

**Graduates!** Your help in identifying high school, college and university graduates who are connected to St. George's would be much appreciated. Please send/call graduates' names to the Office this week. Thank you!

**Today's Lesson** from the Acts of the Apostles, which recounts the events of the Day of Pentecost, was **recorded last week in 13 languages** by members of our Congregation, which has been produced into a video. You can view it on **St. George's Facebook and YouTube channel** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MP2UYIa95f0>

**Today will be the last drive-in Service at 3:30 pm.** Many thanks to Ross Carpenter, John Stam and Laurie Saulnier for their support in making these Services possible. There may be an attempt to continue with a monthly, evening outdoor Service – please stay tuned!

**Tonight** also marks the **last** celebration of the Holy Eucharist **at 5:00 pm** on Sunday until later in June. Please stay tuned for more details.

**Water bottles** – if you are cleaning out a cupboard, and find a spare water bottle or two, we can use them to support our community friends. Thanks!

St. George's **website has been 'down'** for a few weeks. This has encouraged us to take the next step and seek a new one. Fortunately, through the Diocese, we have become part of a **pilot project** with 'Ascend' a Christian website design company. More details to follow – just want you to know that something is in the works.

**Major repairs are needed to fix a leak in the main entry.** This leak has been traced to a problem with the **elevator roof** and to a need for insulation inside the **bell tower**. There is also some masonry work that needs to be done on the exterior of the bell tower. The building committee has met with contractors and the Vestry will review their estimates. In the meantime, **contributions to the roof project** would be gratefully received and may be made through the Sunday envelope and marked 'Roof Project'. Thank you very much!



**St. George's Church is a downtown spiritual center where traditional Anglican liturgy, parishioners and the needs of our community are valued.**



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*Jesus Christ the same, Yesterday, Today and Forever*

## Day of Pentecost - Whitsunday May 31, 2020



**Parish Prayer Chain:** To pass a message on to the Parish Prayer Chain, from Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. please the Office. After Office Hours, please contact Cathie @ 855-7969 or [cdingwell@gmail.com](mailto:cdingwell@gmail.com)

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### 8:00 A.M. - HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm: 122	p. 498
Collect for Purity	p. 67
Collect & Lesson	p. 205
Pentecost Anthems	p. 204
The Holy Gospel	p. 206

### 9:15 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER

Psalm: 145	p. 516
First Lesson: Joel 2: 28-end	(Pew Bible page 737)
Second Lesson: Romans 8: 1-17	(Pew Bible page 913)

### 10:00 A.M. - HOLY EUCHARIST

Dear friends in Christ, today is the 50<sup>th</sup> day after Easter, commonly called the Day of Pentecost. It was on this glorious day that God descended upon the Church with the sound of a rushing, mighty wind and in cloven tongues like as of fire, through the Person of His Holy and Eternal Spirit. In this Visitation, the Lord came to fill His bride with divine life, and to abide with her for ever. With glad and grateful hearts, then, for the comfort, peace and joy which is ours through the Holy Ghost, *let us pray:*

*O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the coming of the Holy Spirit upon thy disciples in Jerusalem: Grant that we who celebrate before thee the Feast of the Pentecost may continue thine for ever, and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit, until we come to thine eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Hymn: **477** (Eisenach)

Act of Praise (following Verse 3)

**V/** The Spirit of the Lord filleth the world;

**R/** And that which holds all things together knows what is Said.

Alleluia. *Let us pray*

*O God of unchangeable power and eternal light; look favourably upon the whole church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; and by the tranquil operation of thy perpetual providence carry out the work of men's salvation; that the things that were cast down may be raised up, and that all things may return into unity through Him by whom all things were made, even thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Collect for Purity	p. 67
Collect & Lesson for the day:	p. 205
The Pentecost Anthems (sung)	p. 204
The Holy Gospel	p. 206
Nicene Creed	
Children's Talk	
Hymn: <b>181</b> (Maryton – 267)	
The Homily	
Offertory Hymn: <b>180</b> (Winchester Old)	
The Intercession	p. 75
Confession, Absolution	p. 77
Thanksgiving, Consecration:	p. 78
Hymns during Communion: <b>783</b> (Invocation); <b>485</b> (Trentham)	
The Lord's Prayer and the Gloria in Excelsis	
Recessional Hymn: <b>179</b> (St. Bees – 106)	

### 5:00 P.M. EVENING PRAYER

Psalm 48 & 104 part 2	pgs. 390,463
First Lesson: Isaiah 11: 1-9	(Pew Bible page 573)
Second Lesson: Romans 8: 18-end	(Pew Bible page 914)

*The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Gregory Cope, Debbie Ritchie, Marguerite and James Wright, Donald A. Beemer, Harold E, Carson, Bert Stewart, Arnold Beers*

*“Let us remember before God the faithful departed.”  
Tom Barnes, Ruth Gulliver, Michael Grint, Kevin Wilson,  
Sheena Walls, Elizabeth Ann Riel*

### This Week in the Parish

The Daily Offices of **Morning and Evening Prayer** will be prayed in the Chapel at **8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Monday – Saturday**, respectively.

<b>Today</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	5:00 p.m.
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> (After Pentecost)	5:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday</b>	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
	<b>Holy Communion</b> (After Pentecost)	5:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> (Pentecost Ember Day)	5:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	10:00 a.m.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> (Pentecost Ember Day)	5:00 p.m.
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## The Rector's Corner

### Being Everywhere at Once

When life gets really hectic, someone is bound to say, "I can't be everywhere at once!" So true! We cannot, but God can. He does not have physical limitations like we do; and He is almighty – "all mighty". He has "infinite power, wisdom and goodness"; and, He is "the Maker and Preserver of all things both visible and invisible". (from the First Article of Religion, p. 699 BCP)

One word that could be used to describe these qualities of God the Holy Trinity is 'perfection'. He is perfect, complete and self-sufficient. He is the Source of Life, Love, Grace, Goodness, Holiness, Beauty and Truth. In the Book of Revelation, we are given a glimpse of God's majesty and glory. Actually, the Lesson for next Sunday (Trinity Sunday) says, "From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven lamps of fire, which are the seven spirits of God..." (4.5) It is a strange and mysterious description and we quickly realize that God is beyond our understanding or experience. And yet, God is deeply personal. We trust Him as our Heavenly Father – the One Who sent His Son to redeem us; and, we believe that He has adopted us, and dwells within us by His Spirit.

This ability of God to be everywhere, and with every one, at once is symbolized by the "seven lamps of fire". Before God's throne in Heaven, St. John saw, "seven lamps of fire, which are the seven spirits of God". The number seven represents perfection or completion. So, in this mysterious vision of Heaven, St. John was given a sign of God's omnipresence. "Omni" is a Latin word that means "all". God is "all present" or "present to all".

To do what? Why does God make Himself present to all? The answer is in the seven lamps of fire. Fire gives us light and it also purifies. This is what we need as fallen and limited creatures. We need spiritual vision and illumination in order to see and believe what is true and holy. And, in order to love and appreciate what is truly good, our desires and affections need to be purified. The seven lamps, then, speak of God's ability to be everywhere at once, bringing heavenly Light, discernment, strength and holy fear. (see Isaiah 11.2)

On this Day of Pentecost, as we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Church, we have a representation of the seven lamps, mentioned in the Book of Revelation, hanging above the main Altar. They were originally hung in St. John the Baptist (Mission) Church in Saint John in the 1880s. We received them last year and they were installed in memory of Doris Bannister. May these lamps remind us of the Lord God's ability to be everywhere at once, and of His desire to be with each one of personally – to illuminate and to purify.

*Alleluia! Alleluia! God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son! Alleluia!*

### **Daily Bible Readings**

*A modified schedule from the Prayer Book's Table of Lessons*

Sunday	Deuteronomy 1:3-18	Acts 19:8-20
Monday	Deuteronomy 1:19-end	Acts 19:21-end
Tuesday	Deuteronomy 2:1-25	Acts 20:1-16
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 2:26-35	Acts 20:17-end
Thursday	Deuteronomy 3:18-end	Acts 21:1-16
Friday	Deuteronomy 4:1-24	Acts 21:17-36
Saturday	Deuteronomy 4:41-end	Acts 21:37-22:22

**Next Sunday**, we look forward to **the baptism of Samuel Rains**, the son of Tim and Kathryn Rains, and little brother of Madilyn. Please remember them all as they prepare for the big day.

**Next Sunday**, as a delayed Mothering Sunday custom, **flowers will be presented to the ladies, in memory of Ceressa Huntington**, by her husband, Gary, and their daughters Shae Lynn, Megan and Amy.

**This week**, the Church keeps **Wednesday, Friday and Saturday as Ember Days**. These have long been kept as days of solemn prayer for the ministry of the Church. To that end, the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated each day at 5:00 pm. Please pray for our parish; for our Diocese and Bishop David; for the Anglican Church and Archbishop Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; and for the Church Universal. Helpful prayers for the Church are found on pages 39-41 of the Prayer Book.

*"But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he will testify of me."*  
St. John 15.26