

Anglican Parish of Avon

Priest in Charge, The Rev Dave Perryman

Sunday 23 May 2021

Day of Pentecost & National Reconciliation Week Thurs. 27 May - 3 June

*Services of Holy Communion at
St Mary's Munro (8.30am)
Holy Trinity Stratford (10am)*



We acknowledge the Gunai Kurnai people as the original inhabitants of this land. We acknowledge their elders past and present and their children who are their hope for the future.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Opening Hymn: 'Breathe on me' – MP 67

1 Breathe on me, breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love all that you love
and do what you would do.

2 Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with you I will one will,
to do and to endure.

3 Breathe on me, breath of God,
and all my life refine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with your fire divine.

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Acknowledgement of Country/Welcome

Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Call to worship

Come, Holy Spirit. Inspire our hearts with your fiery presence!
Let your flame burn within us, stirring us to action.

Come, Holy Spirit. Energize our lives to work for God.

Let your wind of hope swirl around us, lifting and moving us from complacency.

Come, Holy Spirit. Pour your blessing on us.

Let your presence challenge us to proclaim God's presence and love in everything we say and do.

The Sentence

'A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you,' says the Lord God; 'I will put my spirit within you and you shall live.'

(Ezekiel 36.26; 37.14)

Opening prayer

Let us pray,

Almighty God, your Holy Spirit came to Jesus' disciples, hidden in an upper room in Jerusalem. A rushing wind and tongues of fire were the symbols of a new thing happening in their lives. May your Holy Spirit burst into our lives today, encouraging and inspiring us to proclaim boldly the good news of Jesus Christ who offers healing and hope to all people. Amen.

The Confession

The Spirit of truth comes to convict of sin, of righteousness, and of judgement.

Silence for self-reflection

Let us then open our hearts and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Absolution

Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive us our sins,
open our eyes to God's truth,
strengthen us to do God's will
and give us the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayer of the Day

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. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

The First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

² 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.

³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.

⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?'

⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?

⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’

¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’

¹³ But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’

¹⁴ 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.

¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning.

¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘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.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Acts 2. 1-21

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104 – *We will say the Psalm in alternate verses*

26 Lord, how various are your works:
in wisdom you have made them all,
and the earth is full of your creatures.

**27 There is the wide, immeasurable sea:
there move living things without number, great and small;**

28 There go the ships, to and fro:
and there is that Leviathan
whom you formed to sport in the deep.

**29 These all look to you:
to give them their food in due season.**

30 When you give it to them, they gather it:
when you open your hand
they are satisfied with good things.

**31 When you hide your face, they are troubled:
when you take away their breath,
they die and return to their dust.**

32 When you send forth your spirit they are created:
and you renew the face of the earth.

**33 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever:
may the Lord rejoice in his works.**

34 If he look upon the earth, it shall tremble:
if he but touch the mountains, they shall smoke.

**35 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live:
I will praise my God while I have any being.**

36 May my meditation be pleasing to him:
for my joy shall be in the Lord.

The Second Reading

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope.

For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Romans 8.22-27

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Thanks be to God.

Early Talk

The Gospel

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

²⁶ ‘When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷ You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. ⁴ But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. ‘I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵ But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, “Where are you going?” ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: ⁹ about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. ¹² ‘I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. *John 15. 26-27; 16. 4b-15*

For the Gospel of the Lord . . . **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

The Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm the faith of the church:

**We believe in one God,
who made and loves all that is.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was born, lived, died and rose again,
and is coming to call all to account.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who calls, equips and sends out God's people,
and brings all things to their true end.
This is our faith, the faith of the Church:
We believe in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Prayers

Please sit or kneel for prayer as you are able.

Response:

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayers.

At the conclusion of the prayers:

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray,
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom the power,**

**and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Greeting of Peace

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

Alleluia!

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Hymn: 'All over the world' – MP 18

1 All over the world the Spirit is moving,
all over the world as the prophet said it would be;
all over the world there's a mighty revelation
of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

2 All over His Church God's Spirit is moving,
all over His Church as the prophet said it would be;
all over His Church there's a mighty revelation
of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

3 Right here in this place the Spirit is moving,
right here in this place as the prophet said it would be;
right here in this place there's a mighty revelation
of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

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The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And now we give you thanks
that, after he had ascended far above all heavens,
and was seated at the right hand of your majesty,
he sent forth upon the universal Church your holy and life-giving Spirit;
that through his glorious power
the joy of the everlasting gospel might go forth into all the world.

Therefore we proclaim your great and glorious name, saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

**Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.**

**Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.**

**Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread and Communion

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

Let us draw near with faith, to feed on Christ in our hearts with
thanksgiving.

*Please come forward to receive Communion and when receiving feel free
to stand or kneel.*

*Due to COVID our communion will be served in one kind (bread only).
We have gluten free wafers available. Please indicate to the minister if
you would prefer either of these.*

All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

If you are seeking prayer for healing/anointing, please come towards the end of communion and remain kneeling.

For those unable to receive Holy Communion this Sunday, you may like to practice the tradition of 'spiritual communion' as you watch and listen, the following prayer may be helpful:

O Lord Jesus Christ, through your tender mercy grant that as the hem of your garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch your body, so the soul of this your servant may be healed by like faith in you, whom I cannot now sacramentally receive. In union with the faithful at every altar-table in your Church I desire to be united with you and pray that you will come spiritually into my heart. Let nothing ever separate me from your love, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Sending Out of God's People

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.

Father,
we offer ourselves to you
as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.

Announcements

Final Hymn: 'Pentecost Prayer'

1 When this earth was created,
it was God who spoke the word,

and it was done,
gave His warmth to the cold earth,
all was new and all was young,
time had begun,

Chorus:

*Make me warm when I am cold,
make me young when I am old,
move me touch me inside,
let Your love burn in me now.*

2 If I'm rough make me gentle,
if my words are hard and sharp,
soften this heart,
if I'm weak make me stronger,
let me look to You for strength,
to make a new start.

Make me warm...

3 If You speak let me hear You,
help me recognize Your voice everywhere,
if You pass let me see You,
help me know the face is Yours,
help me to care,

Make me warm...

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The Blessing

The Father, out of his great love, has created you.
Jesus Christ, out of his great love, has redeemed you.
The Holy Spirit, out of great love, has lifted and inspired you to go in
peace and service throughout God's world,
proclaiming the good news of peace, love, hope, and joy to all,
may now the blessing of God,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you now and for ever. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

BULLETIN PRAYER POINTS

National Reconciliation Week 27 May to 3 June.

Reconciliation Prayer

Creator Spirit,

All creation once declared your glory,
Your laws were honoured and trusted,
Forgive us our neglect as our country approaches
the most critical moment in its history.

Listen to our prayer as we turn to you,
Hear the cry of our land and its people,
Just as you heard the cry of Jesus,
your Son, on the Cross.

Help us to replace our national shame
With true national pride by restoring the
dignity of our First People whose antiquity is
unsurpassed.

May our faith and trust in you increase.

Only then will our nation grow strong and be
a worthy place for all who wish to make their home in our land.

Amen.

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We pray:-

*For care of the environment and world-wide conscientious efforts to control climate change.

*Eternal Lord God we pray for peace in the world. Especially commend to your mercy the homeless and refugees; those who have been dispossessed and have lost their employment; those whose families have been disrupted and who mourn the loss of loved ones and grieve for loved ones held in political prisons. We pray for the situation in Myanmar and the crimes against humanity suffered by the Uyghurs in North West China. Grant that sane and selfless councils may prevail in these places and rise above the forces of evil, and wherever there is warfare and persecution.

*Especially for the people of India, suffering dreadfully from the scourges of the Covid-19 virus which is out of control in their country. For the medical teams and carers. May international medical relief and food be quickly distributed to all who are suffering.

*For an end to the racial, social, and domestic violence and violence against women and children.

- *We pray for our Diocese, and the churches in our local community.
 - *For Bishop Richard and his family as, he leads the faith-life of the Diocese.
 - *For Dave as he leads the ministry, discipleship, and pastoral caring in our parish, and that we can share the load.
 - *For Emma and their 4 children.
 - *For all who support the op shop. Coordinator Bev, volunteers, and all who donate to our ministry and mission.
 - *For the mainly music team, and for the families who gather here each Thursday morning.
 - *For our Retiring Offertory – Leprosy Mission
- We raise before you now, those who need healing in their lives and give you thanks where healing has taken place.

We pray especially for Ron, Cliff, Nathan, Val, Marion, Paul, Bev, Julie, Liliias, Keith, Ruth, Alice, Emma, Crystal, Daryl, Jan and Mick.

God our Father, we give thanks for the life of Ashley, may he rest in peace and rise in glory. Please grant your loving comfort and peace to his family and friends.

NEWS AND NOTES.

Today, we will celebrate the blessing of our Family Fun Fair finally coming to fruition by gathering for a well-deserved BBQ after the 10am service at Holy Trinity. We hope and pray you can all join with us. Our thanks to the Stratford Lions Club for the use of their BBQ facilities and to Paul, John and Peter for cooking lunch.

Next Sunday, the fifth Sunday, there will be a combined Avon Parish churches service 10am at Holy Trinity.

Unfortunately, we are unable to gather at St Mary's because of the density quotient restrictions on numbers.

Tuesday evening, 7.30pm Parish Council will meet in the Parish Hall.

This Saturday, 29 May, the Avon Parish Women's Fellowship and Craft Day will commence in the Parish Hall at 10am. All are welcome!

Please refer to the following Invitation from St Patricks.

**Invitation to Our Ecumenical Service
30th May 2021 at 2pm
St Patrick's Church**

There have been some changes at St Patrick's School in Stratford. The Multipurpose Room where we have been meeting for years has been turned into a classroom. COVID rules also require schools to limit visitors to essential only, so we are gathering in the Church.

We have also made the decision to gather in the afternoon to avoid a clash with a Stratford Bowls Club Presentation night which involves many of our "regulars"

**Please join us for the liturgy &
afternoon tea.**

National Reconciliation Week, Thursday 27 May to 3 June.

Reconciliation Australia's theme for 2021, *More than a word. Reconciliation takes action*, urges the reconciliation movement towards braver and more impactful action.

Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians – as individuals, families, communities, organisations and importantly as a nation. At the heart of this journey are relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We all have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures, and futures. This year, 2021 marks twenty years of Reconciliation Australia and almost three decades of Australia’s formal reconciliation process.



National Sorry Day

Every May 26 in Australia, National Sorry Day reminds the colonist-descended people of the nation to remember the mistreatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Why? During the 20th century, Indigenous children were forcibly removed from their families to be “assimilated” into white Australian culture. They are known as the “Stolen Generations.”

It took several Australian government administrations coming and going before an apology was officially offered to the Indigenous Australians, but it finally was made official, and actions are still being undertaken to this day to repair the damage caused by tearing native families apart.



WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH

- Sun 23** **Day of Pentecost, Whitsunday**
Tues 25 Parish Council Meeting
Wed 26 **National Sorry Day**
Thursday 27 May to Thursday 3 June. **The Week of Prayer for Reconciliation and National Reconciliation Week (NRW)** *These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the Mabo decision.*
Sat 29 **Avon Parish Women's Craft Group.**
Sun 30 **First Sunday in Pentecost. Trinity Sunday**
 10am Combined Avon Parish Church Centres Worship at St Mary's.
 2pm. 5th Sunday - Ecumenical Service at St Patricks
JUNE **?Peter Down to speak this month.**
Thursdays **mainly music. 9.30am during school term.**
School Term 2 Holidays (Winter): Saturday 26 June to Sunday 11 July
Retiring Offertory: Hope Restart Project
Thurs 3 **Mabo Decision Day. National Reconciliation**
Sun 6 **Second Sunday in Pentecost. Trinity Sunday.**
 All Age Family Worship at Holy Trinity
Sun 13 **Third Sunday in Pentecost.**
 Healing Service .
Mon 14 **Queen's Birthday**
Tues 15 **Parish Council Reports Due**
Sat 19 **Men's Breakfast.**
Sun 20 **Fourth Sunday in Pentecost**
 UN World Refugee Day
Tues 22 **Parish Council Meeting**
Fri 25 **Family Movie Night**
Sun 27 **Fifth Sunday in Pentecost**

Sunday 30 May, Trinity Sunday

1st. Isaiah 6.1-8 Ps 29 2nd Romans 8.12-17. John 3.1-17
Priest: Dave, Lit Assist: Denise. 1st Read Lillas. 2nd Julie Ferg.
Intercess: Denise. Org: May. Sides: Kerry S, David S
Camera: Paul, Judy K. Flowers: Kerry C.
MT. Kerrie C, Bev T. Sac: Denise.

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