

**Benefice of Heyford with Stowe-Nine-Churches
and Flore with Brockhall**

**SERVICES SCHEDULE AND NEWSLETTER
June 2022**

Rector: Revd Stephen P Burrow 01327 344436

Our Mission Statement



Thursday 2nd

8.00pm Jubilee Service Upper Stowe

Saturday 4th

2:00pm Pop-up Messy Church Heyford Fete

Sunday 5th

Pentecost

9.00am United Jubilee Service and breakfast Millennium Hall
Flore
11.00am Holy Communion Upper Stowe
4.00pm Jubilee Songs of Praise Heyford Village
Green

Sunday 12th

Trinity Sunday

10.00am Benefice Holy Communion Brockhall
10:00am Morning Worship Flore Chapel

Sunday 19th

Trinity 1

10.00am Holy Communion – All Welcome Heyford
10:00am United Flower Festival Service Flore Chapel
6.00pm Holy Communion Upper Stowe
7.30pm Flower Festival Thanksgiving Service Flore

Sunday 26th

Trinity 2

10.00am Holy Communion – All Welcome Flore
10.00am Informal Worship Upper Stowe
10:00am Morning Worship Flore Chapel
4.00pm Café Church Heyford

Wednesdays

9.30am Morning Prayer via “Why Pay” telephone conference system.
Contact the Rector or churchwardens for numbers to use. (Not 8th or 15th June)

Thursdays

10.00am Holy Communion (Not 9th or 16th June) Flore Church
2.30pm - 3.30pm Church open for private prayer Flore Church

Fridays

9.00am Morning Prayer via Zoom All Welcome
Contact the Rector by [email: s_p_burrow@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:s_p_burrow@yahoo.co.uk) to get an invitation that will enable you to connect.

LETTER FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Friends.

This year, Pentecost falls on the first Sunday of June, and might well be a little lost in all the celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee that same weekend, so here are a couple of thoughts on the 'birthday of the Church'. To the first century Palestinian Jew, Pentecost was the 50th day after the Passover. It was an agricultural festival, when farmers brought the first sheaf of wheat from the crop and offered it to God. The festival also marked and remembered God giving his people the way of life by which they might carry out his purposes in the world. That through them, the whole world might be blessed. Luke's first readers would have known this, and so this Jewish background would have resonated with the story Luke was now relating.

Perhaps they saw the apostles as the first fruits, the sheaf offered to God in advance of a much greater harvest. How as the apostles told people of Jesus, of his life, ministry and resurrection, they began to win converts from the very first day, bringing more and more of the harvest in. They would have seen parallels with Moses' going up Mount Sinai, as Jesus ascended to Heaven, and then came down to earth again as the Holy Spirit, not with laws inscribed on tablets of stone, but with what Tom Wright calls 'the dynamic energy of the law, designed to be written on human hearts'.

But this event is more than just an echo of the Old Testament, more than just the rerun of past events in the history of Israel. We should be in no doubt that Luke is describing something new, a new move of God, in his relationship with humanity as a whole. Luke tells us that the wind and the flames come from above, from Heaven, reminding us that through the Holy Spirit, some of God's creative power comes down to earth, and does its work there. God's aim is to transform the earth with the power of heaven. And his starting point is this small group of Jesus' followers.

And because of the coming of the Holy Spirit, Jesus' followers - then and now - have the power to be and to do something new and different, to do in the world as a whole, what Jesus had been doing in Israel.

And with those thoughts of revival and renewal, a prayer; *Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

Thank You.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for all your cards, messages, thoughts and prayers following the death of my Mum, Margaret. Your support and understanding are very much appreciated by Deborah, Sarah, Paul and myself.

With every blessing,

Rev Stephen (Tel: 01327 344436)

Flore Flower Festival will take place on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th June. Please pop into All Saints to see the flowers and enjoy Morning Coffee or afternoon tea and cake.

PRAYING FOR OUR VILLAGES BY STREET

In June we will be praying for: **Flore:** Brockhall Road & The Crescent; **Heyford:** Middle Street, Manor Park, Parsons Close; **Church Stowe:** The Green; **Brockhall:** The Old Rectory, Rose Cottage, Western Cottage.