

# The Welcoming Benefice of All Saints Churches of Clifton and Southill

## MAY 20<sup>th</sup> 2018 Pentecost



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### Services Today

09:00	Southill Holy Communion	Rev Caren
10:30	Clifton Holy Communion and Baptisms	Rev Caren
18:30	Clifton Evensong	Robert John

Evensong readings: Psalm 139:1-11, Acts 2:22-38, Romans 8:22-27

### Services and Meetings this week

21 <sup>st</sup>	10:00	Clifton Craft and Chat	
	20:00	Prayer Group in Church	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	09:15	School Holy Communion in Church	Rev Caren
	14:30	Southill Parish Teas	
23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00	Clifton Holy Communion	Rev Caren
	11:15	Wren Park Holy Communion	Rev Caren
	14:00	CCS Tea and Chat	
	14:00	Baptism Team Meeting	
	16:00	Young Ringers' Practice	
	19:45	Standing Committee	

### Services Next Sunday 27th May Trinity Sunday

		<b>Trinity Sunday</b>	
08:00		Clifton Holy Communion	Rev Caren
09:00		Southill Holy Communion BCP	Rev Caren
10:30		Clifton Holy Communion and Baptism	Rev Caren
10:30		Clifton Messy Church	Robin
12:00		Clifton Baptism	Rev Caren

### Future Services and Meetings – May and June

28 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Clifton Craft and Chat	
29 <sup>th</sup>	14:30	Southill Parish Teas	
30 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Clifton Holy Communion	Rev Caren
	16:00	Young Ringers' Practice	
3 <sup>rd</sup> June		<b>First Sunday after Trinity</b>	
	08:00	Southill Holy Communion BCP	Rev Caren
	09:00	Southill Holy Communion	Rev Caren
	10:30	Clifton Holy Communion and Baptism	Rev Caren
	12:00	Clifton Baptism	Rev Caren
	18:30	Clifton Evensong	Ryan

Evensong readings: Psalm 35:1-10, Jeremiah 5:1-19, Romans 7:7-25

### Welcome to our Baptism Families today

During the service, we shall sing:

**Welcome, welcome to our family!**

**God has chosen you and me.**

**Washed in the water, together on the way.**

**We welcome Grace and Sienna who've joined us today.**

### Parish Notices

#### Playtime National Conference: Planting Seeds – 29 September 2018

Toddler groups provide such an important ministry, enabling churches to reach young families and give them much needed love and support. This conference will look at the many different seeds that we plant in the lives of these young families, and consider ways we can make them grow and blossom. Find out more: [Planting Seeds 2018](#)

Is anyone able to go with the Rector? If we book now I can get tickets for £22 each for 4. Rev Caren.

#### Sound System Rota Request

Kevin Gray has offered to lead a small team to use the sound system, to enable the microphones to be used correctly during the service. Please speak to Rev Caren if you could volunteer to do this from time to time.

#### Messy Church June 23<sup>rd</sup>

Urgently needed: clean, empty, tall square-based Tetrapaks. Please give to Suzanne Stapleton or Pat Wisby. Thank you.

#### Lawn Games and Afternoon Tea Garden Party on Saturday 21st July starting at 3pm in a Clifton Garden

The Friends have arranged a summer garden party. Come and relax, perhaps show your expertise at some of the lawn games, and enjoy a traditional afternoon tea. We are hoping for a fine and sunny July afternoon, but we will not allow you to get wet if rain intrudes. Cost is £10 per person for members and £12 for non-members. **Early booking to me would be appreciated.** Keith Pledger [keithwpledger@gmail.com](mailto:keithwpledger@gmail.com) 01462 629020

#### Clifton Fair Saturday June 30<sup>th</sup> 2.00-4.00pm

Come and join the fun at Clifton Bury Farm. If anyone would like to run a stall/activity on that day or can provide cakes for afternoon teas, please contact Kathy Blackmore on [kb08@clifton-beds.co.uk](mailto:kb08@clifton-beds.co.uk).

#### Clifton Philosophy Forum

The next meeting, at 30 New Road, will be at 7.30pm on Monday 4 June when the subject will be Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs. [Bob.smith@lineone.net](mailto:Bob.smith@lineone.net).

#### Southill Flower Festival – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July

Details to follow.

#### Confirmation Thursday 6th September at 7.30pm in St Peter's Arlesley.

Please come and support our candidates, from both Parishes, who are being confirmed.

## Collect for today

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.

### Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

### Romans 8:22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

### John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

### Please remember in your prayers:

Please pray for all who are ill or infirm including Colleen Leeson, Gladys Dawson, Nancy Watmough, Peter Hodges, Roy Edmondson and the residents of Wren Park.

We pray for the work of the Food Bank and all those in need.

### Advance Notices, Clifton

Church Fete at Clifton Bury Farm: 30<sup>th</sup> June

Clifton Circus: 12<sup>th</sup> July

Friends' Afternoon Tea and Games: 21<sup>st</sup> July

Beds & Herts Hike and Bike: 8<sup>th</sup> September

Friends' Skittles in Broom: 19<sup>th</sup> September

Friends' Coffee Morning: 9<sup>th</sup> November

Southill Christmas Tree Festival: 1<sup>st</sup>&2<sup>nd</sup> December

### Pew Sheet

Please notify any changes or updates for future notices to Pat Wisby by Wednesday

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