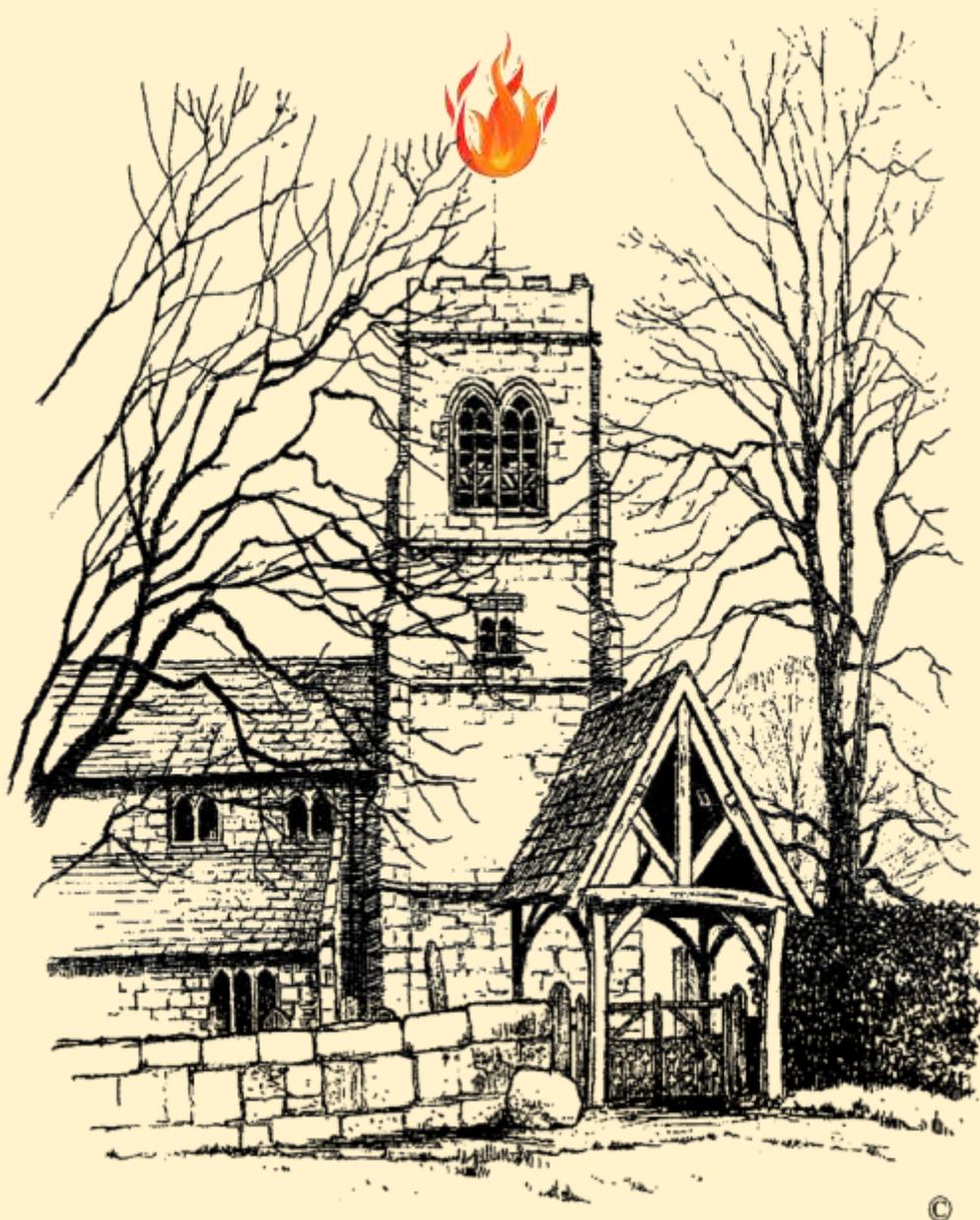


# The Parish Church of St. Wilfrid, Mobberley



June 2022

# Church Diary for June 2022

Wed. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Communion at the Beacon	10.00 a.m.
	Coffee Morning at the Beacon	10.30 a.m.
Thu. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>The Queens Platinum Jubilee Weekend Begins</b>	
	The Beacon Café	10.00 a.m.
	Doorway	7.45 p.m.
Sat. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Men's Breakfast	9.00 a.m.
	The Beacon Café	10.00 a.m.
<b>Sun. 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><u>THE FEAST OF PENTECOST</u></b>	
	Said Holy Communion (BCP)	8.30 a.m.
	Sung Holy Communion (CW)	10.00 a.m.
	Jubilee Songs of Praise	6.30 p.m.
Tue. 7 <sup>th</sup>	The Beacon Café	10.00 a.m.
	Mobberley Trust	8.00 p.m.
Wed. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Communion at the Beacon	10.00 a.m.
	Coffee Morning at the Beacon	10.30 a.m.
Thu. 9 <sup>th</sup>	The Beacon Café	10.00 a.m.
	Doorway	7.45 p.m.
Sat. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Diocesan Synod	9.15 a.m.
	The Beacon Café	10.00 a.m.
<b>Sun. 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><u>TRINITY SUNDAY</u></b>	
	Said Holy Communion (BCP)	8.30 a.m.
	All-Age Service	10.00 a.m.
	Choral Evensong (BCP)	6.30 p.m.
Tue. 14 <sup>th</sup>	The Beacon Café	10.00 a.m.
Wed. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Communion at the Beacon	10.00 a.m.
	Coffee Morning at the Beacon	10.30 a.m.
Thu. 16 <sup>th</sup>	The Beacon Café	10.00 a.m.
	Doorway	7.45 p.m.
Sat. 17 <sup>th</sup>	The Beacon Café	10.00 a.m.
	Mobberley Rose Queen Festival	12.00 p.m.

<b>Sun. 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><u>The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity</u></b>	
	Said Holy Communion (BCP)	8.30 a.m.
	Open-Air Rose Queen Service	10.00 a.m.
	Choral Evensong (BCP)	6.30 p.m.
Mon. 20 <sup>th</sup>	PCC Standing Cttee	7.45 p.m.
Tue. 21 <sup>st</sup>	The Beacon Café	10.00 a.m.
Wed. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Communion at the Beacon	10.00 a.m.
	Coffee Morning at the Beacon	10.30 a.m.
Thu. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	The Beacon Café	10.00 a.m.
	Wedding Rehearsal	5.00 p.m.
	Doorway	7.45 p.m.
Sat. 25 <sup>th</sup>	The Beacon Café	10.00 a.m.
	Church Open	12.00 noon
	Wedding (Jack Vellacott & Amelia Thomas)	2.00 p.m.
<b>Sun. 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><u>The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity</u></b>	
	Said Holy Communion (BCP)	8.30 a.m.
	Morning Prayer	10.00 a.m.
	Choral Evensong	6.30 p.m.
Mon. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Wedding Rehearsal	7.00 p.m.
Tue. 28 <sup>th</sup>	The Beacon Café	10.00 a.m.
Wed. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Communion at the Beacon	10.00 a.m.
	Coffee Morning at the Beacon	10.30 a.m.
Thu 30 <sup>th</sup>	The Beacon Café	10.00 a.m.

## The Beacon Café

Remember, The Beacon Café is open three times a week for you to drop in, meet friends, and enjoy a chat of a brew and a slice of cake. The Beacon Café is open **Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays** from 10.00 a.m.

Do drop in, you are assured a warm welcome.



# The Rector Writes

Dear Friends,

In my life I have had four bad experiences with fire. I was once on holiday in a farmhouse in Anglesey that caught fire whilst we were in it, I also once wondered what the raised bit was in the middle of my grandparent's gas hob, I grabbed hold of it and discovered it was, of course, the pilot light. Another time a friend of my brother who was setting fire to strips of plastic bag material flicked the plastic away over his shoulder, right into the face of the person stood behind him watching what was going on. I carried the scar for many, many years. The final encounter was when a group of us kids were letting off some fireworks and a lit roman candle fell over and fired a ball right at me. It hit me between the chest and shoulder and kind of tickled as it fizzed away there, burning a hole in my t-shirt and burning my bicep.

All in all then I have little reason to celebrate Pentecost when the Holy Spirit was sent upon the disciples and appeared as a tongue of flame on their heads. Fire is so often seen as dangerous, destructive, and painful. Yet in the Bible fire is seen as something that cleanses, that purifies. The famous image is that of the refiners fire, smelting gold so as to remove all the impurities. This can also be seen when people are forging steel, as the steel is heated and pounded all their impurities work their way to the surface and fall away in the form of scale.

Of course, the Holy Spirit is not just represented by fire, he is personified by water and wind also. Although in many ways different they all have one glaring similarity, they are active and powerful, they are both destructive and creative, they bring both death and life. Last month I quoted Frodo Baggins from *The Lord of the Rings*, and this month I would quote his uncle, Bilbo, who once told him, *"It's a dangerous business, Frodo, going out of your door. You step into the Road, and if you don't keep your feet, there is no knowing where you might be swept off too"*. That perfectly describes the life in the Spirit; that rushing, burning wind that swept the disciples away, to all places of the known world, carrying them to great deeds but also in to great dangers, bearing many of them to martyrdom. This is the journey to which we are all called, the journey that leads to the place prepared for us in God's kingdom.

Yours in Christ,  
Ian.

# The Feast of Pentecost

At Pentecost we celebrate the sending of God's Holy Spirit upon the Church, when the gift of the Spirit which previously had been given only to very specific individuals was poured out upon the whole people of God fulfilling the words of the prophet Joel, chapter 2 verse 28

*In response to his people the Lord said:  
Then afterwards I will pour out my spirit  
on all flesh; your sons and your  
daughters shall prophesy, your old  
men shall dream dreams, and your  
young men shall see visions.*



In the account from Acts 2, Luke stresses the point that there were in Jerusalem that day people from all over the known world, listing those beautiful and exotic place names that readers ever since have stumbled over when reading aloud,

*Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia*

It is often claimed that Pentecost is the birthday of the Church, but more than that, Pentecost is akin to the Church's bar-mitzvah, the day the Church came of age and took on the responsibility of serving God and his people. We shall be celebrating Pentecost on **Sunday 5th June** with a sung service of Holy Communion at 10.00 a.m.



Without Pentecost the Christ-event – the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus – remains imprisoned in history as something to remember, think about and reflect on. The Spirit of Jesus comes to dwell within us, so that we can become living Christs here and now.

*Henri Nouwen*

# Trinity Sunday



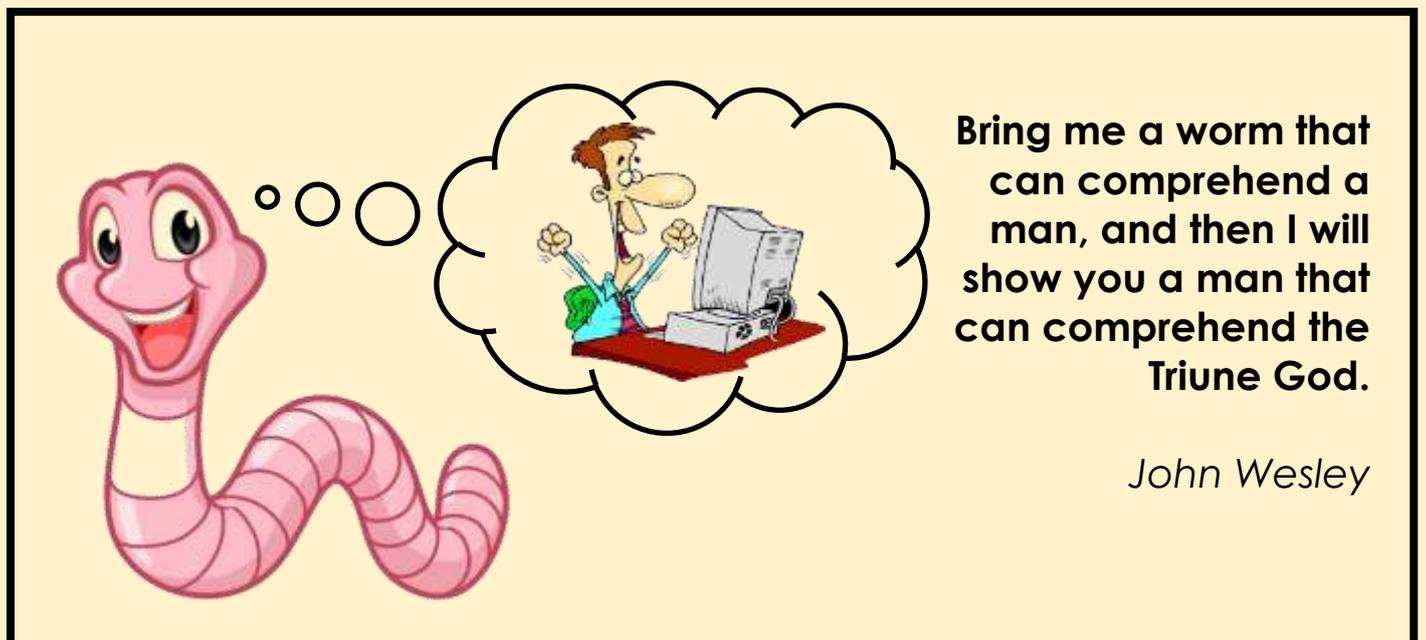
Trinity Sunday is the second major festival of the Church to fall in June this year. Trinity Sunday is the day we consider the unique revelation of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This is a fundamental, and uniquely Christian, understanding of God and one with which many find difficult to grasp, but that shouldn't surprise us as it is a revelation deep into the very being of

who and what God is.

Fundamentally the Holy Trinity is a mystery that lies beyond our human comprehension and it is cause for wry amusement that every attempt to define how the Trinity 'works' has been open to equal amounts of criticism.

What we need to understand is that the Holy Trinity is, firstly, a revelation given to us by God himself in the scriptures, not something vainly invented by humankind, and, secondly, the Holy Trinity serves as a description of God, not a diagram, a description of the God who is there to be discovered and experienced as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, as Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

The Feast of the Holy Trinity falls on the **12th June** and will be celebrated at our All-Age Service at 10.00 a.m.



Our last Messy Church before we break up for the summer is on **Saturday 25th June** at 10.00 a.m. when we will be looking forward to Lammas Day, the offering of the first-fruits of the harvest



Living in the countryside it is clear that harvest is a season, not just a day and so at St. Wilfrid's we celebrate the whole period of harvest beginning with Lammas, taking in our service of thanksgiving for pets in September and concluding with our Harvest-Home in October.

Join us for some arts and crafts, a few songs, stories and above all, fun and fellowship with other young families in the village.

## Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

There are a number of events planned in Mobberley to mark the Jubilee, these include

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### Thursday 2nd

From 5.00 p.m. a village Pub Crawl with free hop-on, hop-off buses. Concludes with lighting of a Beacon at the Victory Hall from 9.15-9.45 p.m.

### Friday 3rd

Family Treasure Hunt from 11-1.00 p.m. on the community Meadow  
Jubilee Cricket Event at the Cricket Club from 2.00 p.m. 'til late.

### Saturday 4th

Jubilee Football Match, KO at 10.00 a.m. at Ilford's playing field.

### Sunday 5th

Street Party & Teddy Bear Picnic at the Victory Hall 1.00-4.00 p.m.  
Jubilee Songs of Praise at St. Wilfrid's at 6.30 p.m.



# Cream Tea

We shall again be holding our St. Wilfrid's Cream Tea in the Rectory Garden on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** from 3.00-5.00 p.m.

There will be scones, cream, jam (or scones, jam and cream if you prefer) and either tea/coffee or for an extra couple of quid you can have a glass of fizz. (This image is for display purposes only and doesn't constitute a recommendation in the cream/jam or jam/cream debate... I'm from Salford, what do I know?).



There are organized games for the children to join in with so the whole family can come and enjoy themselves. £6 adults and £3 children.

## Mobberley Rose Queen



Due to the disruption of the last couple of years, this year Mobberley will be crowning two Rose Queens, so congratulations to our Mobberley Rose Queens Anya Clayton and Francesca Rossi who will be crowned on the 18<sup>th</sup> June. I pass on to them the very best from everybody at St. Wilfrid's and wish them a very joyful time as they fulfil their various duties over the coming year.



I hope that Anya and Francesca will be guests of honour at our Open Air service on the Rose Queen Field on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30 a.m.** Do come and join us for this lovely village event, you will Be most welcome.



# Platinum Jubilee

There are a number of events planned locally to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations over the first weekend of June. Our contribution to this will be a service of Songs of Praise in church on Sunday **5th June at 6.30 p.m.** Each hymn is taken from some of the most momentous services in her lifetime, from VE Day through her Wedding and Coronation services up to her Silver and Gold Jubilees.



We shall also have readings, both Biblical and otherwise, that reflect on her reign as our Queen over 70 years.

Do come and join us for this special Jubilee service.