

IN touch

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the monthly newsletter for Rushden High Street Independent Wesleyan Church

...just another day?

...THOUGHT
FOR THE
MONTH

June is the month when the Christian church celebrates Pentecost. I feel that this has almost become lost, certainly to the man in the street with a basic understanding (if at all) of the faith. Maybe you know it and remember it by the name of 'Whit Sunday' – probably called that because of the tradition of baptisms on that day and the wearing of white. In the town where I was brought up, Whitsun was always marked by a walk of witness by the churches – the Sunday Schools would set up a 'tableau' on the back of a lorry depicting a Bible scene and the younger ones would ride on a decorated lorry. It was a big event culminating in a service at the local recreation ground.

Sadly, I guess that most people won't know about it now and for those that do, although churches mark that day, many will disregard it. It is of course the day when the Holy Spirit came, fulfilling the promise made by Jesus. As the early disciples were meeting together, suddenly there came a sound like a rushing wind and what looked like tongues of fire rested upon them. They were enabled to speak in different languages which led some to claim they were drunk! Peter explained what was happening and preached the first, and arguably the best Gospel sermon ever – and on that day alone more than three thousand were added to the church!

We will be celebrating that day this year on Sunday 4th June and I hope you'll make every effort to be in church that day. It is the celebration of the birth of the church. Jesus described part of the work of the Spirit, part of the Trinity, in this way: "He will guide you into all truth He will bring glory to me". The Holy Spirit enables us to have an understanding of the work of Christ on our behalf – fitting then that we will celebrate Communion on that day. He reminds us of the words of Christ and helps us to understand the Bible – so we shall look once again at that occasion recorded in Acts chapter 2.

What a day Pentecost must have been – let's pray that we will experience His presence as we celebrate another Pentecost Sunday.

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use words befitting a Christian...

the word for today

'the lips of the righteous know what is fitting.'

Proverbs 10:32 NIV (1984 Edition)

Source:

*The Word for Today
United Christian
Broadcasters,
Westport Road,
Stoke-on-Trent, ST6 4JF*

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When George H. W. Bush was running for president of the United States in 1988, he admitted he'd made an inappropriate remark about American journalist Dan Rather and White House correspondent Lesley Stahl after an on-air confrontation. Bush referred to Rather in an unprintable term, and also took God's name in vain in speaking about the Columbia Broadcasting System. When confronted, he said, 'If I'd known the microphone was on I wouldn't have taken the Lord's name in vain, and I apologise for that.' The fact is, he shouldn't have said it whether the tape was running or not. Remember, God's tape is always running!

The Bible says, 'A man's ways are in full view of the LORD, and he examines all his paths' (*Proverbs 5:21 NIV 1984 Edition*). Centuries ago Jesus declared: There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. What you have said in the dark will be heard in the daylight, and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed from the roofs' (*Luke 12:2-3 NIV 2011 Edition*). Take a moment and consider these two Scriptures: 'The heart of the righteous weighs its answers, but the mouth of the wicked gushes evil' (*Proverbs 15:28 NIV 2011 Edition*). 'The lips of the righteous know what is fitting, but the mouth of the wicked only what is perverse' (*Proverbs 10:32 NIV 1984 Edition*). The first Scripture tells you that a wise person will think before he or she speaks, because they realise every word has a consequence. The second Scripture tells you that a righteous person automatically knows what's acceptable, and keeps in mind the fact that God hears every word.



church offerings

SUNDAY 26th	MARCH	£266.50
SUNDAY 30th	APRIL	£261.10
SUNDAY 7th	MAY	£298.20
SUNDAY 14th	MAY	£253.15
SUNDAY 21st	MAY	£635.50

In addition, the sum of £1010 was paid direct to the bank in April. The Easter Offering total was £1824.50. Many thanks.



understanding the trinity...

'The words 'God is love' have no real meaning unless God contains at least two Persons. Love is something that one person has for another person. If God was a single person, then before the world was made, He was not love.'

(CS Lewis).

Trinity Sunday takes place this month (11th June), yet the idea of One God in three Persons is not easy to get our heads around. CS Lewis was right in saying that we have to understand the doctrine in relational terms. So why is the Trinity so important for us?

First, the Trinity provides us with a model of community. God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit relate to one another in love and work together to accomplish God's purpose in the world. At His baptism, Jesus the Son is obedient to His Father's purpose, who declares His approval and the Spirit anoints Jesus for ministry.

Secondly, we find our mission in the Trinity. As the Father sent His Son into the world, so Jesus sends us out to do the Father's work, equipped by the Spirit of God.

All three persons of the Godhead are at work in our lives and church, as well as in the world around. If we live with a renewed awareness of the Trinity, our spiritual lives will take on a new vitality and urgency.

Source: www.parishpump.co.uk



the minister's school assemblies

(for your prayers please)

WEDNESDAY 7th – Denfield Park Primary School

WEDNESDAY 7th – Risdene Academy (Newton Road)

wise words

Give God what's right - not what's left. *Anon*

All my discoveries have been made in answer to prayer.

Isaac Newton

inTouch articles

If you have anything you'd like to put in future editions of inTouch then please pass it to Phil or Colin.



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weekday diary dates

SAT	3rd	10.00am	Coffee Morning
TUES	6th	10.00am	Prayer Meeting
		2.00pm	Short Mat Bowls
WEDS	7th	9.15am	Jellybabes Toddler Group
		7.30pm	Home Group at the Manse
THURS	8th	2.00pm	Women's Auxiliary – Rev. Michael Alderson (in the Vestry)
SAT	10th	10.00am	Coffee Morning
TUES	13th	10.00am	Prayer Meeting
		2.00pm	Short Mat Bowls
WEDS	14th	9.15am	Jellybabes Toddler Group
		2.00pm	Service at Kilburn Place
		7.30pm	Home Group at the Manse
THURS	15th	6.00pm	Allsorts Children's Club
FRI	16th	7.15pm	Circuit Meeting at Bozeat
SAT	17th	10.00am	Coffee Morning
TUES	20th	10.00am	Prayer Meeting
		2.00pm	Short Mat Bowls
WEDS	21st	9.15am	Jellybabes Toddler Group
		7.30pm	Home Group at the Manse
THURS	22nd	2.00pm	Women's Auxiliary – Mrs. Sue Manton
		6.00pm	Allsorts Children's Club
SAT	24th	10.00am	Coffee Morning
TUES	27th	10.00am	Prayer Meeting
		2.00pm	Short Mat Bowls
		7.30pm	Church Members Meeting in the Vestry
WEDS	28th	9.15am	Jellybabes Toddler Group
		7.30pm	Home Group at the Manse
THURS	29th	6.00pm	Allsorts Children's Club



June 2017

Sundays at High Street

SUNDAY **4th**
Pentecost Sunday

10.45am Rev. Phil Hearson
(incl. Communion)

6.00pm Home Meeting - All welcome!

SUNDAY **11th**

10.45am Rev. Phil Hearson

6.00pm **Council of Churches United**
Trinity Sunday Service at
Park Road Baptist Church

SUNDAY **18th**

10.45am Rev. Phil Hearson

4.00pm **2nd Sunday!**

SUNDAY **25th**

10.45am Rev. Phil Hearson

6.00pm Service at Wymington
– Rev. Phil Hearson

a reminder...

Should you ever find it difficult to join us for any service you wish to attend please don't hesitate to speak to either the minister or a church leader about arranging a lift, we are always happy to sort something out - **don't miss out!**



carers week - 12th - 18th june

Carers Week is an annual campaign of activities and events to raise awareness of caring, highlight the challenges carers face, and recognise the contribution they make to families and communities throughout the UK.

This year the focus is on Building Carer Friendly Communities, which support carers to look after their loved ones well, while recognising that they are individuals with needs of their own.

There are quite a few people who are carers within our church – let's remember them in prayer in this week.

As part of Carers Week there will a COFFEE MORNING on FRIDAY 16th in the Hall from 10am to 12noon, with all proceeds going to Northamptonshire Carers. See Jeanette for more details, better still just turn up!



take a nap – and be happy...

If you want to be happy and smarter, grab a 30-minute nap during the day. Recent research has found that a nap of that length is ideal for boosting your performance and your personal feeling of happiness.

'No-nappers' can struggle through the day, and 'long' nappers risk some health problems, but a nap of up to 30 minutes in length seems to be the perfect 'down-time' your body needs to get up and running again.

As one scientist put it: 'Naps of under 30 minutes make you more focused, productive and creative... and you can also become happier just by taking a short nap.' The study was carried out at the University of Hertfordshire. (...shame it wasn't Beds. - Bedfordshire! - Editor)



to make you smile!

The vicar wrote in his parish magazine: We have been most fortunate this year with our choirmaster and organist. Both have been given appointments that will take them from us.

Pew sheet notice: "We regret to announce that the "Ladies Happy Hour" is heavily in debt following their recent "Sponsored Silence".



church birthdays

If you would like to be included please let Jeanette know and we'll endeavour to get a card to you on the Sunday nearest the date, it would be nice for us all to have the chance to wish one another all the best on our birthdays.

5th - SUZANNE PORTER

5th - DARREN LAMBERT

9th - DEANNA REEVE

17th - COLIN MADDAMS

22nd - MADGE TRUSLER



flowers this month

Many thanks to those who have kindly offered to provide flowers, and to Madge and Jill for arranging the rota. Please remember that it's very helpful if you are able to distribute them. Thank you.

4th - Wendy Munday

11th - Jim Kendall

18th - Madge Trusler

(Golden Wedding Anniversary)

25th - Len Coley (for Eileen)



miscellaneous observations from modern life...

Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes? Come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller!

Why are buildings called buildings when they are finished? Shouldn't they be called built?

Why is it that when you tell a man there are 400 billion stars he will believe you, but when you tell him there's wet paint he has to touch it?

If your supermarket is lowering prices every day, how come nothing is free yet?



dates for your diary - july 2017

SUNDAY 16th - Church Picnic in Hall Park.

Meet near the top gates from around 1.15pm.

Bring a picnic and join in the games or just enjoy sitting in the sun (hopefully!).

Everyone is very welcome - bring your family and friends!

SATURDAY 22nd - Leaders Morning at the Mission

- 'Sowing, reaping, keeping'.

Starting with breakfast at 9.00am.



puzzle page

This month we have a puzzle passed to us by Margaret O'Dell. The following are the initial letters of twenty proverbs. Pass your answers to the Minister by 24th June and you may win a small prize.

1. **FHNWFL**
2. **ASITSN**
3. **DPAYEIOB**
4. **ARSGNM**
5. **ABITHIWTITB**
6. **HWLLLL**
7. **DITBPOV**
8. **TMCSTB**
9. **ECHASL**
10. **ALKIADT**
11. **LBYL**
12. **YCMASPOOASE**
13. **MHMLW**
14. **OODOOD**
15. **TPOTPIITE**
16. **AFAHMASP**
17. **TATWFNM**
18. **PCBAF**
19. **LATPATPWLAT**
20. **NMIAI**

Answers from last time

(apologies for the confusion caused by all the accidental short words!):

Antelope; Ape; Camel; Chameleon; Deer; Eagle; Frog; Gazelle; Horse; Leopard; Lion; Partridge; Rabbit; Vulture; Cormorant.

Link – They are all animals found in the Bible (NIV).

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