to travel 2km, plus 2 seconds for the complete train to pass any point, making a total of 42 seconds.**

A man walks into a bar and immediately falls unconscious. Why? **It was an iron bar.**



Please send any material for inclusion in the June edition of Lawton Light!

by May the 10th

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Services & Speakers May 2024

	8.30am	10.45am	6.00pm
5th	Easter 6		
	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Service of the Word
	Martin Oram	Martin Oram	Margaret Cruxton
12th	Sunday after Ascension		
		Praise & Prayer	Holy Communion
		Bev Boulton	Martin Oram
19th	Pentecost		
	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Evening Prayer
	Heather Kemball	Heather Kemball	Bev Boulton
26th	Trinity		
		Praise and Prayer	Holy Communion
		Margaret Cruxton	Margaret Cruxton



May Rotas

Date	Time	Service	Readers	Prayers
5th May	8.30am	Holy Communion		
	10.45am	Holy Communion	Margaret Mellor Ruth Griffiths	Jane Baker
	6.00pm	Service of the Word	Jane Baker Chris Preston	Jane Baker
12th May	9.00am	Messy Church		
	10.45am	Praise & Prayer	Di Williams Linda Jones	Ian Massey
	6.00pm	Holy Communion CW	Kieran Hutchinson Harold Dowler	Margaret Cruyton
19th May	8.30am	Holy Communion		
	10.45am	Holy Communion	Janet Parker Paul Cruyton	Yvonne Banks
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Bev Boulton Kieran Hutchinson	Harold Dowler
26th May	10.45am	Praise & Prayer	Mel Nixon Alan Kemball	Bev Nixon
	6.00pm	Holy Communion BCP	Margaret Cruyton Chris Preston	Heather Kemball



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