



THIS WEEK

Sunday 19th May, Pentecost (*Whitsunday*)

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Priory on Pentecost Sunday, the last major festival before we enter six months of Ordinary Time. If you are visiting us today, we extend a warm and special welcome. Please do stay for coffee after the morning service, as we would love to get to know you better.

Pentecost (also called Whitsun) occurs on the 49th day (50th day when inclusive counting is used) after Easter Sunday. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of Jesus while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1–31). We will light the candles we arranged in the cross during last Sunday morning's service to symbolise the Holy Spirit coming today. It is the birthday of the Church.

At the Vicarage, we are carrying on as usual and sorting out drawers and cupboards ready for retirement. The Diocese gives me a 'resettlement' month when I stop my parish duties but retain the overall responsibility. So, Rita and I will be moved by the removal company on 13th June and then reside in Uffculme. We will return on Saturday, 22nd June, for Lifepath week and attend Gilly Maxim's Ordination on Sunday, June 30th, at Worcester Cathedral. Please pray for Gilly as she takes this important step. We then return to Uffculme until the 12th/13th of July, ready for our final Sunday on July 14th. Officially, I retire on my 66th birthday on 16th July.

The Friends Choral Evensong is at 6.30pm on 16th June. The interim Dean, The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Edwards, will preach. Please put this date in your diaries and support the work of our hardworking Friends.

Every blessing,

Rod

TODAY

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

President Revd Adam Wharton, Preacher Revd Rod Corke

10:30am Parish Communion

President Revd Ted Crofton, Preacher Chris Boulton

Praise Group's final song will be 389 Spirit of God – do join in!
Epistle Acts 2:1-21 (p109); Gospel John 15: 26-27; 16:4b-15 (p102)
Choir Anthem: Filled with the Spirit's power
Words: As hymn 633 Music: David Iliff (b.1939) Tune: "Malvern Hills"
12:30pm Church Lunch, Foley Arms
3:00pm Messy Church, Lyttelton Rooms
6:30pm Evensong Minister & Preacher Richard Weatherill

COMING UP

Monday to Saturday 9:00am Morning Prayer, St Giles' Chapel

Tuesday 6:00pm Praise Group, Lyttelton Rooms

Wednesday 11:30am Holy Communion (BCP), St Giles' Chapel

Thursday 6:00pm Table Tennis, Lyttelton Rooms

7:30pm Bell Ringers' practice

Friday 4:00pm Handbell rehearsal

6:00/7:00pm Junior/Adult choir practice

Saturday 10:00am Just-A-Cuppa

11:00am Guided Tour

Next Sunday 26th May, Trinity Sunday

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

President & Preacher Revd Rod Corke

10:30am Communion in the Round

President Revd Rod Corke, Preacher Gilly Maxim

6:30pm Choral Evensong Minister & Preacher Chris Boulton

PRIORY INFORMATION, NEWS AND EVENTS

Welcome! If you are visiting or are new to the Priory, we are glad to have you with us. Please do say hello to one of the ministers, welcomers or sidespeople.

Home groups: Details of meeting times and days can be obtained from Tony Whalley.

Children's groups: Identity (11+) runs on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, FROGs (under 11s; under 4s with an adult please) runs on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month. All welcome to join in!

The current Priory Prayer Diary is available on our website. Click on the Worship tab, then regular worship, then private prayer, and follow the link.

Prayer Vine If you would like a prayer request put on the Priory Prayer Vine, email pv-request@greatmalvernpriory.org.uk, or contact Rod on 07977 444864.

'What's Going On?' Messy Church on Sunday 19th May, 3-5pm in the Lyttelton Rooms. All families welcome for a wonderful afternoon of Jesus-centred exciting activity and enjoyment exploring Pentecost, as well as a lovely tea at the end!

Elgar Festival: Relaxed Concert, Thursday, 30 May, 3.00pm. Elgar for Everyone really does mean Elgar for EVERYONE. Join us for a very relaxed concert given by members of the ESO wind section for people living with disabilities, dementia and other challenges. Free admission. Advance booking advised.

<http://www.elgarfestival.org/> or call Worcester Theatres on 01905 611427

Worcester Organists' Association: Saturday, 1st June. A talk on CV Stanford from 11.00am, followed by a recital by Andrew McCrea (Worcester) from 12.00pm. Admission free, retiring collection.

Free Lunchtime talk Priory Churchyard Trees, Thursday, 6th June, 1:00pm. Dr Matthew Tromans, Managing Director Creative Gardening Solutions Ltd and Malvern Hills District Council's tree surgeon will be talking about the life and times of some of trees to be found in Great Malvern Priory Churchyard. Free entry with retiring collection for enhancement of the wildflower garden area of the churchyard

Elections to the Council of the Friends of the Priory: Nominations are invited for the offices of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. These must be received by the Secretary at least seven days before the elections due to take place at the AGM on Tuesday 11th June 2024. There is also one vacancy for an ordinary member of the Friends' Council and nominations of people with an interest in and love of the Priory are invited. Nominations must be received before the start of the AGM. Those with legal, financial or buildings experience would be particularly useful, but such experience is not essential. For further information, contact the Chairman, Anne Eglington, email friends.malvernpriory@gmail.com Nominations must be in writing, supported by a seconder, and the consent of the proposed nominee must first have been obtained. The proposer, seconder and the nominee must all be members of the Friends. Nominations should be sent to the Secretary either in writing to c/o Church House, Church Street, Malvern, WR14 2AY or by email to friends.malvernpriory@gmail.com

Garden evening at Webster's June 12th, 6:30pm. Bring and share, drinks provided, maps available if needed. Bouncy castle for children. All welcome!

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

Foodbank: www.malvern hills.foodbank.org.uk.

Lyttelton Well: Café & Bookshop are open Monday to Saturday 10am-3:45pm; also the Bookshop can be contacted either by phone 01684 573702 or email bookshop@lytteltonwell.co.uk. Anyone seeking counselling should contact the service on 01684 563456, or via www.thewellcounselling.co.uk.

Monday 9th to Sunday 19th May: Thy Kingdom Come 2024 Join Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. Here in Malvern we will be holding a Prayer Walk on the Hills on

Saturday 18th May, the final Saturday of that week. We will meet outside the Lyttelton Well at 9:30am and you can either join with others to pray in one of the Lyttelton rooms or join Rev Becky and Jamie Elliott (and their labrador!) who will lead the prayer walk over the hills, returning to the Lyttelton Well for coffee around 11am. Then on the following day...

Malvern Churches Together Pentecost Celebration, Sunday 19th May, 6pm at St. Andrews, Poolbrook with Christopher Landau from ReSource (<https://www.resourcingrenewal.org/>) supporting local churches in spiritual renewal, with a particular focus on 'little, local, ordinary' churches.'

Messy Vintage Service 'Summertime Praise' Holy Trinity Church, Thursday 6th June at 2pm. A fun informal service to celebrate Summertime including hymns, readings and Messy Vintage, followed by refreshments. This service is especially for older people, people living with dementia or with special needs and their carers, - All are welcome. Parking is available directly outside the church door.

Lyttelton Well Vacancy: Message from Michael Harper, Chairman. We're urgently looking for a 30+ hr/wk Office Manager, with the experience necessary for day today management of the accounts (we use Xero) and the organisational experience and skills necessary to run office functions. This is a rare opportunity to be part of a forward looking warmly Christian team with a real vision for the future. Interested? Ring Simon Kemp on 01684 573702, or Michael Harper on 01684 830133 (leaving a message if it goes to voicemail), write to Simon Kemp, The Lyttelton Well Ltd, 6, Church Street, Malvern WR14 2AY: or simon@lytteltonwell.co.uk, telling us what you think you could bring to the team (with a C.V please). Please respond asap, and certainly by Weds 24th May.

Mr and Mrs, A marriage MOT on connection, 7pm Saturday 22nd June, All Saints Church, Wells Road. Why not join us for a date night to invest in your marriage? Whether you have been married less than a year or more than 60 years (or any time in between), whether you have a good relationship or are struggling, this is a great opportunity to take stock of what is going well and identify areas that you'd like to improve. David and Sarah Abell, the founders of The Relationships Academy, will be sharing about the importance of building and maintaining a strong connection. They'll be looking at what can impact connection and how to identify and rebuild it when we experience conflict, stress or misunderstandings. Tickets from ruthw@chaseteam.org Early bird (until 31st May) £15 per couple; normal price £20 per couple.

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The Parish Office is open on Thursday and Friday from 9am-1pm for drop-in visitors and telephone calls. On other days you can contact the office by email, which is monitored regularly, or by leaving a message on the answerphone. If your request is pastoral and urgent, please contact Revd Rod Corke.

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