

Anglican Church of
St Thomas à Becket



Sunday 23rd May 2021
Pentecost

- **Service Details Sunday 23rd May**
Holy Communion (*Common Worship*), 10.30
Click here to join the congregation, from 10.15 onwards. Please join in good time.
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Holy Communion

The Collect for Pentecost

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite us with 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,
though Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come,
they were all together in one place. ²And
suddenly from heaven there came a sound
like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled
the entire house where they were
sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire,

appeared among them, and a tongue
rested on each of them. ⁴All 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. ⁶And at this sound the crowd
gathered and was bewildered, because
each one heard them speaking in the
native language of each. ⁷Amazed and
astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these
who are speaking Galileans?' ⁸And how is it
that we hear, each of us, in our own native
language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and
residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and
Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and
Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya
belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from
Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans
and Arabs—in our own languages we hear
them speaking about God's deeds of
power.' ¹²All were amazed and perplexed,
saying to one another, 'What does this
mean?' ¹³But others sneered and said,
'They are filled with new wine.'

¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you
suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the
morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken
through the prophet Joel: ⁷ "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. ¹⁸ Even upon
my slaves, both men and women, in those
days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall
prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the
heaven above and signs on the earth
below, blood, and fire, and smoky
mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Romans 8:22-27

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

John 15:26-27; 16: 4b-15

²⁶ '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. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. ⁴But 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. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?"' ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless, 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. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹² 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When 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. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Notices and News

Becket News

There's a new edition of Becket News about to come hot off the press. It should be hitting your inbox sometime over the Whit weekend (this weekend). If you're not on the mailing list, you can read or download the new edition from the church website instead.

A huge thank you to Jo Dawes for compiling, editing and producing Becket News, our STB 'periodical' (and to all contributors too of course!) It's a big job, carried out with enthusiasm, dedication and professionalism, and I'm sure you'll enjoy this latest issue. Lots of interesting content about our own varied STB activities and groups, plus a pilgrimage route tracing the German/Danish border, and information about the Thomas Becket exhibition at the British Museum.

Annual General Meeting of the church of STB will take place on Sunday 30th May at 12.00 noon, on Zoom. The Agenda and supporting documents were emailed earlier this week to everyone on the Electoral Roll who has given us an email address. (If you are on the ER and have not received this communication, do get in touch.) Madeleine Resuehr is kindly forwarding information to those without.

In order that we can make a list of those attending the AGM, please could you ensure that your name (not a nick name, or the name of the account holder) will be the one appearing on the Zoom screen. Thank you. Any further nominations, along with the names of proposer and seconder, should be submitted by email to Peter Alexander, the Council Secretary prior to the meeting.

John Wesley's rule of life: this coming week in the Kapelle at the Oekumensichen Forum Hafencity.

There will be three services on Tues 25th, Wed 26th, and Thursday 27th May, each at 18.00, and each including a presentation based on one of Wesley's rules for the Christian life: 'Do no Harm', 'Do Good' and 'Love God' respectively. Attendance is open to all, but limited, so if you're interested please register on the website www.oekumenisches-forum-hafencity.de/kapelle/

Living in love and faith, is the title of the Church of England's current engagement around issues of identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage.

Please pray for our congregations and leaders across Germany and the wider diocese, as we read and reflect, listen and learn, in love and faith.

The week ahead

Wednesday 26th May

Morning Prayer, starting at 08.30

St. Augustine

Readings for MP: Psalm 119:153-end; Ecclus 26:1-2,4-5,10-17; 1 Thess 2:2b-8;

You can join Morning Prayer here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82623076177?pwd=ZTZocUcwY25KNnZTajYvQ1JlSmJJQT09>

Saturday 29th May

Evening Prayer at 18.00

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89286260101?pwd=WHg2dmJtTit4bWhiVlJHdCtQQnhydzo9>

Sunday 30th May

Trinity Sunday

Holy Communion, 10.30

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AGM 12.00 noon.

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