

**The Benefice of Flitton, Pulloxhill and Silsoe**  
*Growing as beacons of Christ's light in our communities*



**Sunday 23May 2021**

**Sunday Worship  
for PENTECOST  
with Rev DAVID PAYNE**

**Recorded in Greenfield &  
Pulloxhill**

**Greeting & Opening Prayers**

Be with us, Spirit of God.

**All: Nothing can separate us from your love.**

Breathe on us, breath of God:

**All: fill us with your saving power.**

Speak in us, wisdom of God:

**All: bring strength, healing, and peace.**

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,  
ignite in us your holy fire;  
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,  
revive your Church with the breath of your love,  
and renew the face of the earth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

As we wait in silence.

**All: fill us with your Spirit.**

As we listen to your word,

**All: fill us with your Spirit.**

As we worship you in majesty,

**All: fill us with your Spirit.**

As we long for your refreshing,

**All: fill us with your Spirit.**

As we long for your renewing,

**All: fill us with your Spirit.**

As we long for your equipping,

**All: fill us with your Spirit.**

As we long for your empowering

**All: fill us with your Spirit.**

## Hymn: Lord, Thy Church on Earth is Seeking

1. Lord, thy Church on earth is seeking  
thy renewal from above;  
teach us all the art of speaking  
with the accent of thy love.  
We would heed thy great commission;  
'Go thou into every place;  
preach, baptise, fulfil my mission,  
serve with love and share my grace.'

2. Freedom give to those in bondage,  
lift the burdens caused by sin;  
give new hope, new strength and courage,  
grant release from fears within.  
Light for darkness, joy for sorrow;  
love for hatred, peace for strife.  
These and countless blessings follow  
as the Spirit gives new life.

3. In the streets of every city  
where the bruised and lonely dwell,  
let us show the Saviour's pity,  
let us of his mercy tell;  
to all lands and peoples bringing  
all the richness of thy word,  
till the world, thy praises singing,  
hails thee Christ, Redeemer, Lord.

*Author: Hugh Sherlock © Successor to Hugh Sherlock*

## Prayers of Penitence

What God has prepared for those who love him,  
he has revealed to us through the Spirit;  
for the Spirit searches everything.  
Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,  
who has prepared good things for those who love him.

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:  
fill us with your Spirit.  
Lord, have mercy.  
*All: Lord, have mercy.*

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart.  
Christ, have mercy  
*All: Christ, have mercy.*

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided.  
Lord, have mercy.  
*All: Lord, have mercy.*

May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Bible Reading: Acts 2:1-21

*Read by Nick Thompson*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each

of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.  
And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.  
The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.  
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Address

### Affirming our Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**All: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,**

suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

*All:* I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

### Hymn: Shine, Jesus, Shine

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, Light of the World,  
shine upon us,  
set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me

*Shine, Jesus, shine,  
fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze  
set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow,  
flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send forth your word, Lord,  
and let there be light.*

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
from the shadows into your radiance;  
by the blood I may enter your brightness,  
set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
so our faces display your likeness,  
ever changing from glory to glory;  
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Author: Graham Kendrick © 1987 Make Way Music*

### Intercessions

We pray for God to fill us with his Spirit.

Generous God,  
we thank you for the *power* of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better.

Lord, come to bless us

*All:* and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *wisdom* of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask you to make us wise to understand your will.

Lord, come to bless us

*All:* and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the *peace* of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask you to keep us confident of your love wherever you call us.

Lord, come to bless us

**All: and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the healing of your Holy Spirit.

We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness  
where there is division, sickness and sorrow.

Lord, come to bless us

**All: and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the gifts of your Holy Spirit.

We ask you to equip us for the work which you have given us.

Lord, come to bless us

**All: and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the fruit of your Holy Spirit.

We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus.

Lord, come to bless us

**All: and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the breath of your Holy Spirit,  
given us by the risen Lord.

We ask you to keep the whole Church, living and departed,  
in the joy of eternal life.

Lord, come to bless us

**All: and fill us with your Spirit.**

Generous God,  
you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the river Jordan,  
and upon the disciples in the upper room:  
in your mercy fill us with your Spirit now,  
hear our prayer,  
and make us one in heart and mind  
to serve you with joy for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**All: Our Father in Heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your Kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the Kingdom,  
the power and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## Closing Prayer & Dismissal

May Christ's holy, healing, enabling Spirit be with you  
and guide you on your way at every change and turn

and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
rest and remain upon you this Pentecost  
and for ever more. **Amen**

Filled with the Spirit's power,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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Please remember in your  
prayers this week:



Those who have recently  
died, including

*Vincent Austin,  
Thelma Bull*

and their families and  
friends who mourn them

Those who are ill, including

*Des Brazier,  
Alice Butler,  
Kay Chambers,  
Kara De Napoli  
(granddaughter of Margaret Butt),  
Stella Lawton,  
Sally Metianu,  
Bill Powers,  
Joan Preston  
Malcolm Smith*

We also remember: Jonah - born at 27 weeks - great-grandson of Anne Stiles  
The residents and staff at Taymer Nursing Home

### **KARA DE NAPOLI - An Update**

Kara has been on our Prayer List since January. She has Acute Myeloid Leukaemia & has finished Cycle 3 of chemo. This week she's in Watford General having transfusions, scans and other tests and hopefully she will then be able to go home for a while before returning to Great Ormond Street for Cycle 4.

The main problem at the moment is that chemo destroys the immune system so she's very prone to infections. However, the specialists at GOSH are pleased with her progress so far so it is hoped that she might be able to go back to part time schooling in September.

She's very excited as she has been given a robot which lives in her classroom at school. It links into her computer at home so she can see her classroom, teacher and friends. She can join in with lessons when she feels up to it - modern technology is amazing!

At 10 years old, she has gone through a really awful time but she remains cheerful and positive.

Thank you everyone for your thoughts and prayers.

**SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 30 MAY**

10:00 am United Benefice Holy Communion in Silsoe Church led by Rev Anna Garvie with a sermon by Rev David Payne

Virtual Vicar: Sunday Worship

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**TEA at THREE on Sunday 23 May**

ZOOM time together every Sunday from 3pm to 4pm – everybody welcome.

A chance to catch up with others, laugh, moan, get things off your chest. .

Contact Rev David on 01525 864858 or [vicar@3churches.uk](mailto:vicar@3churches.uk)  
for the ZOOM access code  
*(It's the same code every week. )*



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**Can you help Pulloxhill PCC? Are you interested in Safeguarding?**

Pulloxhill PCC are seeking someone to take on the role of **Parish Safeguarding Officer**. You do not have to be a PCC member to take on this role, but would need to report to the PCC and at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.  
This role covers work to safeguard vulnerable adults & children.

If you think you can help, please contact Rev David on 01525 864858 or [vicar@3churches.uk](mailto:vicar@3churches.uk) or the Pulloxhill PCC Secretary Liz Coulson on 01525 712834 or [liz.coulson@3churches.uk](mailto:liz.coulson@3churches.uk)

Thank you



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Thank you to everyone who helped support the work of Christian Aid last week.

**As a Benefice, we raised over £900**

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Join Chris Nixon and others for **20 minutes of prayer** via Zoom, twice a week:  
**Mondays @ 21:00 hrs and Thursdays @ 09:00 hrs**

**All are welcome**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75169742287?pwd=NnNGNHkzU3FkODF2R1U3TG5CaXJ3UT09>

Meeting ID: 751 6974 2287 Passcode: hf7e1x

Silence, words, encouragement, music, a candle and all of this because we need to spend time **with our 'Father in Heaven'**

