

A very warm welcome to everyone visiting our church today. It's great that you're here this morning, we hope that you enjoy today's service. We would love to get to know you better, so please join us after the service for tea and coffee if you are able.

Sunday 9th June 2019

10.30am - Morning Service

Pentecost

4pm - Reflective Communion

5.30pm - Rose Garden Church

For your Prayers

Give thanks Alan G has had successful prostate surgery and is now home recovering. Pray for good progress and the joy of life in the summer months. Continue to pray for Ray W after his head injury and Paul S in Leominster after breaking his hip. Remember Rosie still living with pain. May her faith remain strong and may God be glorified in her life. Pray for healing. Niels has another chest infection. May this

pass and his mobility continue to increase.

Two more weeks of exams. Pray for endurance for the students. God will honour those who strive to bring him glory in their hard work and attitude regardless of the actual result.

Pray for our Government to think selflessly and to aim for the common good based on God's ways which are the best ways. Give them ears to hear your voice and minds and hearts to respond.

Today's Reading

Mark 7:24-37 (NIV)

Jesus Honours a Syrophenician Woman's Faith

²⁴ Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. ²⁵ In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet. ²⁶ The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

²⁷ "First let the children eat all they want," he told her, "for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

²⁸ "Lord," she replied, "even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."

²⁹ Then he told her, "For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter."

³⁰ She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Jesus Heals a Deaf and Mute Man

³¹ Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. ³² There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

³³ After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into

the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. ³⁴ He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means "Be opened!"). ³⁵ At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

³⁶ Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. ³⁷ People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Acts 2:1-13 (NIV)

The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

² When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ Then how is it that each of

us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism);

Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

Thought for the Week

A spiritual life is simply a life in which all that we do comes from the centre, where we are anchored in God: a life soaked through and through by a sense of His reality and claim, and self-given to the great movement of His will.

Evelyn Underhill, in John Stobart, The wisdom of Evelyn Underhill

Tanzania

I am hoping to do a 'Tanzanian Mean Bean Challenge' from Monday 10th - Friday 14th June. The money raised will help buy school dinners for the children in extreme poverty, who normally go without food during the school day. This time, I am also hoping to raise enough to supply reusable personal hygiene kits so that 50 girls can go to school every week of the month. If you would like to make a donation, please look out for the Tanzanian Dinners envelopes around church and return to Ruth Price personally or via the offering bags. Many Thanks. Ruth Price

Active Retreat Day

Ladies, our next Retreat Day has been booked - Saturday 29 June from 10.30am to 3.30pm. Val will again lead with a "thought for the day" and we will have plenty of time

to read, pray, listen to God or do some craft work in the house, the garden or down by the river (weather permitting!)

Refreshments and lunch will be provided. The cost for the day will be £15. Please let me know asap if you'd like to join us. I will be confirming numbers on 24 June so will need to know before then. If you want any other information please speak to me. Thanks, Dorothy

Car Parking

The car park gate is due to be fixed in the coming days, this may affect some of the access cards. If you still require access to the car park for church business please email the office. However if you feel you no longer require an access card I would be grateful if it could be returned. Thank you.

What's On This Week

Monday

9.45am-11.15am Women's Study Group at HBC
6.30pm Prayer and fellowship - all are welcome

Tuesday

9am Tuesday Breakfast Club
12pm-2.30pm Private booking - Middle Hall

Wednesday

10am Tot Stop
10.15am-12pm Wednesday Club
5.30pm - 9pm Youth
5.30pm Food, 6-8pm Pulse, 7-9pm Ignite

Thursday

12pm Silver Diners
7.30pm Activate Fitness
7.30pm Musicians Practice (Green Team)
7.30pm Small Group - Kings Acre

Saturday

9.30am Hiking Group

Sunday

Midnight Night Shift
10.30am Morning Service
4pm Reflective Communion
5.30pm Rose Garden Church

BMS Birthdays - June

10th	Alec Salmon	19th	Dorothy Marchant
17th	Brian Granthier	23rd	Allan Young
17th	Peter Nash	26th	Margaret Williams

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