

WEEKLY HERALD

23 MAY 2021



Thought for the Week



Retreat
group
candles

We are made for goodness.
We are made for love
We are made for friendliness
We are made for togetherness
We are made for all the beautiful things
that you and I know...
We all belong to this family, this human
family, God's family, *Desmond Tutu*

Maintenance review

Thank you for your cooperation with the
Maintenance review. This will lead to a
comprehensive report for the trustees
to use to plan a programme of
maintenance and renovation.

"Gehenna" protocol

One collegian has asked for help getting
stuff to the new bin store. A few of you
are also being good neighbours and
helping others.
Sheppard's bin store is only for residents
in that block – there is just no capacity for
any more items. Please feedback any
observations or concerns. We will keep
the logistics under review.

Roadmap out of lockdown

Things are less certain for 21 June but
let's keep praying for the data and keep
ourselves and each other safe.

People are getting out and seeing friends
and family, having coffee and inviting
people into their flats. We can feel a
sense of freedom around the place.

Please see the guidelines on
<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> for
more information.

Benefits advice

Maureen Brett (Age UK) has promised to
come regularly to the colleges to help
with benefit queries. Please let Jo know if
you would like to see her and we will
arrange another day. The first visit was an
eye-opener!

Coffee Morning

Our monthly charity coffee morning is
this Thursday May 27th at 10.30 am in
the Old Quad in aid of Bromley Food
Bank.

New Collegian

Gillian Carberry will be moving into flat
41 this week. Please make her feel
welcome.

Chapel

We are meeting in the Chapel in our
stalls for the daily offices from Monday
to Friday: 9am and 5pm

Preaching away

The Chaplain is preaching at Hither
Green Baptist church on Trinity Sunday.



Bromley Little Theatre

Performances of *Midsummer Night's Dream* from 20-24 July on the South Lawn. The actors will begin rehearsals on site from 10/11 July and the weekend after the lighting tower and other equipment will be erected. Toilets and a licensed bar will be situated in the Chaplain's garden.

Please book your priority tickets through Bob Wallace. He has more forms if you need them.

The style of production is unusual; some of us will not have experienced the play quite like this before!

Collegians are invited to attend rehearsals, please let Bob know if you would like to do this.

PENTECOST

Collect

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them
the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice
in his holy comfort;
through the merits of
Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-21

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."

Psalm 104.26-36,37b

John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15

'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I

go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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 of your
glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

North
Thames
Path



Prayer Diary

Anglican Cycle	The Anglican Church of Melanesia
Rochester Cycle	Gillingham deanery The Rev Canon Brian Senior, Area Dean; Mr Peter Wareing, Lay Chair
Colleges	Bob Jones and Joy Bidgood
Community	Children's Society, Save the Children Fund, NSPCC and Barnardos
Collegians moved away	Charles Potter, Frank and Yvonne Gough (2007), David and Diane Cossar (2012), Mary Watts (2015), Pam Dawson (2019). John and Joyce Ilson (2020), Ken Hewitt (2020), Sarah Grove(2020)
Those who have asked for prayer	Anne Townsend, Matthew Coxen, June Dakin, Chris Davies, Carol Latham, (and Christine travelling this week to be with her) the Lepper Family, Maureen Edmonds, Nigel and Diane Pilgrim, Peter Hemming, Vic Shaw
Year's Mind Anniversary	Robert Barnard and Dorothy Woodfield
Those who have died	Mark Lepper
<p><i>Dear Collegians, we have slimmed the prayer list down to the most recent requests. Please let the office know who to put back on, or any other friends and family you would like us to pray for. Please let us know before the Sunday Service.</i></p>	

Activities diary

What and when	Time	President	Reader	Intercessor
Sun 23 May Communion	10am	Chaplain	Brandy Pearson	Rob Pearson
Mon 24 May Silent Prayer	5.30pm	In Chapel		
Thurs 27 May	10.30am	Coffee on the lawn in aid of Bromley Food Bank		
ADVANCE NOTICE	10am	Wed 2 June – Founders' Day: Bishop Sarah Thur 24 June - Birth of John the Baptist: This service will be the first in our re-opened chapel!		