

# St Mary's Church

## Prestwich

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We are offering a Eucharist again this week and I refer to the following prayer at the beginning:

### Prayer for Spiritual Holy Communion

Lord Jesus Christ,  
You are made present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Although we cannot now receive  
You sacramentally,  
come spiritually into our hearts and  
unite us wholly to You  
May we never be separated from  
You.  
Amen.

Participating this week will be:  
Reading from Acts - *Julia Dutton*  
Gospel - *Rev Adele*  
Intercessions - *Pauline Jones*

We hope you are continuing to stay safe and well during this challenging time. The clergy will continue to pray each day at 8:00am and we invite everyone to join us in thought and prayer wherever you may be so that we can be joined together in support and love for one another.



The Mid Week Music Organ Recitals on our YouTube page will continue each Wednesday in

June. Each recital will include a piece based upon a hymn tune (sung at St Mary's), do listen out to see if you recognise the hymn melody. Enjoy! Gary.



O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers.



**Lord Let your love shine on those in need of our prayers:** Lily-Rose Ahmadi; David Arnold, Lorayah Bevan, David Burwin, Graham Coward, Graham Fleet, Helen Hicks, Perry Hinton, Deborah Kane, Heather Kay, Elaine Kirk, Poppy McLaughlin, Jean Murphy, James O'Meara, Rev'd Deborah Sandercock-Pickles, Maryam Sedeghi, Peter Simpson, Betty (Rikki) Tonge, Gill White, Ryan Woods

**We send love and prayers to the family of:** Kathleen Davies – may she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Please continue to pray for the Milnes family and for Jo as she passes into God's eternal kingdom.



We would like to keep in touch with people at this difficult time. If you are lonely or need a chat, or if you require any help, support or information just give us a call.

We will be providing prayer and other resources for people online and we encourage you to refer to our website, and our twitter account for news and information.

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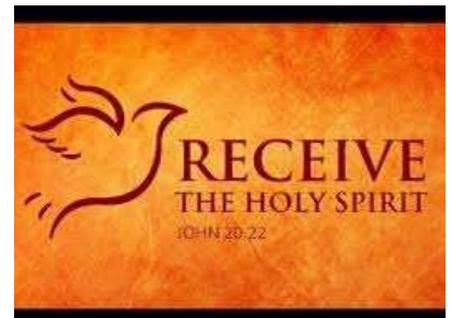
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# Readings for Pentecost Sunday

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## Collect

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 love,  
and renew the face of the earth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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."

## A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts

of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

## Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

## Post-Communion Prayer

Faithful God,  
who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.