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# UNITED BENEFICE OF BERROW WITH PENDOCK ELDERSFIELD HOLLYBUSH AND BIRTSMORTON

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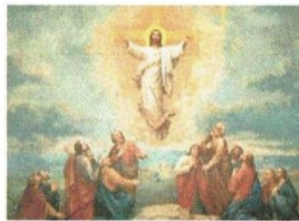
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Dear Friends,

The theme of the Ascension has inspired art across the centuries. Finishing His earthly life, Jesus passes from this world to be with God. He has assigned to His disciples the task of announcing the Gospel and has promised to send His Helper. Amid astonishment and gasps He is then lifted from their sight.

As the apostles stare into space, their astounded gaze is interrupted by the address of the heavenly beings. 'Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw Him go.' (Acts 1: 6 – 14).



While the representation of Christ in the theme of the Ascension has changed over the ages, we still ponder about the mystery and the magnitude of the story. We are clear that Jesus left the work on earth to be carried on by His followers, ourselves. Jesus has not left us for His work to cease but that we are now to actively engage in

the mission of God. We sustain it with prayer and the knowledge that it is a style of life that is focused upon God, with a relationship with His son, Jesus, and the Advocate, guide and helper-the Holy Spirit.

It is interesting that some people consider priests have no 'work' to do because our church buildings are closed. As a Christian, we know that our Grade 2\* listed buildings are both a delight because of their significance, their sacred space, the prayers, occasional offices and worship that has occurred within in them across the centuries. But they are also a burden with their maintenance and upkeep, all requiring a lot time, hard work, fundraising, all carried out with a diminishing numbers of volunteers.

During 'Lock Down', our work as priests has actually increased and we have been termed 'Key workers'. We have sought new ways to serve our local communities, Schools, and the different aspects of our faith life. It is the 'Body of Christ', the people, our faith members across the Berrow Benefice whom we serve in many and varied ways. As we begin to see the loosening of restrictions on our daily lives, we hope and pray that people do continue to engage with their communities with love and compassion. We may soon once again gather in our churches to celebrate with thankfulness for all that has been achieved through the kindness of others.

**John 15:12** "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

Rev'd Julie James





## Prayers for June

Dear God, wherever they may be, be alongside our families and communities affected by the Coronavirus. As Lock Down restrictions are loosened, keep our most vulnerable people safe and support those trying to keep the economy going.

May all important decisions and guidance be made with wisdom and discernment. Guide and protect all key workers and especially those in Care Homes and the NHS.

We pray that your Spirit might inspire those researching new medicines and treatments.

And in the midst of this, keep us strong in faith, hope and love. Grant us the courage and perseverance to be good neighbours.

'Love...bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.'

(1 Corinthians 13:7-8)

Amen.



### **Bible Study**

**When?** Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019

**Where?** TBA or Thistledown. GL19 3PW

**Time?** 10.30 am start, with coffee and biscuits

**What?** Bible reflections

If you are interested, just let me know.

Rev. Julie James

FROM  
THE  
REGISTERS



### **Funerals and Internments**

#### **All Saints Hollybush**

9 <sup>th</sup> April	Herbert Andrew Jeynes
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Gladys May Shail

#### **St John The Baptist Eldersfield**

23rd April	Brian Arthur Anstey
30 <sup>th</sup> April	Raymond Charles Roberts

### **Benefice Office - Working Hours**

#### **Wednesday and Thursday**

**1.30-4.00pm**

For a variety of reasons, I am not always in the Church office on Wednesdays and Thursdays .

**Melanie Roberts**

If you need to visit me, please give a call to check if I am in !

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## **What is Pentecost?**

Pentecost is regarded as the birthday of the Christian Church and the start of the church's mission to the world. Pentecost comes from a Jewish harvest festival called **Shavuot**. The apostles were celebrating this festival when the Holy Spirit descended on them.

It sounded like a very strong wind, and it looked like tongues of fire. The apostles then found themselves speaking in foreign languages, inspired by the Holy Spirit. People passing by at first thought that they must be drunk, but the apostle Peter told the crowd that the apostles were full of the Holy Spirit.

## **What is the Holy Spirit?**

The Holy Spirit is the third part of the **Trinity** of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit that is the way Christians understand God. The symbols of Pentecost are those of the Holy Spirit and include flames, wind, the breath of God and a dove.

## **How is Pentecost celebrated?**

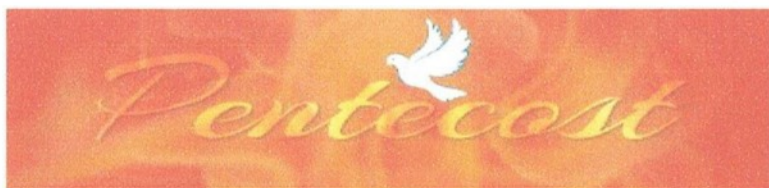
Pentecost is the festival when Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is celebrated on the Sunday 50 days after Easter (the name comes from the Greek *pentekoste*, "fiftieth").

It is also called Whitsun, but does not necessarily coincide with the Whitsun Bank Holiday in the UK.

Pentecost is a happy and joyful festival. Ministers in church often wear robes with red in the design as a symbol of the flames in which the Holy Spirit came to earth.

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## **Pentecost**

When we light a candle,  
we can enjoy its flickering light,  
the warmth it creates,  
a sign of hope in the darkness.

Without the spark that ignites,  
there is no flame.

Without the power of wax,  
the wick will not burn.

Without the flame,  
there is no warmth,

And so it is with us, Lord.

You are the catalyst that ignites us,  
and the fuel that sustains us.

You fill us with your warmth and grace  
as you enter our lives.

You empower us to go forth,  
to carry your flame in our hearts,  
to be the warmth; shining with the light of your love,  
in this dark world.

## Ascension Worksheet

BibleWise

### Jesus Said . . .

What did Jesus say before he returned to heaven? The answer is in the cloud below. Starting with the first letter, write every other letter on the lines below.



G S O T I B N R T Y O M A P L W L C T Z H N E L W  
Q O V R G L S D T A V N A D W P Q R M E U A D C X  
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Mark 16:15

Bible Activities For Everyone by Betty De Vries and Mary Currier. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books Publisher, 1999.

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# “JUST FOR FUN” QUIZ

We have all been thinking a lot about food and drink during “lockdown”... so instead of a recipe this month, try your hand at a sort of food quiz; sorry, just for fun, no prizes! Answers are well known items of food and drink from all over the British Isles. Correct answers next month.

Examples: (a) Cumberland..... (7) Answer: Sausage; (b) Scotland.....(6,6) Answer: Scotch Whisky

		Answer
1	Yorkshire.....(7)	
2	Newcastle.....(5,3)	
3	Dover.....(4)	
4	Wales.....(5,5)	
5	Bakewell.....(4)	
6	Plymouth.....(3)	
7	Cornwall.....(7,7)	
8	Wensleydale .....(6)	
9	Colchester.....(7)	
10	Kendal.....(4-4)	
11	Eccles.....(5)	
12	Wiltshire.....(3)	
13	Aberdeen.....(5,4)	
14	Dublin.....(3,6)	
15	Somerset.....(7,6)	
16	Arbroath.....(7)	
17	Liverpool.....(6)	
18	Shrewsbury.....(8)	
19	Scarborough.....(6)	
20	Lancashire.....(3,3)	
21	Derby.....(6)	
22	Norfolk.....(6)	
23	Cumberland.....(3,6)	
24	Banbury.....(5)	
25	Selkirk.....(7)	
26	Jersey.....(5,8)	
27	Cromer.....(4)	
28	Northumberland.....(7,5)	
29	Bath.....(5,4)	
30	Morecombe.....(3,7)	

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Have you got a recipe that you would like to share? Perhaps something different you have tried out during “lockdown”? If so, please send it by email to [Wyndbrook@googlemail.com](mailto:Wyndbrook@googlemail.com) and it could be published in a future issue of the magazine.



## **Weddings during Coronavirus**

**Many** wedding days have sadly been disrupted by Coronavirus restrictions. Our regular Sunday services are suspended and this poses the immediate problem of the 'qualifying attendance' to be married in a church. Wedding ceremonies can take place if all the legal requirements are in place **BUT** the only people there will be the couple, two witnesses and the officiant. Any gathering afterwards will be severely restricted under the regulations during 'Lock Down.'

## **How we get you legally wed**

We are legally entitled to marry you in a Church of England church through the publication of banns. However, banns can only be published during the principal service of public worship in a parish church on a Sunday. We don't know when we will be able to resume services in church. So, as long as the suspension of services lasts, we can't marry you by banns.

## **Common License**

If you have made the qualifying connection to the Church, you can apply for a Common License to marry with us. We have already explained to our couples who could apply for this and what is involved.



## **Banns, on resumption of services**

Once services resume, it will take us 3 weeks to read your banns, so provided services resume say 4 weeks before your wedding day, that will give us and your home church enough time to read your banns. However, as no one knows when services will be able to resume, this is a high-risk strategy!

## **Civil Ceremony followed by a Blessing in Church**

In the interim, if a Registrar marriage is possible, you could have a civil ceremony and return when the churches are open. You could then have a Church blessing of your marriage which is as similar to a full wedding as we can make it.

## **Conclusion**

Many of our couples have postponed or delayed their marriage dates. We have no clear timetable of when churches will resume services or how marriages can or will be conducted in the future. If Anthea or I can be of any help to you during this decision making process, please do discuss the options with us and your wedding venue hosts. It is an anxious and frustrating time and no-one can predict too far in the future what restrictions, rules or recommendations will be made.

Be safe and keep healthy! May your love for one another be strengthened and bind you closer than ever during this upheaval worldwide.

Rev'd Julie James



## **Local Businesses in a time of Coronavirus**

Our local businesses have also been going the extra mile to help and support our communities, so I've listed those I know about here, please do nominate other businesses I've not come across for future editions.

- Yvonne at Pendock shop is very much open as normal and will do deliveries as and when she can. She can be reached on 01531 650 034
- Neil at the Farmers Arms is doing Neil's on Wheels, meals to be picked up from the pub, and orders can be placed on 01684 833 308
- Les Hill at the top end of Birt Street is selling a wide selection of fruit, veg and bread and is open 10am to 6pm 7 days a week.
- The Rose and Crown at Redmarley are doing take away meals, including Sunday lunch, and frozen meals and can be contacted on 01531 650 234
- Staunton Garden Centre Wide range of groceries - milk, bread, veg, fruit, meat, tea, biscuits, soup, gardening supplies. Open 9 - 4pm, 7 days a week. Follow their Facebook page. Good social distancing markings and spacious car park. Also do deliveries to GL19, GL3 and GL4. See Facebook or call 01452 840612.
- Ben Creese the butcher is doing a delivery service and can be contacted on 01452 840510 or via their website [www.countrybutchers.co.uk](http://www.countrybutchers.co.uk)

- **ASHLEWORTH HUB.** Range of goods including dairy, fruit and veg, bakery, meat, eggs, dry goods. Follow 'Ashleworth village shop and post office' on Facebook. Order by phone 01452 700165 or email [Arkwright@ashleworthhub.com](mailto:Arkwright@ashleworthhub.com)
- **BROMSBERROW Shop.** Open 7 days, 9 - 11.30am, 4 - 6pm. Most items. See their Facebook page. Tel 01531 650447. Delivering locally.

### **From the Diocesan Web Site**

#### **A selection of articles posted on the Diocesan Web Site**

An article from the Archdeacon of Worcester:

<https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/2020/04/30/heaven-ordinarysomething-understood/>

#FaithAtHome launched by the Church of England:

<https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/2020/04/30/faithathome-launched-church-england/>

A free worship phone line has been launched:

<https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/2020/04/27/free-worship-phone-line-has-been-launched/>

Does workplace chaplaincy make a difference?

<https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/2020/04/27/does-workplace-chaplaincy-make-difference/>



### **Funerals during restrictions due to Coronavirus**

We are here to help, so do get in touch to discuss details but sadly, we are unable to offer a service in church due to the Coronavirus restrictions

#### **What type of funeral can we have at the moment?**

We are able to offer a burial or interment of ashes service at the graveside. We will always aim to make it as reverent and appropriate as possible.

#### **Who can attend?**

Only the immediate family of the person will be allowed to gather at the graveside e.g. partner or spouse, parents and children only. Due to age or underlying health conditions, some people must not attend. 5 people is the suggested number, socially distanced but you will need to discuss your own particular circumstances with your officiating minister and Funeral Director.

#### **What about a service at a Crematorium?**

Each crematorium is operating under its own particular guidelines, so you will need to liaise with your Crematorium and Funeral Director to see what is possible.

#### **Could we have a second service at a later date?**

Absolutely. Once the current restrictions are lifted, we would be happy to assist in organizing a memorial service or service of thanksgiving for your loved one, which all



who wished to remember and give thanks for their life would be able to attend.

**What if I am unable to attend the funeral service?**

Sad though it is not to be able to be there for the service itself, there are things that you can do from a distance while it is happening;

- Why not take a few moments to think, write, or draw some of your memories of the person? Later you may be able to share that with others at a special memorial service.
- You can still pray at home, maybe with a candle lit by a special photo of the person – we can give you some prayers if you wish **or go to our website or the main Church of England website**
- You could also read a poem at home or look at Psalm 23
- You could write a card to others who are missing the person you are grieving.
- Remember that when this crisis is over [and it will pass] there will always be services both formal or informal for remembering that can be organised by the local church.
- You can light a 'virtual' candle via the:-  
[www.churchofengland.org/funeral-candle](http://www.churchofengland.org/funeral-candle)

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Thursday	8:00am - 6:00pm*	09:00am - 4:00pm
Friday	8:00am - 6:00pm*	09:00am - 1:00pm
Saturday	8:00am - 1:00pm	Closed
Sunday	8:30am - 11:00am	Closed

\* Closed 1:00pm - 2:00pm

**Tel: 01531 650034**

***USE IT OR LOSE IT!***



## 2020 Health Advice

**COVID-19 is a new illness that can affect your lungs and airways. It's caused by a virus called coronavirus.**

**Stay at home if you have coronavirus either symptoms**

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.
- Use the 111 online coronavirus service to find out what to do.
- Stay at home for minimum 7 days
- Stay at home for 14 days if either you or someone you live with have the symptoms, count from when symptoms began

**Stay at home** if over 70, if you are at risk with underlying medical problems or if you are pregnant.

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus Christ,  
you taught us to love our neighbour,  
and to care for those in need  
as if we were caring for you.  
In this time of anxiety, give us strength  
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,  
and to assure the isolated of your love. **Amen.**

# Benefice Diary

**Please note that all meetings planned below  
are on Webex for now until further advice**

Date	Event	Venue
June 2	<b>Safeguard Training</b>	Postponed
3	Church Wardens Admission Service	Postponed until Autumn
6	Pendock Church and School Fete	Deferred
14	Eldersfield Musical Evening	Postponed
27	Worcester Diocesan Synod	Zoom - 10.00am
July 8	Standing Committee	7.30pm Webex
15	Birtsmorton & Hollybush PCC	2.30pm Webex
22	Berrow and Pendock PCC	7.30pm Webex
August 15	Family BBQ	Deferred
26	Eldersfield PCC	7.30pm by phone/Webex
September 5	Hollybush Fete	TBA

If you have any additional dates, please contact Mel Roberts at home phone number, or Rev'd Julie James.