



**24th May 2026.**  
 We extend a warm welcome to  
 Kathy Dymond and to all our  
 members, friends and visitors.



**For meditation:** *Be the beginning, O God, of all our good, the wellspring of all our love and the source of all our freedom. Let your grace work in us, your will be done through us and your protection be over us. Mary Ward (1585 -1645)*

**NEWS AND VIEWS**

Today is Whitsun or Pentecost as it is now more widely known – celebrated 50 days after Easter. It celebrates the day when the apostles received the Holy Spirit, accompanied by tongues of fire and rushing winds, as they waited and prayed together in Jerusalem. Empowered by the Spirit, the apostles began their great missionary work to spread the gospel – as a result Pentecost is referred to as the birthday of the church. It is also the name of the Jewish festival of ‘Shavout’ or Spring Harvest, 50 days after Passover. It celebrates the first fruits of the field and also commemorates the giving of the law to Moses on Mount Sinai.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** – today we wish Lara Kenny every blessing on this her 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday. We also keep the family in our prayers as they anticipate the arrival of a second child in the near future.

**A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK**

Lord, on this day of Pentecost, you gave your people miraculous gifts. We thank you that the same Spirit is here with us now. We gaze on you with adoration, hardly daring to believe that you can give us these same gifts today. And yet, deep within, we feel that glow reflecting you. We bless you, Lord, for we are indeed blessed.

*We are praying this week for the staff and residents of MHA Stratton House, Bath.*

**LECTIONARY READINGS** – 31st May

Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a  
 Psalm 8  
 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13  
 Matthew 28: 16 -20

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each one of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2: 1 -4

**DIARY**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May**

**Box Revels**  
 We are supporting our friends at St Thomas’s serving teas (and cake) in the Pavilion. The monies raised will go to their HOPE project. If you are at the Rec do drop by for a cuppa.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May**

**Café** 9.30 –12 noon  
 All welcome

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May**

**Afternoon tea party** 3.00pm  
 at Michael’s - in aid of Home Start.

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

**Morning Worship** 11.00am  
 led by Rupert Kaye

**Early warnings** – the next Leadership team meeting will be held in the church on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 12 noon. The next Ecumenical meeting will be held in the church on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 3.30pm.

As the dove gently settles on the tree,  
 receive the gift of peace.  
 As the flame rises free with light and  
 warmth,  
 receive the gift of life.  
 As the wind moves and dances round the  
 earth,  
 receive the gracious gift of the Spirit.

Unsleeping friend,  
 when I come to end of my strength  
 and my work has no blessing in it,  
 help me to remember you,  
 to reach for the hand of a friend  
 and find your love is there.

Bernard Thorogood

*Faith does nothing alone – nothing of itself, but everything under God, by God, through God.*  
 John Stoughton

