



United Benefice News

for the churches of St George's and St John's



23rd of May 2010 - Pentecost

Come, you who have much faith and you who have little, and you who have not been for a long time, you who have been here often, you who have tried to follow and you who feel you have failed. Come, not because I invite you, but because God does; and, as you are welcomed, go, and welcome others.

We welcome you to our worship today. We hope God's Holy Spirit will touch your heart and that you may be strengthened by Word and Sacrament.



Get out of the way!

As human beings, however hard we try, we will come up against our own limitations. None of us can control what we were born with or where we have come from, but what we can do is to begin moving passed what stands in our way. It's when we decide to do this that the Holy Spirit can transform our human effort. When we allow ourselves to be led by the Holy Spirit great things are going to happen. Pentecost is the time of year we invite the Holy Spirit to transform us.

From the Children and Youth Worker:

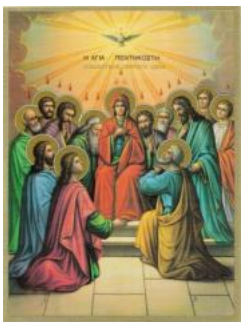


Thank you all for your warm welcome last Sunday.

Next week, we will have some of the new resources from the Sunday School available to view (and for your children to play with) after the service in the community space. Please come by and take a look!

In Sunday School today, we have been learning about Pentecost. We also began our new format of having some worship time with the Under 7's and Over 7's together, before the groups separated to do their activities. In keeping with the celebration of Pentecost, we made wind socks, to show how the Spirit of God moves like breath and wind. During this Pentecost season, hang the wind sock in your home to remind you and your children that the Holy Spirit is always present, even if it is unseen. Margaret

Today is the Birthday of the Church.



Did you know that the feast of Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the Church? It's called that because Pentecost is when the apostles went out among the people and began spreading Jesus' message, thus establishing the beginning of the Church. On this day we are asked to pray for the Church and her continued growth. Pentecost, Greek for 50th day, is celebrated by Christians fifty days after Easter. Originally it was a Jewish feast that concluded the fifty days of Passover. In Britain, Pentecost is also called Whitsun, because

on this day new Christians used to be baptised. Often they wore white, so Pentecost was known as White Sunday.

Confirmation.

This is a really important time in the life of a new Christian. It is that moment when they take on for themselves the promises made at their Baptism by their Godparents. It's their decision to follow that path that they have begun to walk that will hopefully bring them closer to God. It is something that is the 'business' of the whole of our worshipping community. Please pray for these young people, please be at church to support them and the others from around the Kensington Deanery and also perhaps share with them something of your own spiritual journey to encourage them. Our candidates, Margaret & Eugenia Pikovsky and Eleanor Gordon will be confirmed at **St Mary Abbots Church on May 27th at 7pm**; I really hope that there will be a number of us there to support them on this occasion!

Garden Party.

Our annual Garden Party will be held on the 14th July in Campden Hill Square Gardens, I do hope you will put this date in your diary now?

**The flowers this week
are given in loving memory of Stanley and Maud Fuller**

Christian Aid.



Last week was the official Christian Aid week although we agreed to spread our efforts over the rest of the year. The good news to date is that the Church collection raised £5205, the street collection £245 and the incredible walking Iremongers raised over £1200, all these figures are before Gift Aid. It is not too late to donate if you have not been able to date. Just click this link to our web site and that will enable you to donate using either a credit card or your PayPal account. There will be an additional retiring collection at both churches this Sunday.

The Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC)

The DEC was formed in 1963. They are an umbrella organisation for 13 humanitarian aid agencies. At times of overseas emergency, the DEC brings together a unique alliance of the UK's aid, corporate, public and broadcasting sectors to rally the nation's compassion, and ensure that funds raised go to DEC agencies best placed to deliver effective and timely relief to people most in need. I am delighted to say that their chief Executive, Mike Walsh is coming to to talk on the 14th October on the subject "where do your charitable donations go after a disaster emergency", with particular emphasis on Christian Aid. Representatives of Christian Aid will be present as well. Please book this important occasion in your diaries now.



KCSC Annual Lecture On Inequality And Poverty



Where We Have Come From, Where We Are Now And Where We Are Heading
Wednesday 2 June 2010, 4pm – 6.30pm, Muslim Cultural Heritage Centre, W10
Kensington and Chelsea is one of the most unequal areas of Britain. Alongside its wealth and prosperity sit deep pockets of deprivation.

Join this event to hear:

Professor John Hills from the National Equality Panel on the recent publication of 'An Anatomy of Economic Inequality in the UK'.

Michelle Kennedy from Government Office for London who will highlight the issues surrounding child poverty and its wider impact.

More details: www.kcsc.org.uk/seminar

Kensington Deanery Common Fund meeting is to be held on June 15th



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Services:

Sundays:

8:00 Holy Communion (Prayer Book);

10:00 Sung Eucharist & Sunday School

Weekdays (Tuesdays to Fridays):

8:00 Morning Prayer;

18:00 Evening Prayer; 18:30 Holy Eucharist

Mondays:

18:00 Prayer and Meditation

Additionally on Wednesdays:

12:00 Holy Communion (Prayer Book)

Saturdays:

8:00 Morning Prayer; 8:30 Holy Eucharist;

18:00 Evening Prayer



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Services: Sundays: 18:30 Sung Mass

Confessions in both churches are heard by appointment.



This week readings:

1st: Acts 2, 1-21

2nd: Rom 8, 14-17

Gospel: John 14, 8-17

Next week readings:

1st: Proverbs 8, 1-4. 22-31

2nd: Romans 5, 1-5

Gospel: J 16, 12-15

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FRUSTRATED
WHEN JESUS
DIDN'T GIVE ME
EVERYTHING
I PRAYED FOR.



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AND
NOW?



I REALIZED
THAT WE DON'T
GIVE JESUS
EVERYTHING
HE PRAYS
FOR.



OUCH!



John 17: 20-26

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