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PENTECOST

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Come, Holy Spirit! Alleluia!

1st reading: Acts 2:1-11

The coming of the Spirit leads to such a transformation in the disciples that they become enthusiastic and passionate apostles of the Good News, keen and able to communicate with everyone, regardless of barriers posed by different races, nationalities and languages.

2nd reading: Romans 8:8-17

Paul stresses the spiritual life as being of paramount importance for those who are Christians.

Gospel: John 14:15-16, 23-26

Jesus promises the disciples that they will never be alone, for he will send them an Advocate who will remain with them. It is the Holy Spirit, who will guide them and teach them how to live as Jesus has taught them.

11 am Sunday Mass Settings

Gloria 406 Sanctus 428 Communion Acclamation 446
Agnus Dei 453

Tradition / Transmission

There is "the dead hand of tradition" which would seek to restore a whole lot of out of date realities. In the modern world man is aware not only that he is shaped by a particular culture but that by his discoveries and inventions he shapes the future. Some of our young people getting confirmed this Wednesday night are into the mobile phone with twitter and facebook. A world with much more interpersonal communication is being constructed. I grew up with electric light, a boiler, a "wireless", a gramophone "His Master's Voice", and a telephone out of my reach. We also had a motor car which on its first outing "squeaked" – the reason was a mouse's nest in the back seat. The TV arrived, black and white, in the 60s and the glory of colour in the 1970s. So I live in a mechanical, man made world and am a bit behind the times. I still use pen and ink.

"Jesus Christ, the same, yesterday, today and for ever" would seem to be a traditional utterance, but in fact I find myself becoming aware of the Third Council of Constantinople, 680-681 AD. The problem was that some people were claiming that there was just one will in Jesus Christ whereas the Council saw there was a human principle of operation as well as a divine one. The ancient Council challenges me to think more deeply about Jesus. My understanding gets challenged by events long ago – this is tradition.

Tradition is not just a matter of developing my understanding by achievements long ago at Constantinople but of up-dating it with contemporary understanding. So modern psychology distinguishes "the id" (centre of desires), "the ego" (desires filtered by archetypes – so little boys, under the male archetype, do not usually play with dolls but maybe tin soldiers) and "the self", an identity incorporating the past and projecting a future with maybe some creditable achievements. So, if this is part of my understanding of man and God become man, then this helps me understand Christ, his sense of identity, his task and indeed his continuing task – to make us holy, to bring us to his side in Heaven.

One of the features of the human mind is that insights coalesce, our judgements bring us into one world and genuine achievements augment that world in a positive way. So insights from Constantinople in the seventh century coalesce with insights from psychology in the twentieth century.

It is not the individual but the group that changes the culture. So the efficient Roman Empire became Christendom. So our modern world needs to be transformed so that its restless dynamism recognises the Spirit which brings joy and peace and, as God gives the gift of faith, recognises Jesus as the one who blesses us by breathing his spirit upon us.

TVR

Sunday Tea and Coffee

Wendover Christian Centre after 9.15am Mass at Wendover
Damien Hall after 11am Mass in Great Missenden

Do come along and meet your fellow parishioners
Visitors are most welcome

Parish News

Corpus Christi

I said a year ago we ought to do something for Corpus Christi, Sunday 6 June, at 4 pm. I have no concrete suggestions in re music and so am floundering a bit. It may be elementally simple, but I intend to have a procession from the garden to the church. If anyone wants to talk the thing through and prepare a bit I will be in Damien House this Tuesday at 8 pm. TVR

Philosophy papers

There should be some more copies at the back of IHM church next week. TVR

Friday Prayers for Reparation and Atonement

Our Bishops invite us to make the four Fridays in May 2010 special days of prayer, requesting us to come before the Blessed Sacrament in our parishes to pray for healing, forgiveness and a renewed dedication. Please visit the Lord at any time that you can, either for silent personal prayer, or to use the leaflets that will be available in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at Immaculate Heart of Mary and at St Anne's. Joanna Hale

Polish Mass

Please note the 5 pm Mass on Wednesdays has been discontinued for the present. Maurice Roberts

Prayer Intentions

Anniversaries: In the coming week we remember the following who have died.

At IHM Michael Leay, Catherine Walsh.

At St Anne's Josef Schuka, Arthur Moore, Angela Larner, Pat Maguire, Sr Marie Alice, Sheila Gay.

Seasonal Intentions: During the Easter Season we are asked to pray for these intentions:

New members of the Church;
Human work;
Priestly vocations;
Right use of the media, esp 16 May;
The Church, esp 23 May, Pentecost.

Confirmation

Congratulations to our young people who celebrated Confirmation on Wednesday and to their sponsors, families and friends. Many thanks to all the parishioners who shared and increased our joy with music, flowers and hospitality. Joanna Hale

11 am Sunday Mass

New rotas being prepared. Readers/ Coffee/ Bidding Prayers - if you would like to join any of these Ministries please talk to me. We are particularly short on the Bidding prayers list. Please also let me know when you may be away in the next 4/6 months – including Eucharistic Ministers. Thanks - Maurice Roberts.

Churches Together Gt Missenden

Holy Trinity church, Prestwood; Friday 2 July at 7.30 pm. Canon David Winter's fascinating summer lecture: "The Bible - It's boring - unbelievable - Irrelevant!"

Tickets: £5, incl wine. Contact: 01494 - 868537 or 863627.

Cream teas every Sunday, 3 - 5 pm, including many musical events, @ St Peter & St Paul parish church.

Sponsored bike ride

Saturday 29 May

I am a second year student nurse going out to Uganda to visit the health projects run by the charity Bega Kwa Bega which our parish supports. In order to support my trip financially, I am cycling along the Grand Union Canal on 29 May into London and then down to St Thomas' Hospital where I train. Please sponsor me if you can, I will be in 9.15 am mass at St Anne's on 23 May. So far I have raised over £850 thanks to donations and bursaries very kindly received, I still need to raise more to cover my costs such as immunisations and living costs while I am out there. A sponsorship form can be downloaded from the website in the News section.

Hannah Bysouth

Wendover Charity Market

Saturday 5 June

St Anne's tries to raise as much money as possible for CAFOD at the Charity Markets on the Manor Waste. The next one is on Saturday 5 June. Any new ideas very welcome. Please contact Sue Abbott

Newsletter Items

✉ leave at the Presbytery (address on front cover)

Please note deadline **12 noon Thursdays**

Lighthouse 2010

Help still required:

Age Group Leader for Toddler Lighthouse - Leader for 'Helper's Children' - Lifeboat Team leader - Lighthouse Café Co-ordinator - Photographer -

Lighthouse Keeper for 12s - Site Manager - Special Needs helper - Teachers for 9s and 12s - Craft Helpers - Toy Sale organizer -

Evening Organizer - Setting up and taking down before and after L/H

Do you have a 4x4 or Towing vehicle? Could you help with set-up from Wednesday 21 July?

Craft materials for collection

China plates, any size/colour; used stamps; dried & artificial flowers; Pringles tubs with lids; plastic ice-cream tub lids 2L & 4L size; Round Muller yogurt pots & corner yogurt pots; round clean yogurt pots; wrapping paper preferably small pattern; small wooden boxes; kitchen roll tubes flattened; large cereal boxes; small clean yogurt pots; bright coloured wool; ribbon; Dairylea triangle boxes or similar.

Lighthouse training (important for leaders, especially Lighthouse Keepers, Age Group Leaders & Lamplighters - Sunday 25 July at 4 pm on the Lighthouse site.

Lighthouse services:

Commissioning Service - Sunday 25 July, 6 pm in Main Marquee. Final service - Sunday 1 August 10-30 am in Main Marquee.

Fundraising: Steam Rally 3/4 July at The Hangings, Prestwood.

Cakes & preserves required for sale -

and help with running the stall.

CAFOD

Steve Tassle, Head of Supporter Services at CAFOD has written to St Anne's: We were delighted to receive the wonderful sum of £739.00 that was so kindly donated, counted, banked and sent to us. There is a message from Victoria Pascual who lives in Bolivia with her family: I used to have to spend the little money we had on buying vegetables. Now I can grow them for my family. Anything we don't eat I can sell to buy other things we need. The full letter can be read on the CAFOD notice board in Wendover Christian Centre.

Pentecost Sunday

At Pentecost Sunday, Churches Together in Wendover continues to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the signing of the Covenant between the three churches. We come together for a special service on Sun 23 May at 10.30 am at St Mary's Church which will be followed by a picnic (weather permitting!). The first special service in January included a potted history of the churches in Wendover, relating how the different denominations arrived in the village and how a spirit of cooperation had produced more and more opportunities to work and worship together over the years – a spirit which led to a formal covenant for future activities and commitment being signed in 2000. All are welcome to share in the service and in the picnic which follows. Weather permitting there will be games on Hampden Meadow.

Wendover in Flower

Late Bank Holiday Weekend, St Mary's Church

Watch out for posters of St Mary's Flower Festival at the end of May. Go and enjoy the arrangements, including our own, as well as refreshments, musical entertainments and other fund raising activities for the St Mary's Refurbishment Project.

St Anne's Pastoral Council

Thursday 10 June

A well as our usual agenda items of Pastoral, Liturgical and Social events or needs, we will also discuss the 10th anniversary of the Churches Together in Wendover Covenant and the work of the new Pastoral Area Steering Group. Agenda items to Marguerite Spain.

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Ramblers Club

On Monday 31 May Tony Norton is leading members of this long established group on a 19-mile circular walk from Great Missenden railway station upon the arrival of the London train at 1008. Lunch is in Wendover. Any interested parishioners would be most welcome – you can turn up without prior notice. Robert Slater.

The parish walk

Thanks to everyone who came along. For the first time ever the weather was, for the last half-hour or so, a little 'uncooperative'. However, our spirits were not dampened! Roy Crisp

Dates for your diary

Date	Time	Event
10 June		St Anne's Pastoral Council

Hall Bookings

Damien Hall Keyna Godward

W Christian Centre Sue Abbott

This week's services

	Immaculate Heart of Mary Great Missenden	St Anne's Wendover
Mon 24 May St Gregory VII	8 am MASS (Polish) 9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer	9 am Ecumenical morning Prayer 10.15am Service of Word &
Tue 25 May St Bede the Venerable	9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am MASS	9 am Ecumenical morning Prayer 10.15 Service of Word & am Communion & Rosary
Wed 26 May St Philip Neri mem	9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am MASS	9 am Ecumenical morning Prayer
Thu 27 May ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY	9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am Service of Word & Communion 7.30 pm Prayer and Benediction	10.15am MASS & Rosary
Fri 28 May	9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am Service of Word & Communion	9 am Ecumenical morning Prayer 10.15am MASS & Rosary 7 pm Vespers & Benediction
Sat 29 May	9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am Service of Word & Communion 10 am Confession 6 pm MASS	11 am Confession
Sun 30 May Trinity Sunday of the year	11 am MASS 12.30 pm MASS (Polish)	9.15 am MASS