

Equipped for the Journey

What an exciting month we had in May; three bank holidays including that wonderful Coronation weekend. It is a lovely time of the year with long days, trees in their full bright greens and the welcome of the bluebells as we drive towards the village. But now we move on from Spring to Summer, perhaps to fulfil that willingness to serve our communities, encouraged by the King at the Coronation.

With so much happening it has been easy to forget the reason for our last break. It is now called the Spring bank holiday, but it is the church festival of Pentecost or Whitsun. It is sometimes called the birthday of the church; as equipped with the power and energy of the Holy Spirit the followers of Jesus began to tell the 'Good News'. News of new life and a relationship with a loving God through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We follow the journey of the early church in the 'Acts of the Apostles' as they tramped their message throughout the Roman world.

Whitsun is a time for looking forward. For our young people this is often a week of frantic revision for the coming exams. Qualifications that will equip them for further studies and career choices for their life's journey.

I am old enough to remember Elizabeth II coronation. I was five years old, the same age as Prince Louis is now. I remember the celebrations with the families of our neighbourhood. My parents and the others around were a similar age to the young queen and her husband and they looked forward with optimism, faith and determination to the challenges of the 1950s and 60s.

For all of us, and perhaps especially the young, the 2020s and 2030s will have many challenges as well as many joys.

The message of Pentecost is that God's love is for all and by his Spirit the 'Comforter' we are equipped with his power and energy for the journey before us. Most of us will enjoy many holiday journeys in the coming summer months. They will be times of rest and relaxation or of the excitement of discovering new people and places. And as we go forward in life's journey we go with that familiar blessing.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen. Enjoy your summer, Pam

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SUNDAY SERVICES 6.00 pm.

June		
"	4th.	Miss Pam Greener (c)
"	11th.	Tony & Angela Mann
"	18th.	Mr. Ian Benjamin
"	25th.	Miss Pam Greener
July		
	2nd.	Mrs. Gill Short
	9th.	Open Air Service
		Led by Philippa Watson & Family
"	16th.	Mr. Adam May
"	23rd	Tea and Hymns at Central 3.30 pm.
"	30th	Rev. Linda Williams
August		
	6th.	Mr. Samson Akinola (c)
"	13th.	Mr. Michael Adams
"	20th.	Mrs. Gill Short
"	27th.	TBA

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TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP We meet at 2.30 pm. On the first Tuesday of each month at Perry Green Baptist Chapel. Please Join us. You are Always Welcome. The next sessions are as follows:			
6th June.	Barbara Donaldson		
4th July.	TBA		
1st August.	Summer meal		
Enjoy a journey through the countryside to the village of Peters Green. We are only a 10 minute drive from the centre of Luton.			
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The Coronation of Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla took place on Saturday 6 May.



During the Coronation Service many words were spoken, prayers said, oaths taken, and promises made. Here are a selection of these:

Samuel Strachan, Child of His Majesty's Chapel Royal addressed The King saying 'Your Majesty, as children of the kingdom of God we welcome you in the name of the King of kings.', and the King replied 'In his name and after his example I come not to be served but to serve'.

The Right Reverend Dr Iain Greenshields presented a Bible to the King saying 'Sir, to keep you ever mindful of the law and the Gospel of God as the Rule for the whole life and government of Christian Princes, receive this Book, the most valuable thing that this world affords. Here is Wisdom; this is the royal Law; these are the lively Oracles of God.'

When the King knelt before the Altar he prayed 'GOD of compassion and mercy whose Son was sent not to be served but to serve, give grace that I may find in thy service perfect freedom and in that freedom knowledge of thy truth. Grant that I may be a blessing to all thy children, of every faith and belief, that together we may discover the ways of gentleness and be led into the paths of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.'

During the service a number of items are brought to the King and words are spoken to him:

'Receive this kingly Sword: may it be to you and to all who witness these things, a sign and symbol not of judgement, but of justice; not of might, but of mercy.'

'Receive The Bracelets of sincerity and wisdom, tokens of the Lord's protection embracing you on every side'

'Receive this Robe: may the Lord clothe you with the robe of righteousness, and with the garments of salvation.'

'Receive this Orb, set under the Cross, and remember always that the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdom of our God, and of his Christ.'

'Receive this Ring, symbol of kingly dignity and a sign of the covenant sworn this day, between God and King, King and people.'

'Receive this Glove, that you may hold authority with gentleness and grace; trusting not in your own power but in the mercy of God.'

'Receive the Royal Sceptre, the ensign of kingly power and justice; and the Rod of equity and mercy, a symbol of covenant and peace. May the Spirit of the Lord who anointed Jesus at his baptism, so anoint you this day, that you might exercise authority with wisdom, and direct your counsels with grace; that by your service and ministry to all your people, justice and mercy may be seen in all the earth.'

Queen Camilla also received items with words spoken to her:

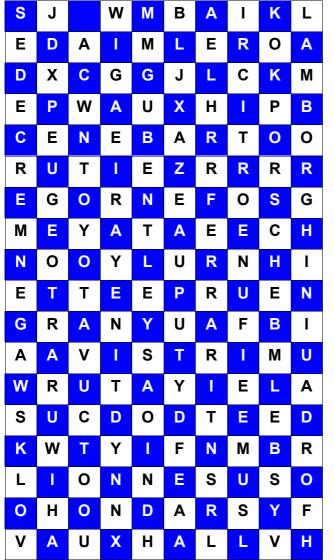
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WORDSEARCH

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The words can be found on the grid, backwards, forwards, upwards, downwards, or diagonally.

EVENTS AND SERVICES

Open Air Service

Sunday 9th July 6.00 pm.

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Recordings of Services are available on the web



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Open Air Service

Led by Philippa Watson & Family

Sunday 9th July 6.00 pm. In the Grounds of Perry Green Chapel At Peters Green All Welcome





Hot & Cold Drinks and Snacks will be served from 5.15 pm.





We are only a 10 minute drive from the centre of Luton