

# The Benefice of Steep and Froxfield with Privett

NEWS SHEET

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020

⊕ Day of Pentecost / Whit Sunday

## COLLECT

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,  
ignite in us your holy fire;  
strengthen your children with the gift of  
faith,  
revive your Church with the breath of love,  
and renew the face of the earth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## POST-COMMUNION

Faithful God,  
who fulfilled the promises of Easter  
by sending us your Holy Spirit  
and opening to every race and nation  
the way of life eternal:  
open our lips by your Spirit,  
that every tongue may tell of your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

COLLECT AND POST-COMMUNION PRAYER



PRAYERS FROM THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION



SUNDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY  
10am Benefice Worship from Stroud Church,  
John Owen  
Readings:  
*Acts 2.1-21; John 20.19-23*

WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE

5pm Evening Prayers at home  
with Susie Collingridge



## LET US PRAY FOR...

**the Anglican Church of Melanesia**, The Most Revd Leonard Dawea, Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Melanesia and Bishop of Temotu;

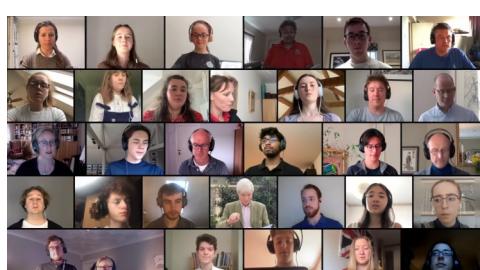
**The Diocesan Secretary** Victoria James, also furloughed colleagues, hospital chaplains, front-line and key workers; and the officers of the Petersfield Deanery: Area Dean Jane Ball, Lay Chair Vanda Leary; Secretary Kate Lloyd-Jones; Treasurer Mark Turner; and Sub-warden of Readers Eleanor Childs (PtO);

**the congregations and parishioners** of St Matthew, Blackmoor and Whitehill, and their ministry team led by Dominic Clarke and Alice Wood.



Join Bishop Christopher today as he leads a special Day of Pentecost service on YouTube to close the diocesan celebration of Thy Kingdom Come 2020.

7pm  
Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/PortsmouthDiocese>



In your own time...enjoy this Virtual Choral Evensong from a couple of weeks ago: <https://www.therodolfusfoundation.org.uk/virtual-evensong>

## Zoo-mmm!

MANY PEOPLE ENJOYED ZOOMING in for coffee after the 10am benefice worship on YouTube last Sunday. Our "Victorious Vicar of Video" succeeded, after an initial chat all together, in grouping us into break-out rooms so that more natural conversations between five or six people could be held. This was a lot easier than trying to converse with a large number of people - and generated some helpful tips for Zooming, so that it doesn't end up like a Zoo! For example:

- 🎬 Before the meeting check your camera position to ensure that it **shows your face** (ie neither a bright light behind you such as a window, nor the focal point being a knee, tummy or table.)
- 🎬 It might be beneficial when joining the meeting to have your computer audio on **Mute**, so that mutterings with technology (or other) and "noises off" are not heard... Some people like to stay on Mute until they wish to talk.
- 🎬 Keep on an **even keel**! If you can keep your device stationary, rather than moving it around during the gathering, it gives other Zoom-ers a better experience!

## The Coming of the Holy Spirit

**W**hen the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’ All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’

### Peter Addresses the Crowd

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: “In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,

and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

## Jesus Appears to the Disciples

**W**hen it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’



Open our ears, glorious Lord Christ  
to hear the music of your voice  
above the chaos of the world.

Open our eyes to see the vision of your glory  
for you are our King now and forever.

Amen



**CHURCH IS NOT A BUILDING**, nor is it not! Both the buildings and God’s ministry are so important, as the poem (which I have “de-located” hopefully not to the author’s chagrin) and comment below, show:

### Inside Outside

Where is the empty church? On \_\_\_\_\_ Hill,  
down \_\_\_\_\_ Marsh, on \_\_\_\_\_ Road,  
In \_\_\_\_\_ on the corner, empty until  
the all-clear sirens wail the end of the raid.

Inside, Spring sunbeams strike the floor,  
dust settles, spiders roam the cool quiet.  
God sits in silence. A draught slips past the door,  
His public place impenetrably private.

We are at home, connected by wires and wavelengths,  
roadblocked by fear and love and social edict,  
counselled and comforted but lost, the wealth  
of the world unspent, its fruit unpicked.

While we are inside, anxious, wondering,  
God has gone outside and painted the sky with blue,  
taken from stained glass windows,  
broad brushed a day for us to do.

Graham Norman

I have been enjoying tuning into  
the Sunday 10am services. The closure of churches  
has been a distressing feature of the last so many weeks  
...but I was excited by venturing back into a church  
building [virtually] at last!

Benefice parishioner

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