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*Do not be afraid, little flock,
for your Father has been pleased
to give you the kingdom.*

Luke 12 v 32

Dear Friends,

With Easter behind us we now look forward to the end of the month and to celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the church at Pentecost. Yet the Holy Spirit remains something of a mystery to most, and in fact I read once that the Holy Spirit was a “vague oblong blur”. That sounds like blasphemy to me. So let us look at some of His ways;

(1) He instructs us.

Jesus promised He would send His Spirit to guide them into all truth (John 16:13). He went on to explain that “thy word is truth (John 17:17)”

(2) He Inspires us.

We are told in 2 Peter 1:2 that “prophecy came not in old times by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost” The authorship of Scripture is Divine.

(3) He intercedes for us.

Have you ever felt it hard to pray, perhaps burdened with grief? It is then that the Holy Spirit helps. We are told in Romans 8:26 “the Spirit himself maketh intercession for us with groaning which cannot be uttered”.

(4) He always points to Jesus.

Everything we do is to the Glory of God, and in John 16:13,14 we read Jesus said of the Spirit “He shall not speak of Himself..... He will glorify me”. He will always point to Jesus. And also

(5) He inspires the Saints

What transformed those 120 disciples in the Upper Room in Jerusalem? The Holy Spirit came on them on the day of Pentecost, and Peter was able to stand up and proclaim the good news of the kingdom. Let us with the saints from every age sing:

“Breath on me breath of God
Till I am wholly Thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with Thy fire divine”

May the Holy Spirit transform our lives.

Your friend

Jeffrey

Coronation Community Fayre Saturday 6th May

There will be a variety of community led games and stalls throughout the High Street and Town Centre as well as live entertainment throughout the afternoon.

We are aware that many people will be watching the Coronation in the morning and hope that by holding the fayre on the Saturday afternoon, many Nailsea businesses and groups will be able to benefit from the event.

Visit the “**Hopes & Prayers Tree Stand**” run by our local churches on which people can write prayers or their hopes for the future etc.

Commitment for Life Prayer



Christian Aid

God of all people, whose image is in all those you have created and whose teaching commands us to love one another, give us the courage to stand with the most vulnerable and excluded people of the world. Help us to see the situations where there is need:

- those suffering on the front lines of the climate crisis.
- those displaced by conflict.
- those marginalized by unjust systems.

We pray for your love and grace to fill the lives of those who are struggling to thrive through poverty and injustice that they may see change. Empower Christian Aid’s partners in their work to respond and give them the tools, knowledge and perseverance to stand alongside the poorest communities.

Inspire your Church across the world to look for a more equal division of power and mobilise people to build a movement for change to bring social justice for all.

Challenge us to look at ourselves and understand our part in the global systems of injustice; send your Spirit to help us shape our lives and our churches to live out your call to love one another. We ask all this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen
By Charlotte Scott, from [Christian Aid](#)

The URC daily devotions

The URC daily devotions can be accessed via devotions.urb.org.uk These are approximately 5 minutes long. The Sunday service can be accessed from the same site.

Communion Offering for May



Commitment for Life

As partnership with Central America recently came to an end the following message was received from the representative there:

“I would like to say thank you for your commitment to the people of this region. Your solidarity has contributed to strengthening the women’s movement and women’s rights, and the resilience of many families and communities who are struggling to build adaptation measures to cope with climate change. The most valuable contribution has been to build opportunities for a life lived with dignity.”

Commitment for Life continues with its work in Zimbabwe, Bangladesh and Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory. Your continuing support will be much appreciated.

Patricia

Flower ministry

I have put 2023 calendar dates on board in corridor if any one wishes to donate please put your names on and let Sally or Barbara have your donation. Thank you, Sally

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Date	Flowers	Readers
May 7 th	John	Isabel
May 14 th	Flower Fund	Philip
May 21 st	Patrick	Patrick
May 28 th	Sally	Sally

CHURCH EVENTS DIARY – MAY 2023		
SUNDAY 7TH	SUNDAY WORSHIP with Rev.d David Jewell	11.00AM
SUNDAY 14TH	SUNDAY WORSHIP with Mr Jeffery Ponsonby	11.00AM
SUNDAY 21ST	SUNDAY COMMUNION WORSHIP with Rev.d Helena McKinnon	11.00AM
SUNDAY 28TH	SUNDAY WORSHIP With Mr Brian Jones	11.00AM
SUNDAY 4TH	SUNDAY WORSHIP with Mrs Stella Patterson	11.00AM

The Tapestry of Life

Lord, our Saviour and friend,
Help us to remember You are also the
Creator of the Universe,

And the whole world is your handiwork.

Your world can appear to us to be in chaos, with wars,
climate change, economic crises, violence and poverty.
We see it as from the underside of a piece of tapestry,
a jumble of colours, with no recognisable picture
and with many loose ends.

From our perspective things look pretty grim.

But you, as Creator, see the whole picture.
You see your design, and you see that what you have
made is good.

Does our world, that looks so messy to us, perhaps look
perfect to You?

We do pray for the world, Lord, and ask that You guide us
to do all we can to bring out the beauty in it.

Amen