

BENEFICE OF ARICONIUM

24th May
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.

Readings

Old Testament
New Testament
Gospel

Acts 2. 1-21
1 Corinthians 12. 3b-13.
John 20. 19-23.

PENTECOST

On the feast of Pentecost (24th May this year) we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. Some people find the Holy Spirit a bit of a conundrum, for example "God the Father I know, God the Son I know, but who is this mysterious spooky chap?" Well, it is understandable, not least because it is not long since He was called the Holy Ghost. The way words evolve means that "Spirit" expresses the character better nowadays. From God the Father and God the Son (Jesus) something emanates that is vibrant and alive. It is an energy, an intelligence, an inspiration that follows our everyday lives. God the Father made the Universe and all that is in it, including us. God the Son is God translated into human form to help us understand Him better and to remove obstacles to our relationship. The Holy Spirit is the continuing energy, a presence unseen but active and strong. The word "spirit" is the basis for our word "inspire", leading to understanding and action, be it a work of art or music but most of all to bring us closer to God. It is dynamic and powerful, it is the continuing sense of the presence of God in our lives guiding, strengthening and inspiring. The creed puts it very well when it says "We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and Son is worshipped and glorified". Think of a newborn baby. That lovely bundle appears to the world but is not fully alive until it takes that first life-giving breath and it is always a relief when that happens. It is from then that the newborn person is fully alive.

So, there it is, a feeling that God is not an ancient story, He is a continuing presence, alive, dynamic, inspiring, imparting life and liveliness, the rationalisation of the universe, the depiction of God as gentle but powerful as the wind.

We are glad of Him, forever within us.
ROBIN

Services next Sunday 31st May – Trinity Sunday

Weston-under-Penyard	ARICONIUM BENEFICE SERVICE @ HOPE MANSELL	10.30 a.m.
The Lea		
Hope Mansell		
Aston Ingham		
Linton		
Upton Bishop		

Forthcoming Services & Events

LINTON. Bible Book Club Bible Book club is an informal monthly book club reading through the Bible one book at a time. Each session is stand alone and starts with refreshments at 10.30am, everyone welcome. Info Contact Charlotte

WESTON: Bible Studies continue at Penyard Rise on 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. Tony & Mary Pitt 07534 510614.

UPTON BISHOP have a BCP communion Service at 9.30 am on the first Wednesday of each month. A quiet midweek service. All welcome"

Please be aware that if you have any events you would like to advertise here, do please contact Debs directly (details below) and she will be pleased to include them.

Please pray for all who are sick,

Please pray for all who have died, R South (Lin) Michael Sterry (Lin),

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