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29th May 2022: 7th Sunday of Easter
Sunday: Year C, Weekdays: Easter Season



Fr Tony writes:

As we approach Pentecost and the celebration of Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee we may wonder how we might link such things. One link is that of 'anointing'. In the Bible priests, prophets and kings are all anointed, and this comes to be a sign of the gift of the Holy Spirit. When David is anointed King by Saul we are told, "The Spirit of the Lord seized upon David from that day forward" (1 Samuel 13:13). In the Old Testament the Holy Spirit is generally only seen as given to a select few. But in the New Testament the gift of the Spirit is seen as the basic mark of the Christian. And of course we all receive the gift of the Holy Spirit at Baptism. When children are baptised they are symbolically anointed with Chrism, and reminded that they are united to Christ, "priest, prophet and king". This is in anticipation of Confirmation, when we are given the gift of the Spirit in a new way. This new way is primarily being given the gifts of the Spirit in order to live out our Christian life of mission and service.

It is here we find the link between the particular charism given to Queen Elizabeth and the general gift of the Holy Spirit. For in both cases the gift is given for Service. As St Paul writes to the Corinthians:

There are many different gifts, but it is always the same Spirit; there are many different ways of serving, but it is always the same Lord. There are many different forms of activity, but in everybody it is the same God who is at work in them all. The particular manifestation of the Spirit granted to each one is to be used for the general good (1 Corinthians 12:4-8).

In our modern world, it is understood that rulers govern by consent, rather than divine right. But we also understand that the Lord calls people to different forms of service, including government, and gives them appropriate gifts to perform that service. Even republicans will generally admit that Queen Elizabeth has given us a remarkable example of service throughout her life. As we reflect on her 70 years of service, let us pray for a new outpouring of the Spirit in our own lives that we may better serve the Lord in whatever way he calls us.



Calling All Bakers! 🍰

As you know by now, we are holding a celebration for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Sunday 5th June (also the feast of Pentecost of course!). As part of this, we would love to have a special celebration cake.

Are there any keen cake makers in the Parish who would like to volunteer to make this cake for us please? It would need to be big enough to feed around 40 - 50 people.

If you can help, please either contact the Parish Office or talk to one of the Pastoral Team (Pauline, Helen, or Trish). Thank you ☺

Day retreat – St Benedict for Today

Saturday 25th June. The monks of Worth Abbey based in East Brighton invite you to a Day Retreat introducing Benedictine insights for lay people, to be held at St Martha's Convent, Rottingdean, BN2 7HA. Time: 10 – 3pm. Please bring your own lunch. Teas and Coffees provided. Donations on the day to St Martha's. Book your place via, brightonmonks@worth.org.uk or phone, 07444 802368.

Cleaner Wanted

We are looking for someone to clean St George's Hall on Court Farm Road, Hove. The job would include cleaning of the church hall, kitchen and toilets. Approximately eight hours a week, pay from £10 an hour depending on experience. A full job description is available from the Parish Office. Email: westhove@abdiocese.org.uk for more information.



Please Pray For: All who are sick in the parish, especially Andrew Duncan, Elizabeth Smith and Jean Ryan. Those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time. A list of sick parishioners can be found on the parish website, as well as those whose anniversaries occur this month.

Music Practice

For singers, choir, musicians
 EVERY THURSDAY 19:00 hrs at St Theresa's
 All are welcome!
 This is for St George's as well as St Theresa's

Support the people of Ukraine

You can give to CAFOD's Appeal at:
cafod.org.uk/Give.
 To access Reset's website go to:
www.homesforukraine.org.uk.
 Find out more about the Government's Homes for Ukraine initiative:
homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk.
 Find out about the Family Scheme Visa visit:
www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-a-ukraine-family-scheme-visa.

Invited Novena: 27 May – 4 June

We encourage you to join in our diocesan-wide Novena to the Holy Spirit, building from Ascension to Pentecost. Don't worry about joining in a bit late! To sign up, go to:
<https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/whgsjpng>.

I did promise to give you my new home telephone number last week. However, there was a hitch, (the supplier messed up, mentioning no names) so it will now be sometime in June. For now just leave messages on the answerphone. Outside of office hours I get them via email!!



Weekly Timetable

Saturday 28th May	11am-3pm "Open House" 4:45- 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	3 Chalky Road BN41 2WF
Sunday 29th May 7th Sunday of Easter	9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	All Parishioners
Tuesday 31st May <i>Visitation</i>	10am Mass, St George's	
Wednesday 1st June <i>St Justin</i>	7:30pm Mass, St Theresa's <i>Adoration to 21:00</i>	Mary Wipped RIP
Thursday 2nd June Sts Peter & Marcellinus	10am Mass, St George's	
Friday 3rd June <i>St Charles Lwanga & Companions</i>	10am Mass, St Theresa's	
Saturday 4th June Novena	4:45- 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	
Sunday 5th June Pentecost Sunday	12pm Mass, St George's <i>followed by Parish Celebration in the hall</i>	All Parishioners

Parking at St George's

Please could we ask that you park responsibly when attending services at St George's. Please do not block the pavements and be considerate of wheelchair users, buggies & pedestrians. Could we also remind you that the car park opposite the church is for residents use only. Please be mindful of our neighbours. Thank you.

DEC Humanitarian Pilates Fundraiser

To help raise funds for this appeal, Barbara Walman is running a Pilates session at St George's Church Hall on Friday 17th June, from 6-7 pm. All proceeds will go to the DEC. You can make your donation online via justgiving or you can donate cash on the day.

Special Collections 2022

This weekend's second collection (29th May) will be for:
 World Communication Sunday



The Welcome Directory

HELPING FAITH COMMUNITIES WELCOME PEOPLE LEAVING PRISON

Prison Awareness Course

Discover about the needs of prison leavers and how your Faith Community can help unlock their "second prison"

3 sessions via Zoom: 7:30pm on
 Thursday 9th, 16, and 23rd June



Cost: Up to 3 free places for faith communities who have or intend to register with The Welcome Directory. £20 all others.

Register now: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/324764879497>

More details: james@welcomedirectory.org.uk

The Welcome Directory is a list of places of worship, available to prisoners who are being released, where they know they will be welcome to come to worship. Many prisoners either come to faith or rediscover their faith in prison, but when they come out of prison struggle to find somewhere they can fit in. Those who do find a welcoming worshipping community are much less likely to fall back into old ways. The Directory comes recommended by Bishop Richard, who, as you may know, is the Bishop who 'looks after' prison chaplaincy for the Bishops Conference.

I would very much like one or both of our churches to be able to sign up for this. To do so we need a number of people to have done the course. If you think you can help, or want to find out more, please contact Juliette in the parish office. Juliette has done the course herself, and so will be able to explain it better than me!