

HOLY INNOCENTS FALLOWFIELD

MAY 2018

May is one of the busiest months in the church year. There is a lot going on. Christian Aid Week is between Sunday May 13th and Saturday May 20th this year. Our neighbours at St Chad's Ladybarn are holding a "Big Brekkie" event on May 12th to which all are invited from 10.30 to 12.00 (More of a brunch or Jauser, if we're being picky!). Last year there was very little house to house collecting in the parish but we collected an impressive amount from the congregation and through a cake sale. Watch this space...

The Archdeacon's Visitations (compulsory for Wardens, option extras for other post and office holders) are on:

- Monday 14th May at Emmanuel Didsbury: 7.30pm
- Thursday 24th May at the Cathedral: 7.30pm
- Tuesday 29th May at St Matthew's Stretford: 7.30pm

The first meeting of the PCC is on Wednesday 16th May at 7.30pm.

May covers the **Feast of the Ascension (May 10th)** and the **Feast of Pentecost** - the coming of the Holy Spirit. In her sermon on Ascension Day last year, Caroline Hewitt reminded us that the days between the Ascension and Pentecost - the nine - the original Novena - are a far longer

time than from Good Friday to Easter Day. We are left bereft, waiting for the Spirit, the 'comforter and guide' to arrive. We look forward to Pentecost, with its joys and its responsibilities.

A daily guide for prayer and meditation during this time will be available for people to use in church or at home.

If you know of people who would like to receive Holy Communion at home, or who might benefit from a pastoral visit, please let Richard know.

SUNDAYS AND FESTIVALS IN MAY

Sunday May 6th Easter 6

President and Preacher: The Rector

Readings: Acts 10:44-end; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

Hymns: *On this day the first of days; Gospel Acclamation; O Jesus I have promised; Now is eternal life*

Other music: *Greater love (Ireland)*

Thursday May 10th 7.30pm Ascension Day

President and Preacher: The Rector

Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-end; Luke 24:44-end

Hymns: *Hail the day that sees him rise; Gospel Acclamation; Christ triumphant, ever reigning; The head that once was crowned with thorns*

Other music: *The Lord ascendeth up on high*

Sunday May 13th Easter 7

President and Preacher: The Rector

Readings: Acts 1:15-17,21-end; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

Hymns: *Come let us join our cheerful songs; Gospel Acclamation; Crown him with many crowns; Eternal monarch, king most high*

Other music: *O God the king of glory (Purcell)*

Sunday May 20th Pentecost

President and Preacher: The Rector

Readings: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104: 26-34; Romans 8:22-27; John 16:4b-15,26-27

Hymns: *Come down O Love divine; Gospel Acclamation; Sing to him in whom creation; O thou who camest from above*

Other music: *Veni Creator; O Lord give thy Holy Spirit (Tallis)*

Sunday May 27th Trinity Sunday

President and Preacher: The Revd Canon Michael Ainsworth

Readings: Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

Hymns: *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty; Gospel Acclamation; I bind unto myself this day; Breathe on me, breath of God*

Other music: *Christ be with me; God so loved the world (Stainer)*

Pentecost Challenge: Learning the Lord's Prayer in another language!

Many of our members are saying the Lord's Prayer in a language that they are learning: English. We thought it would be interesting to set ourselves a challenge for Pentecost: for Farsi speakers to perfect their knowledge of the English version and for English speakers to learn the Persian/Farsi version. As a quick way in, here it is in "Finglish" or transliterated Farsi script.

Ei pedarama, ke dar asman ast: nameto moghaddas bad.

Malakuteto beayad.

Eradateto chonan dar asman ast bar zamin nafez bad.

Naneruzineyemara dar in ruz bema bebakhsh.

Va an chonan ke gharzdaranekhodra mibakhshim, gharzhayemara bema bebakhsh.

Va Mara dar ma'razeazmayesh nayavar, balke az sharir khalasi deh.

Zira ke molk va ghodrat va jalal ta abad az aneto 'st. Amen.

And the version that we use most often in church in English:

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.*
*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

So find a ‘learning partner’ and get practising! *Moafagh bashid!*

AND FINALLY...

“Greetings to you all from your new Rector! The title still feels a bit strange, but such feelings were swept away by such a warm welcome at the induction service on Tuesday. Thank you to all who took part. With spring blossoms in the trees lifting our spirits, I look forward to celebrating the Easter season with you through May, and the overflowing spirit of Pentecost. Let us keep the feast!”

Richard

At the induction and again today (April 29th) we sang one of Richard’s favourite French hymns from his childhood long holiday stays in Normandy with his family. It celebrates the resurrection, linking it to the change in season and the signs of growth and new life all around us.

Alleluia, le Seigneur nous revient! C’est lui qui nous fait revivre.

Toutes les fleurs éclatent au jardin, Alleluia, le Seigneur nous revient!
Alleluia, the Lord comes back to us, it is he who makes us live again.
As all the gardens burst into flower - alleluia, the Lord comes back to us.

Dans l'aube limpide, la pierre roulée
Et le tombeau vide, Il est ressuscité!

In the clear dawn, the stone is rolled away and the tomb is empty - he is risen!

Au jour qui s'élève, le printemps qui naît,
Chante la merveille, Il est ressuscité!

In the breaking day and the birth of spring, sing and rejoice - he is risen!

Que le soleil chante la vie retrouvée.

Que nos cœurs s'enchantent, Il est ressuscité!

May the sun sing of new found life, may our hearts be gladdened - he is risen!

Tuesday May 22nd is the first anniversary of the Manchester Arena bombing. Last year, we kept the church open the day afterwards, and clearly heard the subsequent activity down the road. If you would like to help in keeping the church open again on May 22nd as a place of silent prayer and an act of remembrance, please speak to Hilary or Lynda.