NOTICES & NEWS

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Worship in Church and Online Preachers and readings for Sunday 15th June

Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8:

Romans 5: 1-5:

John 16: 12-15

Worship in Church: 10.30am

(Junior Church sessions are on the 2nd & 4th Sunday each month at 10.30am

June 15th Gareth Zimmerman June 22nd Local Arrangement June 29th Jayne Web July 6th Russell Buley

Flowers in church this week have been kindly provided by Mrs L Shaw

Weekly Programme

Monday:

Badminton Club 9.30-11.30am Carers Coffee Morning 10.30-11.30am (3rd Mon) Friendship Club (2ndMon) 2.30pm BB&GA Anchors/Juniors 5.30-8.15pm (termtime) Welcome Cafe (termtime) 5.30-8.15pm Monday Makers 7.30-9.30pm *Tuesday:*

JellyTotz	10-11.30am
Parents & Toddlers	(termtime)
Men's Social (2nd Tue)	10-12noon
The Chosen Study Group2-4pm	
(in the lounge)	
<pre>Step"n"Style (termtime)</pre>	4-8.30pm
Wednesday:	
Welcome Cafe	10-12noon
Welcome Garden	10-12noon
Supastrikers(termtime)	1.30-2.15pm
Thursday:	
Welcome Cafe	10 – 12noon
Craft Group	10 - 12noon
BB&GA Company	7-10.00pm
	(termtime)
Friday:	
Friday Lunch Club	2nd&4th Fri
Saturday:	

Welcome Cafe (1st & 3rd of month)

Foodbank – The collection crate is available in the church entrance every week.

10-12noon

Church & PFA Events 2025

June 28th July 12th

th Strawberry Fayre – BB&GA
^h Model Railway Exhibition

Prayers for Peace and Justice – 1st July

You are invited to join online with others in Prayers for Peace & Justice.

These will be held between 12noon and 12.20pm on Tuesday 1st July and can be accessed using the following link: https://gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/prayers-for-peace-and-justice

Worship Group

It was agreed at the General Church Meeting to start a worship group to plan the Local Arrangement (LA) services which occur regularly and are led by the Stewards and congregation. The aim of the group is to give people the chance to contribute ideas, and to gain experience of leading worship.

If you would like to be involved in the group, or the next LA service on June 22nd, please contact Nick Butler, the convenor of the group <u>nick.butler@phonecoop.coop</u>.

Dawn – Open House

Dawn is having an Open House on Monday 16th June to celebrate her special birthday. Friends are invited for a chat and cake between 11 and 4pm during the day, or after 7pm in the evening. No presents please.

Pentecost

Who is the Holy Spirit? What was the significance of Pentecost? How can we hear and respond to the Holy Spirit in our lives?



When is Pentecost in 2025?

June 8,2025

What Was Pentecost?

"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place." (Acts 20:1)

Originally, Pentecost was a Jewish celebration observed 50 days after the first day of Passover. This harvest festival celebration was also called the Feast of Weeks and Shavuot. It celebrated God giving Moses and the people of Israel the Law, which gave them a national identity under God and taught them to love God and their neighbours as a community.

Not too long before this, as Jesus ascended into Heaven, He encouraged His followers, who numbered about 120 people, not to leave Jerusalem but to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit. We see these followers were faithful to Jesus' calling. While we don't know where they were gathering or how many of the 120 followers were still there, but we know that they were no longer hiding in Jerusalem out of fear. Instead they were actively and expectantly waiting for the promise of the Holy Spirit to be fulfilled.

The Holy Spirit Enters the World

"Suddenly, a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them." (Acts 20:2-4)

Some context to these unique passages:

- **Sound of Wind:** Wind is consistently used to symbolize the movement and the presence of the Spirit of God.
- Tongues of Fire: Fire often symbolizes God's presence which was evident that day.

We have miraculous signs that can only point to an encounter with God. It is safe to say that the Holy Spirit came upon God's people with great power! The baptism of the Holy Spirit, long-promised by the Old Testament prophets, by Joel and Jeremiah, Isaiah and Ezekiel, and by John the Baptist and by Jesus Himself, was now actualized.



The Climate Coalition are asking people to join together on one day to have conversations with their MPs on nature and environment issues they care about.

Organisations, including A Rocha and Christian Aid, are urging all Christians who can to be present so we can demonstrate collectively and publicly God's love for his creation.

This is an opportunity for people from all over the country and all walks of life to speak personally to their MPs, make their concerns known and seek their MP's commitment to much bolder action on climate and nature.

WHO ARE THE CLIMATE COALITION?

They are the UK's largest group of people and organisations dedicated to tackling climate change and restoring nature. You may already be part of the Climate Coalition without knowing it: they bring together over 130 organisations including the National Trust, A Rocha (Ecochurch), Women's Institute, Christian Aid, WaterAid, the Wildlife Trusts and RSPB.

WHAT IS THIS MASS LOBBY?

It is not a march, demonstration or protest. It is a chance to speak up for God's creation.

On Wednesday 9th July 2025, thousands of people from every corner of the UK will come to Westminster to tell our MPs: we need you to protect our health, our nature, our communities, our climate, and our future.

All venues will be fully accessible and within a short distance of each other. There will be timed appointments to meet in groups with MP's to avoid long queues.

WHY IT MATTERS

Our MPs have an opportunity to protect what matters most here in the UK and around the world – from our green spaces, rivers, and woodlands, to our health, our communities and our future. You don't need to be a campaigner, or to have met your MP before, or have even spoken about climate or nature to join in.

HOW CAN I JOIN IN?

Sign up on the Climate Coalition website https://www.theclimatecoalition.org/act-now-changeforever,

or contact Beth Sweet. I would love to go as a group to represent our church, as part of our commitment to protect God's creation. The more voices we have, the more impact we can make. Please save the date and tell a friend.

