

# ALL SAINTS'



## This week's Newsbulletin

All Saints' Welcomes Everyone

### Services/events for this week

#### Pentecost 23<sup>rd</sup> April

**10.00 Said Eucharist** in All Saints, with organ music.

We will follow the government guidelines of distancing, sanitising, facemasks and no conversation in church.

#### Monday 24<sup>th</sup>

**14.00 Funeral of Phyllis Murkitt**

**19.30 Talk on Peregrine Falcons**

On Zoom. Email Nerine on [njchalmers@gmail.com](mailto:njchalmers@gmail.com) for more details and zoom link

#### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>

**11.00 Morning Prayer on Zoom**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88015708219>

Meeting ID: 880 1570 8219

#### 'Zoom'-ing by 'phone

Call 0203 051 2874, 0203 481 5237, 0203 481 5240 or 0131460 1196 and use meeting id followed by #

## Pentecost

Dear Friends,

It's Pentecost this Sunday and we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit.

St Bernard of Clairvaux called the Holy Spirit "the kiss of the Father". *Now that we are allowed to hug and kiss relatives once again, we realise how much we have missed this closeness for so long and how important it is to our well being, this image seems even more relevant.*

*'If, as properly understood, the Father is he who kisses, the Son he who is kissed, then it cannot be wrong to see in the kiss the Holy Spirit, for he is the imperturbable peace of the Father and the Son, their unshakeable bond, their undivided love, their indivisible unity'.*

The Holy Spirit is the love of the Father for the Son and the Son for the Father. It is boundless; when the breath of God is poured on the disciples at Pentecost they are sent from the Holy Land to the world beyond. God sends them out of the familiar and we too find ourselves sent beyond our comfort zones because all belongs to God.



In early times as in Exodus 38:11 if anyone wanted to consult the Lord, they would go to the meeting tent outside the camp. Outside our churches, our culturally conditioned beliefs and perceptions, 'outside our camp' is where we are sent as God cannot be controlled by us and in this way we discover who we truly are.

Mother Teresa dared to leave her cloister, her home and look for God among the dying on the streets of Calcutta. Our spiritual life is lived in the dynamic of living in God's love and sharing God's love, as Mother Teresa said, *'the problem with the world is that we draw the circle of our family too small'.*

'The spiritual life is being caught up in the heady atmosphere of God, the dizzy oxygen of God's breathing that never lets us quite catch our breath' Timothy Radcliffe.

*Gentle Spirit, breathe your life into us,  
Strong Spirit, open our closed doors to you,  
Universal Spirit, inspire us to work for justice  
Spirit of Jesus, teach us to walk, to pray, to  
live, to love your way.*

*Awaken our dreams, expand our horizon,  
send your healing and hope  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

Please join us in Church this Sunday when we will celebrate together with the Mayor and some of our Town Councillors, dedicate the PCC and swear in the Church Wardens. We will reflect on how vital our community and working together is.

Love, Jo

## On-line services

We are still working on how best we provide on-line services going forward. We expect to have finalised our plans in the near future and will be in touch with those we are aware of soon.

In the meantime if you are unable to join us in person then there are two live streamed services this Sunday that are readily accessible.

### National Service

Led by the Archbishop of York and Thy Kingdom Come, this service will be praying for more people to find their joy within God's Church.

The service will be livestreamed at 9.00 am and available to watch thereafter at

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-church-online/weekly-online-services/pentecost-sunday>

### St Alban's Cathedral

The Cathedral will also be live streaming a Choral Eucharist at 11.15 on Youtube at <https://youtu.be/eqtfge80JR> . Full details (and links to the orders of service etc) can be found at


<https://www.stalbanscathedral.org/live-streaming-at-st-albans-cathedral>

## Choir in Church

We had all been looking forward to having some of the choir with us on Sunday.


Sadly, new stricter guidance for amateur choirs in church was issued by the Government on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and the RSCM/CofE mid-afternoon Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> and made our careful preparations invalid.

We hope to have devised a new plan that fits with these new restrictions in time for Trinity Sunday.

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## Peregrine Falcons

Informal talk on  
Zoom by Barry  
Trevis *(the official  
British Trust for  
Ornithology licence holder  
for ringing and nest  
recording.)*



Photograph: Stuart Fox

**Monday May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm**

Join us to hear about the Peregrine Falcons on the tower at All Saints and to learn more about these amazing birds. You are also invited to share your experiences and photos of these rare birds

For the zoom link, please email Nerine Chalmers [njchalmers@gmail.com](mailto:njchalmers@gmail.com)

Please also send her your photos if you would like to share these at this talk.

**Everyone is welcome!**

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