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Kingsclere,
and St Oswald's Church,
Burghfield Common**

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Covenant to the People

If you would like help from the Covenant to the People scheme, please call Bill Reilly on (0118) 9813784 during May and Gerry Penfold on (0118) 9811247.

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PENTECOST SUNDAY 2020AD

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PENTECOST REFLECTION:

"The Holy Spirit is the source of holiness, the light of our understanding, for to every mind he offers his own light for the discovery of truth He fills all creatures with his power, but only those who are worthy can participate in him. But all do not share him in the same measure; he distributes his power in proportion to each person's faith This grace enables them to foresee the future, to understand mysteries, to grasp hidden things, to receive spiritual blessings, to have their thoughts fixed on heavenly things, and to dance with the angels. So is their joy unending, so is their perseverance in God unailing, so do they acquire likeness to God, so—most sublime of all—do they themselves become divine."

St Basil the Great (c330—379AD)

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THE GOLDEN SEQUENCE (VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS)

The Sequence is said or sung every Pentecost across the world before the Gospel of that day. It is reproduced for prayer.

*Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
From the clear celestial height,
Thy pure beaming radiance give;
Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure;
Come, thou Light of all that live!*

*Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow:
Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.*

*Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:
If thou take they grace away,
Nothing pure in us will stay;
All our good is turned to ill.*

*Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour they dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away,
bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.*

Thou, on those who evermore

*Thee confess and thee adore,
In thy sevenfold gifts descend:
Give them comfort when they die;
Give them life with thee on high;
Give them joys that never end.*

Ascribed to Stephen Langton (c1160-1228)

Tr. Edward Caswall (1814-78)

Taken from Laudate—a hymn book for the Liturgy = Decani Music 2012

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ORDINARY TIME RESUMES ON MONDAY 1ST JUNE 2020AD

Cycle 2 resumes for Scripture Readings for Week Nine in Ordinary Time as Paschaltide is over.

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PENTECOST EVENT

Pope Francis will be taking part, online, in a special Ecu-
menical Service on Pentecost Sunday with the Arch-
bishop of Canterbury and Archbishop John Sentamu
and other British non-Catholic Clergy. The Archbish-
op will be preaching at the Service and Pope Francis
will make a special address. Archbishop Welby and
Pope Francis have developed a warm relationship, often
speaking to each other on the telephone, since taking
up their respective offices.

This will be live streamed on YOUTUBE at 9.00 am on
Pentecost Sunday and also available on the Church of
England's social media channel.

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KEEP IN PRAYER HONG KONG THIS PEN- TECOST

Whilst any violent demonstrations are to be deplored,
it is obvious that many of the people of this former
British Colony are concerned that the Chinese Govern-
ment wishes to disregard the agreement reached when
it came under Chinese rule, enjoying its own system of
local, democratic Government for many years.

Lord Paten, the last Governor and a Catholic, alongside
a large number of international commentators, has
criticised the recent developments by China and its
officials in Hong Kong. Our government has stated
that it is considering granting the right to Hong Kong
nationals to settle in Britain, and other countries are
looking to repeal the special economic privileges grant-
ed by them to that area.

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IN PRAYER

Malcolm is recovering well from his nose cancer opera-
tion, and greatly appreciates your prayers. He has two
hospital appointments over the next few weeks, so asks
that you continue praying for him.

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MARIA MAZZAWI RIP

Our Parish condolences to her son Elias, who lives in the
Mortimer area of the Parish. We keep his mother in prayer
following her recent death. Funeral arrangements to follow.

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BEATITUDES (or Blessings) FOR A GLOBAL PANDEMIC

There follow the final Beatitudes provided by Gerry Penfold
as an aid to silent prayer and reflection at this time:

*Blessed are the hospital workers: the ambulance crews, the
doctors, the nurses, the care assistants, and the cleaners,
for they stand between us and the grave, and the Kingdom
of Heaven is surely theirs.*

*Blessed are the church workers: the deacons, priests and
bishops, for they are a comforting presence in a hurting
world as they continue to signpost towards God.*

*Blessed are the single parents, for they are coping alone
with their responsibilities and there is no respite.*

*Blessed are those who are alone, for they are children of
God and with Him they will never be lonely.*

*Blessed are all during this time who have pure hearts: all
who still hunger and thirst for justice: all who work for
peace and who model mercy.*

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LOOKING TOWARDS THE RE-OPENING OF OUR CHURCHES

If our churches are to re-open, The Catholic Bishops' Con-
ference of England and Wales has made it clear that they
can only do so if they comply with Government regulations.
Churches which cannot comply, as with other bodies, cannot
open.

Father Patrick needs to know as soon as possible the names
of parishioners who will be available to ensure that social
distancing is observed and regular disinfection of our
churches is undertaken. They need to be available on a reg-
ular basis so long as the regulations are in force, both on
weekdays and Sundays. It may not be possible to open both
Churches at the same time if there is not a regular rota;
our churches may have to open alternately, with parishion-
ers from both communities working together.

The hope is that churches may be opened around 4th July, if
they are able to observe the regulations, for private prayer.
Depending upon the number of parishioners who can regular-
ly commit, it may be possible to open for a couple of hours
each day, with stewards in constant attendance and disin-
fection volunteers also attending.

Please let the Parish Office know if you are willing to com-
mit on this, so that Father Patrick can ascertain within the
next couple of weeks whether we can re-open and in what
way this can be managed. This needs to be regular com-
mitment, possibly over several months. If we cannot com-
ply, we cannot open.

In line with current guidelines, it is probably advisable that

those who are 70 or over should not be involved in the above, although some may feel that they could help with disinfection if satisfied with the precautions linked to it. Those over 70 with underlying serious conditions - *Asthma, Diabetes et al* - should definitely not take part nor probably attend a re-opened church at the present time.

Numbers allowed to enter a church will depend upon Government regulations and the space needed for social distancing, and Diocesan regulations will also need to be adhered to.

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PENTECOST POSTERS

Surprisingly, only three of our young people entered the Poster Competition for Pentecost. However, these three entries were good and all deserving of a £5.00 Voucher.

BURGHFIELD COMMON PRIZES:

Age 3-7 Group

Finlay Harlan's 'Poster with Hearts' had a delightful representation of The Holy Spirit which caused Father Patrick a big smile.



Age 8-13 Group



Jude Harlan's 'Rainbow headed Poster' had a good use of colour and The Holy Spirit giving bright flames in its hovering.

TADLEY PRIZE-Age 8-13 Group

Saffron Hird's creative design reminded Father Patrick of the wall paintings one can see in Roman buildings and the catacombs. At the centre is a smiling Jesus, with 'cavalier locks', holding up His Risen Body and Blood, surrounded by representations of The Holy Spirit, whom the priest calls down on the bread and wine before The Consecration that they may become holy.



Congratulations to them all—but where were the rest? The e-mailed posters will be in the Presbytery porch for Pentecost.

We have another WORDSEARCH for you to do.

Remember the words may go in the following directions: \ / - , diagonal, vertical, horizontal and backwards. Good luck in finding the words.

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L I T U R G Y T I B
S L S T J A I S L E
P E E S U O M B I B
I P N Y A L H E H I
R S Z H O L Y N P S
I O B M O S U U P H
T G A E M A R K O O
C H U R C H I W E P
E S S T E P D O O R

WORDS:

BISHOP
AISLE
MISSAL
SPIRIT
MARK
JOHN
CHURCH

PHILIP
GOSPEL
HOLY
MATTHEW
LUKE
LITURGY
PEW

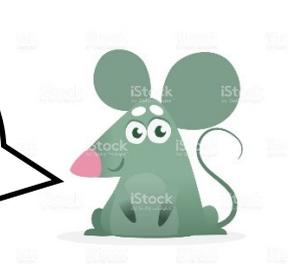
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ACTIVITY for next week:

Write your own prayer home schooling and going back to school. We will print some of these in our future newsletters.

Please email to Barbara:
tadley@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Hope you have all had a good half term and that you are now able to meet up with some of your friends and family. Have fun!



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CTAT TELEPHONE CONFERENCE (27th May 2020 AD)

It was decided to cancel this Conference Call because of the engagement of most clergy in other important areas of pastoral ministry. Both Fr Patrick and The Reverend Gill Sakarkini appreciated this decision. All of our local clergy appear to be working more now than before the 'lockdown'. Whether we will be able to sustain this indefinitely is questionable! Keep us in your prayers please.

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WEEKEND MEALS FOR FATHER PATRICK

A serious 'Thank You' to Bill and Joy Reilly, Tina and Rob Van Ewyk, Sue and Danny Elliott, Pauline and Gerry Penfold, Kath and Denis Murtagh and Tony and Pam Darroch for first-class meals over the last few weeks, bringing an enjoyable change to the strange week-ends of the 'lockdown'. And they are to continue over the next few weeks—HURRAH!

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DIOCESAN TEAM NEWS

The Diocesan Team News has asked Parish Priests to highlight the following issues in Newsletters and live streamed broadcasts. We are assured that the first has no connection to the recent Diocesan e-mail 'Migration' changes, which are causing our part-time secretary to dream of the Dinosaur Park! Father Patrick is already there!

E-MAIL SCAMS:

"We have been notified that some people may have received a particular style of email, pretending to be from a parish priest. In the email, the scammer asks for you to purchase a google play card. The email is spam. Please do not respond or action anything if you receive this email.

Always check that your emails are legitimate. Make sure you certify email addresses. Any official correspondence will be from the Diocesan address (name) @portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. If you are unsure, please be in touch with us to check before actioning anything from an unverified email address.

Don't be tricked by clever spam emails. Verify the address. Verify, if necessary with the person that you think has sent the email. Look to see if it has the @portsmouthdiocese.org.uk address.

If you are unsure, get in touch with us at itsupport@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Also be careful of PPE and hand sanitiser offers, Government or bank offers of COVID-19 'relief payments' and requests for charitable or NHS donations.

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VOLUNTEERS FOR THE FOLLOWING SAFEGUARDING ROLES IN THE DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH

VOLUNTEERS ARE SOUGHT FOR THE FOLLOWING ROLLS:

CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION - You will play a strategic role in the ongoing development of safeguarding across the Diocese. As a Chair, you will have significant experience of chairing multi-disciplinary meetings, demonstrating strong, inspiring leadership skills and a passion for safeguarding the vulnerable.

MEMBER(S) OF THE COMMISSION - You will provide support to the Chair in the ongoing development of the safeguarding work across the Diocese. Providing scrutiny and oversight on the work of the Diocesan safeguarding office, you will assist in ensuring arrange-

ments are appropriate, continuously evaluated and developed.

We are specifically (but not exclusively) seeking Commission members with a background in children's social care, adult social care, and policing.

Please see the role profiles below and accompanying information to learn more about the roles and the function of the Safeguarding Commission

If you wish to have a discussion regarding the above opportunities, in the first instance please contact Ruth Attfield, Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator (rattfield@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

If you wish to apply, please send a copy of your Curriculum Vitae with an accompanying letter outlining how your skills, experience and personal qualities evidence your suitability for the role and your motivation for applying to safeguarding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk marked for the attention of Heather Hauschild. All shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an interview.

The closing date for applications is midnight on 14th Jun 2020.

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[Commission member Role and Person specification.pdf](#)

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[Commission Chair Role and person specification.pdf](#)

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PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office is closed from Saturday 30th May—Tuesday 2nd June. Monday is Fr Patrick's and Barbara's **DAY OFF**. During the rest of that week they will not be readily available. The Diocesan Migration e-mail overhaul has caused major disruption, resulting in a backlog of work and loss of documents and a need to seek support from our Diocesan Office, which also appears to be struggling. These areas need to be addressed before Fr Patrick and Barbara take a well-earned rest for the week 8th June to 15th June, when they will not be available for Office matters. They have been working virtually non-stop since the middle of March. The Diocese has agreed that Barbara may remain in post during the month of June. The following Newsletter— a week today—will cover two weeks.