



Parish Website

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN

PENTECOST SUNDAY (B)

23<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2021



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Today we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost, sometimes referred to as the 'Birthday of the Church', because now the Apostles can begin the work left them by Jesus. They can now begin their ministry because they have received the Holy Spirit, that Jesus promised to them. Speaking to the disciples before his arrest, Jesus refers to the Spirit as the 'Advocate', meaning helper or comforter, indicating the disciples will not be left to struggle on alone. We hear Jesus say that the complete truth is too much for the disciples now. The mysteries of his life, death and Resurrection, and the implications for his followers - all will become clearer in due course. The Spirit will guide you, he says. Not everything is revealed at once.

The reading from Acts recalls the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, just as Jesus promised. The disciples are gathered together when they have a powerful experience of the Holy Spirit, urging them out into the streets, proclaiming the Good News. The time has come. They must have remembered Jesus' promise then, finally understanding what he meant when he said the Spirit would lead them, when the time was right.

The Spirit is still at work in our world. As our journey continues - as humanity, as church, as individuals - the Spirit unveils God's message for our place and time. The Spirit is that life-giving force that animates our world, inspiring and energising us. Our task is to listen, to be awake to the many ways God speaks to us and calls us into the life of God. As the Holy Spirit enabled the disciples to begin their ministry, so may we be open to the Spirit and continue the work, begun, by the disciples.



## MASS TIMES

Saturday (Vigil) 5.00pm

Sunday 9am and 10.30am\*

If you wish to attend one of the above Masses you can request up to two places via the parish website, for three or more places, please email, telephone, the parish office.

**Monday, Tuesday\*, Wednesday and Thursday\* Mass this week at 9.15am.**

No need to request a place in advance.

\*These Masses are live-streamed, for details see below.

When you come to Mass:

Please follow the guidance of the stewards,  
wear a mask, sanitise your hands when entering and leaving,  
**do not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble.**

**If you suspect you may have Coronavirus symptoms, have been in touch with anyone who has, or if you are feeling unwell, do not come to church.**

### PARISH SURVEY

Early in 2020 many of you completed the Parish Survey. 2020 though, took a very unexpected, disruptive, turn. So many things, the survey included, did not work out as we might have expected. However, the survey has been analysed, and your comments drawn together. Hopefully, many of you will have received the details of how to listen the recording of the outcomes, or where to find the transcript on the parish website. To listen to the recording go to: <https://youtu.be/pPLuShNvPqs>, for the transcript visit:

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/harpenden/parish-survey-2020-outcome-seeking-christ-together/>

### COMMUNICATIONS

A frequent comment, in the Parish Survey was of the need for communication, and it's important that we act on that suggestion as soon as we can. Do you have an interest in how we as a parish community communicate, not only among ourselves, but with the world at large? Do you have skills and experience that may help? Would you like to be part of a Parish

Communications Group? If so, please contact Canon Dwyer.

### STEWARDS FOR MASS

Thank you very much to all those who give their time to steward at Mass, and to clean the church. Without you we would not be able to continue to celebrate Mass as frequently as we do. As people return to work, and take the opportunity to be away, our numbers are dropping a little, particularly on weekdays. If you have an hour, or so, to spare, during the week, or at weekends, it would be a great help if you could volunteer to be a steward. If you could help in this way please let the parish office have your details.



### SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH

Thank you to everyone, who has continued to support the Parish, financially, since the first lockdown March 2020. For some, circumstances will have changed, and it will not have been possible to offer any support, which is understandable. You can give your support by Standing order, or by using planned giving envelopes. For details please contact the parish office. It's also possible to make a contribution, using the 'Contactless' machine in church, or via Virgin Money giving.



## PRIEST'S TRAINING FUND

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the recent collection for the Priest Training Fund. The fund closes this week, if you haven't yet done so yet, it is not too late to make a donation. You can do so by dropping your contribution at the presbytery; or you can donate online through the Diocese's website. To date £1,421.00 has been donated, via the parish. The formation of priests is of top priority, and this fund provides for the training of those preparing to serve as priests in our diocese.

## CONFIRMATION 2021

Confirmation preparation will begin immediately after the summer holidays. Parents, who have registered their children, should have received an email giving further information. If you haven't done so, please contact the parish office.



## PASTORAL LETTER

This week there is a pastoral letter from Cardinal Nichols, written with the other Bishops of England and Wales, on the Environment. For a full copy please click here:

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/harpenden/pastoral-letters/>

## HELP YOURSELF

In the porch, this weekend, are books authored by the late Elizabeth Wang, on the priesthood and the Trinity, as well as cards designed by her. If you would like either book, or both, or some cards, they are free to take.

## FUNERAL

Please remember in your prayers Margaret (Peggy) Collins, who died recently, and whose funeral takes place this Thursday at 2.00pm.

- Please note there will be **no Mass at 9.15am, next Thursday**. As the numbers permitted at funeral Masses has been increased, it is anticipated, that there will be room for any of our regular weekday attendees, who might want to attend Mass.

## LIVESTREAMING

Masses and Services will be live-streamed on Zoom, and YouTube this coming week:

DAY	TIME	ZOOM CODE
Sunday - Mass	10.30am	894 6908 9284
Tuesday - Mass	9.15am	872 7923 9813
Thursday - Mass	9.15am	837 5376 6231

## CAFOD - CRISIS IN INDIA

As coronavirus brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID & vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres. **You can donate online here:** [cafod.org.uk/give](https://cafod.org.uk/give). Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.

## PARISH OFFICE

In line with current government advice, our office administrator, Melanie is working mainly from home. This means that the phone may not always be answered during parish office hours (9.30am-12.30pm), Monday to Thursday, and you may not get a response to a voicemail immediately. The best way for parishioners to contact the parish office at the moment is by emailing [harpenden@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:harpenden@rcdow.org.uk)



## PARISH NEWSLETTER

As the pandemic continues so, the weekly newsletter will only be available electronically. Parishioners on the newsletter distribution list or parish database will continue to receive an electronic copy of the bulletin each week. It is also available on our website and can be accessed here. For anyone who cannot access it electronically, it is possible to have a copy posted, if you request one from the Parish Office. Alternatively, if you are aware of anyone without a computer, or internet access, you might think of printing off a copy for them.

## FOR THE CHILDREN

While the obligation to attend Mass remains suspended, it falls to each, if we are not attending Mass, to do what we can, to nourish our faith.

Parents may find the following links, useful to do something with the children, particularly on Sundays:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

<https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/catechesis/childrens-liturgy/>

<https://www.facebook.com/colourandshapeonline>

## PARISH QUIZ NIGHT

As a parish contribution to #SustFest21, the

LiveSimply Environment Group are organising an online quiz night at 7:30 pm on Friday

28<sup>th</sup> May on the theme of "Climate and the Environment". The quiz will be conducted via Zoom and Kahoot, so participants will need to have one PC or tablet to connect to Zoom and one mobile phone with the Kahoot app. The quiz should last about an hour and is free to join. The questions will vary from easy to hard so anyone can join, either individually or as a family group. It should be a fun event for all! If you are interested in participating in the quiz or have any questions, please email Hugh Kelliher at [hugh.m.kelliher@gmail.com](mailto:hugh.m.kelliher@gmail.com).



## HARPENDEN JIGSAW FESTIVAL - PLEASE DIARISE!

This will now take place between 8am-8pm, on Friday 9 July and Saturday 10 July at High Street Methodist Church, along with refreshments. There will be more than 1000 completed jigsaws on display over the two days. The proceeds will be split between two charities - Workaid (a Chesham-based charity that our parish has supported before); and Azalea. We and our Methodist counterparts will be organising a rota of volunteers to run the festival, once we have



**HARPENDEN**  
Jigsaw Festival

decided the jobs that need to be done. We hope very much that our fellow parishioners can help us by doing short stints over the two days, and will be grateful for any home-made cakes you can provide too! Thank you for all your support

so far, including by helping to make such a huge number of jigsaws. For more information, please see

our website [harpendenjigsawfestival.co.uk](http://harpendenjigsawfestival.co.uk), our Facebook page (Harpenden Jigsaw Festival) or email [harpendenjigsaws@gmail.com](mailto:harpendenjigsaws@gmail.com)

## LIVESIMPLY:

### SUSTAINABILITY FESTIVAL 2021 23 MAY - 6 JUNE

Here is another chance to help protect the planet and think about living more sustainably. We are fortunate to have a wide range of activities and events right on our doorstep. You could simply take part in a [Climate Survey](#), check out the [Science-trail](#) at Rothamsted, or learn about hedgehogs, go to a foodie event or try out a [Food Box](#) of locally sourced fruit, veg and even honey. There is more information here: <https://sustfest.org/>. Laudato si' (Praise Be to You).

### A STRING QUARTET IN CHURCH 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY

A string quartet, formed of graduates from the Royal Academy of Music, will be performing a varied hour of music at Our Lady of Lourdes next Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 5.30pm

The programme will include:

Caroline Shaw - Entr'acte

"Classical Quartet in D Major

Mozart K499 "Hoffmeister" - Allegretto

Beethoven Op.18 No.3 - Andante con moto

Tchaikovsky Op.11 - Scherzo

Haydn - Op.50 No.6 "The Frog" - Allegro con spirito.

Alex Casson, violin, performed with our choir for the Haydn Nelson Mass and beautiful quartet folk-

inspired music. He is returning now with the following ensemble: Alexander Casson, violin, Kath Roberts violin, Abby Bowen viola and Saran Davies 'cello.

As for Mass each week there will be capacity for a socially distanced audience. To book up to 2 places please click on the link below

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/harpenden/events/page/2/>

**For 3 or more places please email Melanie in the Parish Office.** The concert will also be streamed on zoom and on YouTube - where it will remain on the parish YouTube channel. There will be a suggested donation of £10 per adult attending, a donations plate will be in the church. Alex will also host a funding page online - a proportion of the proceeds are to go to Musicians UK. Their work to support musicians can be seen on their website.



17:11 Sun 9 May helpmusicians.org.uk 48%

**Coronavirus Advice and Hardship Funding**

**MUSIC MINDS MATTER**  
0808 802 8008

**Essential and enduring support for professional musicians**

**HELP MUSICIANS LATEST**  
Overcoming obstacles with Saxophonist Emma Johnson: "I feel more confident in my own decisions and believe in what I'm doing."  
29th April 2021

**SUPPORT OUR WORK**  
We love music, and seek to support musicians through essential and enduring support. Join us and be a part of our vital work.

**FUNDING WIZARD**  
Looking for funding? Search across the industry with our Funding Wizard

**OPEN GARDEN ON SATURDAY 17 JULY - PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!**

You are warmly invited to this year's open garden



which will take place between 10am and 3pm on 17<sup>th</sup> July. It will provide a great opportunity to relax with friends in a lovely setting after what has been such a difficult year. There will be plants

for sale and ample refreshments including coffee, tea and delicious cakes. Any donations of plants for the sale would be most welcome so do get those seed trays going! All proceeds will go to the DWG's current project. Further information to follow.



**LET US PRAY**

For those throughout the world who are suffering from the impact of coronavirus.  
May the Lord of Mercy bring them health and healing.  
Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those who have died recently especially Anthony Rodricks and also, for those whose anniversaries occur at this time particularly Carmel Bull, and Marion Jones.  
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace.

We place in God's hand our personal needs and prayers.  
We pray together our parish prayer.  
God our Father, pour forth your spirit upon our parish. Grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of power, a new faithfulness to your word and a new consecration to your service, so that your love may grow among us and your kingdom come. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady of Lourdes ..... Pray for us.

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

**SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY**

**Easter feria**

**VIGIL MASS 5.00pm**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY (B)**

Anthony Rodricks RIP (Recently Deceased)



**SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY (B)**

9.00am  
10.30am

People of the Parish

Rosemary Chapman RIP

**Zoom Code 894 6908 9284**

**MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**

9.15am

Betty Downie RIP

**TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**St Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor**

9.15am

Marion Jones RIP (Anniv)

**Zoom Code 872 7923 9813**

**WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**St Philip Neri, Priest**

9.15am

Thanksgiving Mass (Spec Int)

**THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST**

9.15am

**NO MASS**

2.00pm

Requiem Mass for Margaret Collins

**FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**feria**

**SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**feria**

**VIGIL MASS 5.00pm**

**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (B)**

Terry Mahabir RIP (Anniv)

**SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (B)**

9.00am  
10.30am

People of the Parish

Geraldine Martin RIP (Anniv)

**Zoom Code 894 6908 9284**

**CONFESSIONS - BY PRIOR ARRANGEMENT WITH CANON DWYER**