

29th May 2020

Dear all

Yesterday I went over to the church to ring the bell for the final Clap for Carers session. I decided to combine it with Evening Prayer. However, when I clicked on to my Daily Prayer app, due to the lateness of the hour, it defaulted to Night Prayer, or Compline as it is sometimes known. If you are not familiar with it, Compline is the final of the 7 monastic hours (services) of the day – the 4th in the Church of England liturgy (Morning Prayer, Midday Prayer, Evening Prayer & Night Prayer). It is a wonderfully peaceful service, bringing the day to a very suitable conclusion.

I was particularly struck by one of the closing prayers of the service:

Come, O Spirit of God,
and make within us your dwelling place and home.
May our darkness be dispelled by your light,
and our troubles calmed by your peace;
may all evil be redeemed by your love,
all pain transformed through the suffering of Christ,
and all dying glorified in his risen life.
Amen.

If you wish to follow the services of the day, the Daily Offices, they can be found at

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

I was going to put another piece in this letter about children's hymns, but John Worthington reminded me that the latest church magazine is due now, so I passed that over as the Vicar's bit for the magazine. The magazine (and all past issues) can be seen at

<https://www.dsj.org.uk/magazine/index.html>

The Bible Society have produced a couple of resources for Pentecost. The 1st is a short article linking Acts 2 with Genesis 11, showing how Pentecost is Babel in reverse.

https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/bible-articles/pentecost-when-babel-went-into-reverse/?source_code=92721_t2&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2020-05-29%20%20Newsletter%20%20Celebrate%20Pentecost%20this%20Sunday&utm_content=2020-05-29%20%20Newsletter%20%20Celebrate%20Pentecost%20this%20Sunday+CID_e9032e75ce3dd563b7b84fb185515f17&utm_source=Campaign%20Monitor&utm_term=Pentecost%20When%20Babel%20went%20into%20reverse

The other is **The Journey of the Early Church in 3 ½ minutes** – a fast-paced contemporary-style summary of the birth and early growth of the church.

https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/bible-articles/the-journey-of-the-early-church-in-3-1-2-minutes/?source_code=92721_t4&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2020-05-29%20%20Newsletter%20%20Celebrate%20Pentecost%20this%20Sunday&utm_content=2020-05-29%20%20Newsletter%20%20Celebrate%20Pentecost%20this%20Sunday+CID_e9032e75ce3dd563b7b84f

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Finally, another link from the Bible Society, for those home-schooling (or anyone who wants resources for children) the excellent Bob Hartman is producing a series of bible stories, on the *Open the Book* style:

https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/homeschool-resources/?source_code=92721_s1t1&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2020-05-29%20%20Newsletter%20%20Celebrate%20Pentecost%20this%20Sunday&utm_content=2020-05-29%20%20Newsletter%20%20Celebrate%20Pentecost%20this%20Sunday+CID_e9032e75ce3dd563b7b84fb185515f17&utm_source=Campaign%20Monitor&utm_term=Are%20you%20homeschooling%20at%20the%20moment

I can't remember if I've posted this before, so apologies if I have...



Mrs. Jones got a little too used to watching online worship from home.



Stay safe

Blessings and love

Mark