



## ***Emergency Bulletin 11: 29 May 2020***

The sight of beautifully wrapped gifts may make you think of Christmas, but it is far too early to be thinking of that!

This weekend we should be celebrating the feast of Pentecost, which used to be called Whitsun, because people would dress up and church parades would march through most towns. We cannot even gather in church this year, but we should still celebrate the wonderful gift which Jesus has given to all who believe and trust in him - the Holy Spirit. St. Peter made clear at Pentecost that the promise is for all of us, now and not just then:

“Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” (Acts 2.38-39).

Jesus gives each of God's children a spiritual gift - he has no favourites-and those gifts are for the good of all, not for making us feel more special or valued than others:

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. (1 Corinthians 12.7)

There are several lists of these gifts in the New Testament, and these vary, and are not meant to be exhaustive.

The lockdown rules continue to be relaxed gradually, but we still cannot meet together, so we need to plan to continue our online services, while preparing for the day when we can



meet. To that end we are asking you to complete a congregational survey of 7 questions, reviewing what we have been doing and asking for your support for the future. You can complete it [online here](#), or send it via the post. Please don't hide your light under a bushel, but offer your gift!

Even though we cannot yet gather in person, we can meet online: please join in the 24 hours of continuous prayer through Zoom (you can join in using an ordinary telephone, even if you don't have a computer or tablet), starting at 9am on Saturday, and finishing with a service of Holy Communion at 9am on Sunday.

The Baptist Church have organised a community prayer space set up around the millennium stone in Mill Marsh Park (with council permission). Bunting will be tied to the silver birch trees, so that people can peg prayers to the line. Do have a look, and write a prayer.

This Pentecost give thanks for Jesus's gift of the Spirit, and pray for grace to let his gift in you bless us all!

yours in Christ,  
Graham



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

As the climax of 'Thy Kingdom come' on Sunday 31 May from 8-9.30pm: [southwestawake.com](http://southwestawake.com) is a lively concert of prayer and praise on [Facebook live](#) with leaders from many Devon churches



## Walking the Way



Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me"

**Walking the Way** is a course designed to explore the way of love in the Commandments, the knowledge of Truth in the Creed and the Life of the Spirit in the Lord's Prayer.

The course resumes on Zoom from Sun 7 June 2020 at 7pm- 8pm

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## Online Services this week Sunday

Sunday (31st May) 10:30am:  
Livestream Sunday service for an hour  
How to join the service: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3xnfTeZBF1YGLeRyf\\_4flg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3xnfTeZBF1YGLeRyf_4flg) or click here (The link will take you to the channel page. The video will appear on this page 3 hours in advance of premiering. You can then open the video in advance and wait for it to start.

Children: Parents can request children's resources for both services by e-mailing [hello@boveychurchestogether.org.uk](mailto:hello@boveychurchestogether.org.uk)

**Send a Shoutout:** We would love to hear from you with any notices, news, shoutouts or prayer requests that you would like to be shared during the Sunday service. Please e-mail these to [hello@boveychurchestogether.org.uk](mailto:hello@boveychurchestogether.org.uk)

**Livechat:** During and after the Sunday service [for 15mins] livechat comments will be open on the youtube page.

The service this week will be led by Graham Hamilton. The service theme is **Pentecost**. Abi Evans will be leading the children's talk. Kevin Hooke will be preaching. Other guests to the livestream include Matt Day, Naomi Greenwood, Tabbi, Nate, Izzy & Jess from Heatree.

### Future plans

The livestream channel was set up as a temporary response to public gatherings not being permitted due to Covid-19 health risks. By working together we have been able to provide weekly Christian ministry and worship for the Bovey Valley community. We are planning to continue the online services for a further 12 weeks – although church buildings may re-open to some degree in this period we are anticipating there still being a need for a livestream. If you have any ideas or thoughts on future plans please e-mail us [hello@boveychurchestogether.org.uk](mailto:hello@boveychurchestogether.org.uk) or contact your local church.

You can also listen through Zoom

## Thy Kingdom Come (TKC)



is a global prayer initiative for the 11 days from Ascension Day (Thursday 21 May) to Pentecost (Sun 31 May). Please pray for five people you know who do not yet have faith in Christ, that the Lord would open their eyes to his glorious truth.

Pray with us for 30 minutes each day:  
Meeting ID:

### Monday

9am Morning Prayer on Zoom

### Tuesday

7pm Evening Prayer on Zoom: note a different Meeting ID: 203 925 6192

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2039256192>

### Wednesday:

9am Morning Prayer on Zoom

### Thursday

7am Morning Prayer on Zoom

### Friday

9am Morning Prayer on Zoom

### Saturday: 24 hours of prayer

9am Morning Prayer led by Graham

2pm Prayers led by Mark Godbeer

7pm Night Prayer on Zoom

Please sign up for an hour by emailing Eleanor Oelmann at

[eleanoroelmann@gmail.com](mailto:eleanoroelmann@gmail.com).

### Sunday 31 May: Pentecost

9am Holy Communion on Zoom.

You may wish to have bread and wine available during the service.

## Prayer Diary: *with readings and psalms for Morning Prayer*

**Mon 1 June: Ps 113, Luke 1.39-49**

Pray for schools and teachers as some children in some year groups return, and for the other remaining with their parents. Pray for Hennock PCC tonight.

**Tue 2 June: Ps 132, Luke 9.28-36**

Pray for shops and businesses as they return to work, for business confidence to be restored, and for wise observance of the new health regulations.

**Wed 3 June: Ps 119.153-end, Luke 9.37-50**

Pray for the PPT PCC meeting tonight and considering plans to allow some local staff back to work, and planning for a return to church buildings and services.

**Thu 4 June: Ps 143, Luke 9.51-end**

Give thanks for the work of Exeter Crisis Pregnancy Centre and help to women in distress during the lockdown.

**Fri 5 June: Ps 144, Luke 10.1-16**

Boniface: give thanks for those like Boniface who gave their lives to bring the gospel to Europe, and pray for a new generation of faithful gospel workers.

**Sat 6 June: Ps 147, Luke 10.17-24**

Pray for marriages to endure and children to enjoy stable and happy homes, for church support to families in need

**Sun 7 June: (Trinity) Ps 86.8-13, John 17.1-11**

Pray for the Walking the Way course which resumes tonight that we may learn to pray with confidence to God as a loving Father

**Pray for the sick:**

David Alexander, Donald Sykes, Mathew Percy, Rob Martin, Lorna Seidel, Lawrence Hall, Eric and Marion Lodge, Christine and Graham Downing, Nancy Adams, Michelle Sadd, Margaret Woodmansey, Molly Lockley, Janet Wootten, Lesley Timmins, Lucy McIlhenny.

**Collect: Prayer of the week - Pentecost Sunday**

God, who as at this time  
taught the hearts of your faithful people  
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:  
grant us by the same Spirit  
to have a right judgement in all things  
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;  
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY

*We are conducting a **congregational survey** to review what we have been doing so that we can improve it in the weeks ahead, and also to prepare for a gradual return to services in church buildings. You can either complete the survey (seven questions) through [SurveyMonkey online](#), or return a paper copy to the Vicarage, Coombe Cross, Bovey Tracey TQ13 9EP. The PPT PCC is meeting on Wednesday 3 June so it would be very helpful to receive your answers before then.*

**How have you been engaging with worship in lockdown?** tick all that apply:

TV services	radio services
Churches Together livestream	PPT on Zoom
other online church services	using phonenumber
my own private prayers	not really doing much

**If you have seen the Churches Together in Bovey Valley livestream we would value your honest feedback. What could we improve to grow and sustain your faith and sense of church fellowship?**( eg length, music, support for children and teens, interactive chat room afterwards)

**If you were given technical assistance, how would you be willing to take part in the service** (eg read bible, tell children's bible story. lead prayers, announcements/notices, sing/play, technical support)

*We are planning to continue Livestream for the foreseeable future, but we hope that small physical church meetings may be possible by early July within strict limitations: we may have to maintain social distance (reducing congregation size), may not be allowed to sing, run children's groups or serve refreshments, and need to maintain a demanding routine of cleaning etc. We may need to develop a new and temporary pattern of more frequent, but shorter and smaller services.*

**When would you expect to come back to church?**

when allowed by government advice for my age group/health situation,  
when we can meet outside,  
when we can meet inside,  
when children's groups restart  
other....

**How will you be willing to serve?**

welcome,	cleaning,
bible reading	leading prayers
children's groups	serving refreshments
technical support	other.....

*Many of the congregation belong to small groups. Some groups have continued to meet through online channels like Zoom, others have kept in touch by phone but are not meeting.*

**6) Would you like to belong to an online small group for bible study, prayer and support?**

If Yes, would you prefer daytime or evening?

**7) How have you found the pastoral support offered by the church through the lockdown?** (by small group leaders, pastoral care team and vicar). How could we improve it in weeks to come?

Name

Contact no.

Date

*Please return your survey form by emailing [pptbovey@mac.com](mailto:pptbovey@mac.com)  
or by post to St Peter's Vicarage, Coombe Cross, Bovey Tracey, TQ13 9EP*