



**In Memory:** Penelope Kittow, Royston Hopkins, Gwen Hayman, Anne Vooght, Muriel Duke, Jean Rogers-Came, Sam Ward, Clifford Raymont, Anthony 'Tony' Squire Parnell, Marina Harris, Lawrence Hurley and Penelope Hurley.

**Points for Prayer.** We pray for her majesty the Queen as we celebrate her Platinum Jubilee. For her example of faith and her service to this country and the Commonwealth. We pray for all the events in our villages and throughout the country, that they are full of joy and bring communities together.

**Jubilee Exhibition in the Church Cottage: "Celebrating Denbury", Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 10am-12 noon and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 3pm-5pm**

An exhibition of art, crafts, photography and poetry celebrating the depth of talent in our village. (Contributions still being accepted – contact Tessa. 813993)

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June: 10-12noon. Launch party, with coffee and cake.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June: 3-5pm. Serving cream teas

See you there!!

**Tree planting on Sunday 5th June at St Andrew's Churchyard, Ipplepen.** Family Holy Communion will be at 11am, including children's activities. At 12 noon we will be moving to the churchyard to plant a tree for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Refreshments afterwards. All welcome!

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 4.30pm at St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen. Come Holy Spirit – An informal Service for Pentecost.** We gather for a time of prayer with music from the Taize community, time of silence and reflection, readings and prayers. All welcome!

**Trinity Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June at Holy Trinity Church, Torbryan.** An invitation to celebrate the revival of regular services at the beautiful 15<sup>th</sup> century Church of the Holy Trinity, Torbryan on Trinity Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 4.30pm with The Reverend Andrew Down and the congregation. An inclusive candlelit service with prayer, hymns, readings, drama and meditation plus tea and cake afterwards.

Readings	This week	Next week
<b>Readings for this Sunday:</b>		
1st Reading	Acts 2:1-21	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
	Psalm 104:25-35, 37	8
2nd Reading	Romans 8:14-17	Romans 5:1-5
Gospel	John 14:8-17, 25-27	John 16:12-15

**Readings for the week ahead:**

Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	Matt 5:1-12	Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>	Matt 5:20-26
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup>	Matt 5:13-16	Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Matt 5:27-32
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	Matt 5:17-19	Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	John 15:12-17

Readings can be viewed/downloaded from <https://bible.oremus.org/>

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### Today's Sunday Services and Community Events

9.30 am	Holy Communion	- St John the Baptist, Woodland
9.30 am	Celtic Morning Prayer	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11.00 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
12 noon	Tree Plant in St Andrew's Churchyard for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee	
	Followed by refreshments in the Hall	- St Andrew's Churchyard, Ipplepen
3-5pm	Cream Teas and Jubilee Exhibition	- Church Cottage, Denbury
4.30 pm	Come Holy Spirit – An informal Service for Pentecost	- St Andrew's Church Hall, Ipplepen

### Morning Prayer

Please note there will be no morning prayer on Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday this week.

This week morning prayer will be said at the following times:

Thursday	9.15 am	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
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### Reflection

All our churches are open for private prayer and reflection throughout the week from approximately 9am to 5pm each day.

### Mid-Week

Rev'd Andrew Down off until Sunday.

Monday	3pm-5pm	T-Pot	- Church Cottage, Denbury
	11.30am	Funeral Service of Marina Harris	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Tuesday	10.15 am	Holy Communion	- St Andrew's Ipplepen
Wednesday	10.30 am	Coffee Mates	- Church Cottage, Denbury
	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Thursday	10.15 am	Holy Communion	- Denbury
	4.30 pm	Sta*x Youth Choir Practice	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
Saturday	10-12 noon	Coffee Morning	- The Parish Rooms, Woodland

### Next Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2022 – Trinity Sunday

9.30 am	Holy Communion	- St Mary the Virgin, Denbury
11.00 am	Holy Communion	- Ss Peter and Paul, Broadhempston
11.00 am	Celtic Morning Prayer	- St Andrew's, Ipplepen
4.30 pm	Reflective Evening Prayer - Patronal Festival - Trinity	- Holy Trinity, Torbryan



## Reflection by Hillarie Griggs

**Pentecost**  
**Acts 2:1-21**  
**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

This Sunday is the feast of Pentecost. Fifty days after Easter Sunday the season comes to a climactic end with the celebration of the day when the promised Holy Spirit descending upon the Apostles.

These first followers of Jesus weren't strong, courageous or even very faithful. Remember they had betrayed, denied and even deserted Jesus when he needed them the most. With Jesus' arrest and crucifixion, they had lost all heart and hope but then came the resurrection and their encounters with the Risen Christ, and things begin to change. Jesus promised the disciples that once he had left them, he would send them the Holy Spirit as a helper and a guide. An incredible promise, that when he would no longer be physically among them, the same Spirit that was with him on earth would come to guide them in the way of truth. According to the last verses in Luke's Gospel, (24:52-53) somehow after witnessing the Ascension they were able to return to Jerusalem with great joy and they were to be found continuously worshipping God.

Now at the beginning of Acts something dramatic happens to these followers of Jesus as they were all gathered in the same place. The house shakes with the sound of a mighty wind and fire is seen around them. Something also happens internally to them, they were transformed. Before, they would never have had the courage or faith to go to the crowd. The Holy Spirit enabled them to leave where they were and begin to proclaim the Gospel, the Good News, of Jesus Christ. At that very moment the missionary church was born.

The first sign was the sound of a hurricane-like wind which arrived suddenly. The Hebrew word *ruach* can mean either wind or spirit so the gathered Jews familiar with the idea that wind was a sign of the Spirit would recognise what was happening. The loud sound would also alert them and out of curiosity would attract them to see what was happening. Fire was another symbol of

the divine presence. God had appeared to Moses in flames coming from a bush.

Another important part of the reading is that the Spirit gave each the gift of speech. Throughout Christian history the Spirit has enabled many to find the courage to speak up and tell others the Good News in words that their listeners can understand, just as the disciples did on that first Pentecost morning. The Spirit also empowers many to raise a voice for the voiceless and the oppressed.

From this passage we learn that the gift of the Holy Spirit was not just for those disciples and apostles on that morning, but is promised to us as well. It is worth waiting for but comes when he wills, often not when and in ways that we would expect. The Holy Spirit comes not only to individuals but also to groups. The Holy Spirit has the power to transform people and places.

The Church is in need of the Holy Spirit to revive and refresh it. We need to pray and listen and discern where the Spirit is leading us and then just be prepared to join in. But remember there is nothing mild or gentle about the Holy Spirit. It is powerful, life-changing and energetic. The Holy Spirit challenges us and calls us to change. Oscar Romero, the Latin American Bishop who was murdered in 1978 said, *"The Spirit makes all things new; we are the ones who grow old and want to keep everything to our aged way of doing things... the Spirit is never old, the Spirit is always young."*

