

Dear all

This coming Sunday is the 7th Sunday of Easter, sometimes called the Sunday after Ascension. It is one of those in-between days. On Ascension Day, we remember Jesus breathing the Holy Spirit onto/into His disciples. On Pentecost, we celebrate the fulness of that Holy Spirit coming in power. This Sunday we are in-between these two events. It is a time of waiting, of expectation, perhaps of some apprehension and confusion. This is something we will be exploring a bit in our own context in the sermon – which will also be my report for the Annual Church Meeting.

I have attached a pdf copy of the [Annual Report and Accounts](#) to this email. We will be printing a few copies off on the day, but hope to manage with a minimum for cost and environmental reasons.

(Also attached are: (1) [Minutes of 2020 APCM](#) and (2) [Agenda for 2021 APCM](#) – JW)

The readings for tomorrow's service will be Ezekiel 36: 24-28; Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26; and John 17: 6-19.

We will be singing the hymns 'Crown him with many crowns' and 'Jesus Christ is waiting'.

[Crown Him With Many Crowns - Westminster Abbey - YouTube](#)

[Jesus Christ is Waiting \[with lyrics for congregations\] - YouTube](#)

The Psalm for the day is Psalm 1.

Firstly, Anglican chant:

[Psalm 1 with words and illustrations \(Anglican Chant\) - YouTube](#)

And the Sons of Korah version

[Psalm 1 - Sons of Korah - YouTube](#)

An interesting version has Hebrew followed immediately by English (the English doesn't scan as well!)

[Psalm 1 - Hebrew/English - Full Psalm Set To Music - Original Song - YouTube](#)

The Bible study group continues on Thursday, and we will be looking at Mark's Gospel, chapter 8. New members are welcome. It is not a particularly academic study, though occasional insights are shared. More important is the discussion of how the text impacts and applies to our everyday Christian life. The link is <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8109399155?pwd=STVVU44RzJxTFFHbTY1Mnl0bjJZz09>

Meeting ID: 810 939 9155

Passcode: 1w2C9a

A reminder that this week is Christian Aid Week. As we can't do the usual house-to-house collections, it almost seems to have disappeared from our consciousness I've certainly seen no adverts about it. Christian Aid is due to lose a lot of its funding this year. I would encourage anyone who usually gives, especially if you give via an envelope, to consider giving online.

Dorothy Harriss, our local organiser, writes:

As Christian Aid Week approaches, I'd normally be persuading everyone to help fundraise in some way. As was the case last year, we are still very restricted in what we can do to both enjoy ourselves and raise money for this important Christian charity, celebrating 75years of active service this year.

I have therefore created an e-envelope, through which you can, if you are able to, make a donation to help people in Kenya suffering not only Covid-19 but severe drought. They do not have the luxury of running water supplied to their home, nor are they likely to be offered a vaccine any time soon. With thankful hearts for the blessings we tend to take entirely for granted, I urge you to be as generous as you can be.

<https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/the-deepings-ca-group?channel=copy>

Today's musical offerings focus on the arrival of the Holy Spirit:

Come Holy Ghost by Attwood.

[Come Holy Ghost - YouTube](#)

And an accompanied version of the Plainchant (a sin to many purists!).

[Come Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire \(Tune: Veni, Creator Spiritus\) \[with lyrics for congregations\] - YouTube](#)

Looking back to Ascension Day:

[Let All The World In Every Corner Sing \(Ralph Vaughan Williams\) - King's College Cambridge - YouTube](#)

Or Purcell:

[O God, the King of glory, Z. 34 - YouTube](#)



Stay safe.

Blessings and love

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