

## Dates for your diary

**2<sup>nd</sup> Seventh Sunday of Easter 10.30am Joint Service at St. Columba's. No service at St. John's.**

**6<sup>th</sup> Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.**

**9<sup>th</sup> Pentecost 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.**

**13<sup>th</sup> Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.**

**16<sup>th</sup> Trinity Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.**

**20<sup>th</sup> Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Pentecost 2 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.**

**27<sup>th</sup> Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.**

**30<sup>th</sup> Pentecost 3 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.**

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## June 2019

### *Some thoughts on Pentecost ...*

A man living in London had this thrust into his pocket by a total stranger in the street and when he died aged 84 his wife found it in his pocket – treasured from when it was first given to him. His wife had it printed at the end of his funeral sheet.

**God, your church is a mosaic of pieces,  
large and small,  
of many colours and shapes whose differences when blended make a thing of beauty not possible for one piece alone.**

**Help us to be trusting as you fit us together.**

**Grant us the grace not to find fault with our neighbours,  
but hold on to them with genuine love,  
knowing that however ill-matched we may feel we may become a perfect fit to you who see the whole picture.**

*(From the magazine of St. John's Princes Street, Edinburgh)*

A small boy was once asked what a saint was. Thinking of a figure in a stained-glass window, he replied, "A person whom the light shines through." He was nearer the mark than he knew; certainly a good deal nearer than the child who described a saint as a 'dead clergyman.'



## Prayers for Pentecost ...

God of power,  
may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,  
may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,  
may the gifts of your Spirit  
equip us to serve and worship you  
now and always. Amen.

May the Spirit, who hovered over the waters when the world was  
created,

breathe into us the life he gives.

May the Spirit, who overshadowed the virgin when the eternal Son  
came among us,

make us obedient in the service of the Lord.

May the Spirit, who inflamed the Church upon the day of Pentecost,  
set the world on fire with the love of the risen Christ. Amen.

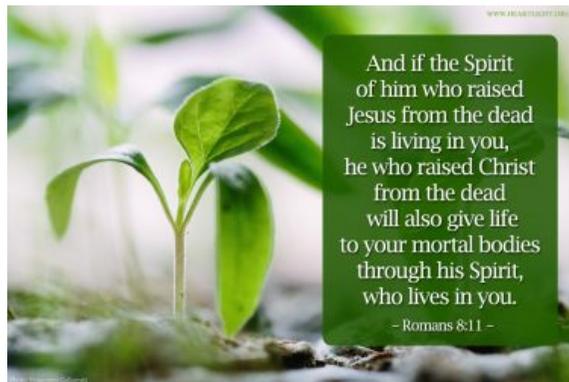
Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost ,

sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples

with the wind from heaven and tongues of flame,  
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the Gospel:

send us out in the power of the same Spirit  
to witness to your truth

and to draw all people to the fire of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



# What's Happening?

Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Joint Service at St. Columba's  
to celebrate Alison's 25 years of being a priest.**

**Thy Kingdom Come**

**The prayer initiative from Ascension Day until Pentecost**

**Please find out more on**

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Alison's Homegroup.**



**Many thanks to all who came to the 'DIY  
Supper and Cabaret' evening at St John's on  
May 10th and who contributed to its being  
such fun and such a success.**

**Thank you also for the generous donations which amounted to £140  
in all. This has been divided between Maggie's Centre at Raigmore  
Hospital and St John's church funds. Maggie's Centre sent me a  
nice note asking to pass their thanks on to everyone. It's a lovely  
place which many of you will be aware of already; it relies on  
donations and gives tremendous support to people with, or  
recovering from, cancer.**

**Best wishes**

**Catherine Cargill**

*(PS – thankyou too to Cathy and Stuart who did a wonderful job  
organising this. Ed.)*