



# Five Crosses

## NEWSLETTER

### JUNE 2017

Tintinhull, Chilthorne Domer, Yeovil Marsh,  
Thorne Coffin, Lufton

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### *Dear Friends,*

June begins with two important festivals in the Church's calendar. On 4<sup>th</sup> June we celebrate the feast of Pentecost, or Whit Sunday, and on 11<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the feast of the Holy Trinity. At Pentecost we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit which the disciples experienced in a *violent wind* and which *appeared to them as of tongues of fire*. I often wonder whether the way the event of the coming of the Holy Spirit describes what happened to the disciples or how it felt to them. I suspect the latter. I think that when the followers of Jesus tried to describe what the day of Pentecost was like they described how it felt to them and how it changed their lives. I suppose it doesn't really matter about the details of the physical experience. What matters is what happened afterwards. What changed for the disciples? What did they do as a result of their experience on that day of Pentecost? How did that affect the people that they met? Luke writes about this event in the *Acts of the Apostles*, the companion volume to his gospel.

Luke's concern in the Acts is to relate the things (the Acts) that the apostles did after this experience. He writes about the preaching of the good news immedi-

ately on the day itself and tells how *that very day about three thousand people were added to their number*. The preaching of Peter and the other apostles was clearly persuasive on that day, and in the days that followed. Luke tells how the apostles took every opportunity that they could to tell other people about the good news. He tells how the first Christians were often victimised and sometimes persecuted, how Stephen became the first Christian to die for his faith and how God's message touched even the most unlikely people. Saul the great persecutor becomes the great preacher and builder of the churches. His conversion is one of the great stories of the early days of Christianity, and is, surely, for Paul his own Pentecost experience.

Filled with the Spirit Peter, Paul and the other earliest Christians felt compelled by what felt like a violent wind and tongues of fire to go out into the city, and far beyond, and spread the good news about Jesus. Nothing could stop them now. Pentecost is often referred to as the *birth-day of the Church* and that is not an unreasonable claim to make. It marks the day when Christians gained the confidence to witness to Christ. And ever since Christians have been inspired by the

example of the apostles and their own experience of the Spirit to proclaim good news to the nations. And we are called to do the same today. The problems and trials we face are not like theirs but the challenge is no less daunting. It is the Spirit who gives us courage and inspiration to obey God's calling and to share our faith.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Soup and Fruit Lunch raising funds for the new Tintinhull Village Hall. Don't forget to vote on 8<sup>th</sup> June, or to pray for the candidates and those who are elected after the election.

*With best wishes in Christ, Fr Peter*  
**A Letter from Bishop Peter Hancock:** "As you read this one of the issues dominating the news will be the General Election. Some wit once said: 'If you don't vote, you get the government you deserve, and if you do, you never get the results you expected.' Witty that may be, but it is also somewhat cynical and it is one of the things our Archbishops have warned us against. In a Pastoral Letter released to all parishes and chaplaincies they have said that the first obligation we have as Christians is to pray for the election and to recognise the very real burdens and responsibilities carried by those in political life and their families. The second obligation they suggest is to set aside apathy and cynicism and to renew our commitment to the virtues of love, trust and hope in God and in each other. These virtues they suggest should guide and judge our own actions and shape and determine the life of our nation.

Faithful, humble, trusting prayer is one mark of true discipleship and I hope that many of us will be engaging in the opportunities to pray with others between Ascension and Pentecost. If we do we will be praying with millions of other Christians across the world, praying that many more people, among them our own friends and families, will discover and open their lives to the love of Jesus Christ. Services are being held in Bath Abbey on 25 May and in the Cathedral on 4 June. At Bath Abbey there will be interactive prayer stations, mixing traditional and contemporary

worship and at the Cathedral there will be a Prayer Fayre. We are all invited to take part and to pray together expectantly for the empowering of the Holy Spirit. Come and join your bishops in praying: 'Thy Kingdom Come'." +**Peter, Bath and Wells**

**From the editor:** please let me have any items for the July Newsletter issue on or before 19<sup>th</sup> June. Many thanks, **Hilary.**

## News from the parishes

### YEOVIL MARSH

Church warden Mike Kane has sent in these thoughts which we might like to ponder: "I keep hearing that we need to go and talk to people and tell them about Jesus, and that's how we will rebuild the church. I don't agree with that. I think we need to encourage the people we have now to reach their full potential under Gods guidance and He will build the house the way He wants it to be. In order to build a house you need a plan drawn up by an architect, (God) a potential house owner (Jesus) and a site foreman (the Holy Spirit) to organise all the materials ( Spiritual Gifts) and tradesmen and women to carry out the work at the right time, (that's us). When we get the construction under way in the right manner, the church will be rebuilt in the glory of God with all the healings and miracles required to make it continue to grow because we will all know how to spiritually feed and encourage new Christians because we will have reached maturity.

### Gods work force vacant

**appointments:** 1Corinthians 12: 27-28

**The Holy Spirits tools (gifts) for the workers (us):** 1 Corinthians 12:4-11."

And from Christine Salmon: "Heartfelt thanks to the congregation at Lufton who made everyone welcome at the United Benefice Eucharist service on 7th May, followed by refreshments and time to meet up and chat; we thoroughly enjoyed our visit and look forward to seeing you all again soon. Do come along to the village book exchange on the first Tuesday of the month between 2.00 and 4.00pm - we have a whole new selection to choose from this time after taking the swap further and swapping between villages in our Bene-

fice to extend the variety. With our new service plan for each month please remember to put your prayer requests into the book in the church porch in time for the second Sunday of the month. We are happy to support everyone in our village or known to our village especially at our evening praise service which takes place at 6pm. If you prefer to speak to one of us about your prayer item please call Mike on 420538 or Christine on 412927."

## TINTINHULL

**Church Warden, John Gower writes:** "Grateful thanks to Mary and Carol and also all who helped and attended the soup & fruit lunch. I was away but understand it was a great success. The APCM was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> April. There were no resignations from any of the posts which is very encouraging. Indeed Pat Whitlock agreed to stand as a Warden and Janet Young for election to the PCC. I am delighted they were unanimously elected. My thanks to all for their hard work over the past year and to Fr. Peter and our Lay Readers for taking the services. Also thanks to all who make the Church and Churchyard so attractive. I know how much residents and visitors to the Church appreciate it."

**Mary Ostler writes about St Margaret's Church fundraising lunch for our new village hall.** "Thank you everyone for supporting the soup and fruit lunch at the church on 13 May. Your efforts making or consuming soup and bringing or buying at the Bring & Buy Stall, raised a *fab* £350. This will go towards kitting out the coffee shop in the new hall."

**Poetry and Prose - Jill Harris writes:** "Only a month to go to the 20th evening of light hearted poetry and prose in St. Margaret's church. There is still room in the programme for contributions and a warm welcome awaits new faces. Make a note in your diary of Thursday, 6th July, 7.30pm. Absolutely everyone is welcome to participate or just listen to the excellent entries. Light refreshments will be served and there will be a plate for donations. Please contact Jill for information. 822320."

**Easter Flowers:** "Due to insufficient space in May's fulsome issue of the Newsletter I was unable to say a big thank you for all of the kind memorial donations I received for flowers at Easter. The flowers lasted amazingly well and were much appreciated. Big thanks to those who gave garden greenery and the ladies who came in to 'arrange'. Also - *why not come along to the Post Office* held in Tintinhull's Working Mens' club each Wednesday between 9.30am and 12.30pm? You can pay bills, get cash out, pay in cheques and all of the usual Post Office facilities are available from the friendly counter assistant, Elaine. If you come along between 10 am and 12 noon you can pick up a free paper back from the Coffee Shop book exchange and maybe stop for a drink and a chat if you wish. Everyone is very welcome." **Hilary**

**From the Register:** St Margaret's Church welcomed friends and families to the Baptisms of Evie Ann Tulk and Zoe Tulk and also Holly Louisa Rose during late April and May. May God bless them all.

## CHILTHORNE DOMER

Jill Coe and her jumble sale team would like you to know that together you raised £264.35 for the Christian Aid Charity. What a wonderful effort. Thank you for all your donations, time and effort put into making this collection.

## LUFTON

**Susan Collins writes:** "Following the AGM in April our Officers and PCC members remain unchanged. We were delighted to host our Benefice Holy Communion on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30 am and pleased to welcome visitors from the other Churches in the benefice, many of whom stayed to enjoy refreshments after the service. Our next United Service will be on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August. We have a PCC Meeting on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June following the Evensong Service, to discuss the results of the Quinquennial Survey. We will also be discussing Fund Raising to afford repairs- sounds familiar! Any useful ideas for a small congregation are welcome. Road works still continue around Lufton and are now extended until August!"

## SERVICES DURING JUNE 2017

Date	Tintinhull	Chilthorne Domer	Lufton	Yeovil Marsh	Thorne Coffin
<b>June 4<sup>th</sup> Pentecost</b>	10.30 am Benefice Eucharist		6 pm Evensong		
<b>June 6<sup>th</sup></b>		No Eucharist			
<b>June 11<sup>th</sup> Trinity Sunday</b>	No 8am Eucharist 10.45 am Together4God	10.45 am Matins	6 pm Evensong	6 pm Evening Worship	6 pm Evensong
<b>June 18<sup>th</sup> Trinity 1</b>	9.15 am Parish Eucharist	10.45 am Parish Eucharist	6 pm Evensong	10.45 am Morning Prayer at the Elms	
<b>June 25<sup>th</sup></b>	9.15 am Parish Eucharist	10.45 am Matins	6 pm Eucharist (BCP)	10.45 am Parish Eucharist	
<b>July 2<sup>nd</sup></b>		10.30 am Benefice Eucharist	6 pm Evensong		

### Last but not Least:

***Pam Gower sends an appeal*** “Urgently wanted for Syrian refugee family in Yeovil who have nothing. Clothes and toys for girl aged 3 and boy aged 2 plus bicycle for father to attend English lessons. If you can help, please contact Pam Gower Tel: 01935 592534.”

Perhaps this is a good moment to remember that the **Lord’s Larder** boxes in our churches await your kind donations of in-date tinned or packeted foods or toiletry gifts. They will be taken to the Community Gateway Church in Yeovil so that those in desperate need can be given a helping hand. Thank you to the kind collectors who transport our gifts to the store with faithful regularity and probably receiving little recognition. In Tintinhull we thank Wendy and Roy Morley for this job well done, but I am not sure who is concerned with donations from St |Mary’s or elsewhere. May be the churches could tell us whom to thank! ***Editor***