

**The Parish Church of St Mary's
Hilton with Marston-on-Dove**

June 2019



**NOTICES AND
SERVICES**



Services in June

Sunday 2nd June

11.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

With 'Good News Crew'

Tuesday 4th June

11.00am Holy Communion at Percy Wood Close

Sunday 9th June

9.30am Holy Communion

11.00am Family Service

Sunday 16th June

11.00am Morning Prayer

Sunday 23rd June

11.00am Family Communion

Sunday 30th June

11.00 am Family Service (TBC)

Currently we are awaiting a new vicar as Reverend Andy Murphie has relocated to a parish in the Lake District. All services, baptisms and wedding bookings are proceeding as normal.

For up to date information on services please see: www.stmaryshilton.org

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CHURCH NOTICES



Flowers in Church You would be very welcome to put flowers in Church or give a donation for flowers to remember a special occasion or anniversary. If you would like to do this please speak to Sue Hibbert.

Thank you.



Raise free funds for the Church via the
easyfundraising.org.uk website/app and
search for St Mary's Hilton with Marston-on-Dove

Stamp collection There is a collecting box for used postage stamps in the Church porch for 'Oxfam'.

Parochial Church Council

Next Meeting: Standing Committee/PCC – Tuesday 11th June at 7.30pm in the Schoolroom

PCC Members: Mrs. E. Barber (Churchwarden); Mr. N. Brown (Churchwarden); Mr. J. Murphie (Hon. Secretary); Mrs. H. Brown (Hon. Treasurer); Mr. S. Johnson; Mr. B. Keane; Mrs W. Morris; Miss C. Owen; Mrs. L. Rees-Jones; Mrs. P. Roberts; Mr. P. Walton-Knight; Mr. G. Draper; Mr L. Bean

DIY Bible Study

In our DIY Bible Study this month, we look at Pentecost. The thoughts and questions are adapted from the book '100 Stand-Alone Bible Studies' by Penelope Wilcock.

Bible passages

John 20: 19-22

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked, for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Acts 2: 1-4

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 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 2: 38-39

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptised, 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."

1 Corinthians 12:7-11

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

Commentary.

In the Old Testament, God communicated with his people through specially chosen individuals – the patriarchs and prophets: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Elijah, Isaiah, etc. He did not communicate with the people directly, but only through these individuals who were called into his presence to receive this word for them.

In the Gospels, God came to us in Jesus, who is described as like the light of God moving through a dark world; the radiance of the Godhead was concentrated in him.

At the moment of his death on the cross when he cried "It is finished!" the Temple veil keeping the people out of the Holy of Holies was torn from top to bottom; Jesus took humanity into the throne room of God. So it was that, when he had ascended to the Father, this living connection he had made between heaven and humanity allowed for the Holy Spirit to be poured out on all believers.

This happened on the day of Pentecost. Ever since that time it has been the privilege and responsibility of every believer to open their life to complete saturation in the Holy Spirit of God. No longer does God's heart have to be mediated to us through specially called individuals; now all of us can enter personal and direct communication with God, because Jesus has made that possible. The priestly and prophetic ministries of the Old Testament are now conferred upon the whole people of God. Biblical Christianity does not have any kind of caste system. The Holy Spirit is for us all.

Questions

- Can you think of three different ways you have seen the Holy Spirit at work in the world?
- In what ways is your church best at expressing the work of the Holy Spirit?
- Do you experience the presence of the Holy Spirit most intensely in gatherings or in solitude?

Prayer

Come to us now, Holy Spirit, and fill us anew. Transform us; renew our minds so that we are no longer conformed to the ways of the world but are set free to follow Jesus. Make us bold, fill us with hope, infuse us with your peace and light. Shine through us so that everyone we know may be blessed by the touch of your love: for we ask it in Jesus' name; Amen.