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<p>The cover picture: the ceiling of St. Mark's Basilica in Venice features a mosaic in the Dome of Pentecost: "You will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth." See p18</p>
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Dear All,

COME, HOLY SPIRIT

We are in the middle of the period between Easter Sunday and Pentecost. At Easter the disciples locked themselves away out of fear, afraid to poke their noses out of the door; just 50 days later they were so filled with the Holy Spirit that they rushed out to tell everyone the incredible good news about Jesus and converted 3000 to their number on one day alone.

I have often longed for the day when any of our churches would be so bold, or have such a life-changing impact on the community around them!

I'm not sure we take Pentecost as seriously as we used to in our churches, which is rather a pity as we miss out on something important if we overlook it. Pentecost is the Church's way of reminding us that resurrection never really ends because the risen Jesus has come to make his home in us.

The presence of the Spirit in our lives gives us confidence and power and peace, but only of course when we allow the Spirit to do so.

Pentecost is the birth of the Church. It is God amongst us in power making us not simply a group of believers but Christ in the world – unafraid, empowered, bearing the cross out of love, and being raised from the grave in glory.

The story is told of a man who, during the depression, owned a sheep ranch in Texas. He did not have enough money to continue paying on the mortgage - in fact he was forced like many others to live on government subsidies. Each day as he tended his sheep he worried about how he was going to pay his bills. Sometime later a seismographic crew arrived on his land and said that there might be oil on his land and could they test drill. After a lease was signed they went ahead. At 1,115 feet a huge oil reserve was struck - subsequent wells revealed even more oil than the first well revealed. The man owned it all. He had the oil and mineral rights. He had been living on relief - yet he was a millionaire. Think of it - he owned all that oil with its tremendous potential, yet for many years he did not realise it.


How often are we like that man? Considering ourselves poor and helpless all the while unaware of the extraordinary power that we have available to us - that which is lying just below the surface in our minds and our hearts.

We are a Pentecost People. The Spirit has been and is being poured out upon us. The gift of God is just below the surface in our minds and hearts, and to the right

and to the left of us, above us and below us, to the front and to the rear. What a tragedy if we missed out on this indescribable gift!

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” – Matthew 28:19-20

Revd David



**ASCENSION
DAY**

**NORTH WEST REGION
JOINT EUCHARIST
ALL SAINTS, BEARSDEN
THURSDAY, MAY 14th
7.30pm
ALL WELCOME**



*followed by
refreshments*

ASCENSION DAY N.W.R. JOINT EUCHARIST

All Saints will be hosting this joint Choral Evensong, where we will be joined by choirs and congregations from across the region. Refreshments will be provided following the Service, so *any help with serving and/or baking would be gratefully appreciated*. With thanks, in anticipation. Gill (for the choir)

THE DEAN

The Very Rev Reuben Preston will demit the office of Dean of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway, on Sunday, 10 May 2026, as planned following the first anniversary of the installation of the Rt Rev Dr Nicholas Bundock.

The Bishop writes:

I know that many of our congregations, vestries, clergy, diocesan officers and lay ministers have been grateful for his ministry since he was appointed by Bishop Kevin in November 2020. Over that time, he has helped make some stellar appointments, guided dozens of churches through vacancies, sat on endless property, council and core group meetings and been at the end of the phone in times of crisis. Moreover, Reuben was a steady hand on the tiller during the episcopal vacancy. Thank you Reuben!

The Vestry has made a donation to the Diocesan collection for the Dean, noting his help and support during the vacancy.

CONGRATULATIONS

to the New MU Diocesan Chaplain

The Diocesan Mothers Union sent this notice:

“I am delighted to let you know that +Nick has appointed a new MU Chaplain to our Diocese. He is the Revd. David Guest from All Saints, Bearsden whom some of you will have met when we visited his church at our recent Spring Meeting. David has been an MU member for a number of years both in his previous dioceses of Southwark and Rochester and as a diocesan member here in Glasgow & Galloway. The trustees look forward to working with him, I am sure he will be a great asset to MU here in Glasgow and Galloway.”

Revd. David writes:

It is a busy year as MU celebrates its 150th anniversary and it is a particular joy for me as I have been involved with the MU throughout my ordained ministry as well as being a member more recently.

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR LAY REPRESENTATIVE

I have just a few things to share with you this week. First, Diocesan news: We have a new Dean! **Rev Canon Matthew Little** (well known to us as the Bishop's chaplain!) was announced as the new Dean of Glasgow and Galloway on Sunday, 19th April, just in time for the magazine deadline. Congratulations to Matthew and we look forward to working with him in a new way! Of course we owe a huge debt of gratitude to Dean Reuben, who demits office on 10th May (the first anniversary of Bishop Nick's installation). Reuben has helped us enormously over the last few years, especially during the vacancy and with the ongoing issues with our Rectory House. Reuben is to be made an honorary Canon of the Cathedral. At a special evensong at **5pm on Sunday, 10th May, at St. Mary's Cathedral** Matthew will be welcomed to his new role and Reuben thanked.

As for North-West Regional Council (NWRC), we welcome the combined congregations to a celebration of Ascension Day at **All Saints on Thursday, 14th May, at 7.30pm**. Please do come along! There will also be refreshments after this service. See the message from Gill requesting offers of help with catering.(p4)

Finally, the summer concert of Cathures Chamber Choir (in which I sing) will be on **Tuesday, 16th June, 7.30pm at Kelvinside Hillhead Church** in the West End. The theme of our summer concert will be "The Seasons" and include works by Haydn, Gibbons, Arcadelt, Erb and MacDowell.

David Simmons

ALL SAINTS LUNCH GROUP

In early April we held our last lunch of the season and I am pleased to write that we have **£600** of surplus funds available to be donated to worthy causes.

We are well aware that charitable donations made by All Saints through Mission Support are extremely important to members of our congregation. As, at the moment, there are no funds allocated for Mission Support we have decided to donate our £600 for that purpose. Decisions will be made shortly as to which of the charities the funds will be sent to.

In total the Lunch Group have made donations totalling **£1700** since we restarted in October last year. We gave Glasgow Children's Holiday Scheme **£1100** in December.

Many thanks to those who attended the lunches and also the helpers. Without both these, donations would not have been possible. We intend to restart our lunches in September.

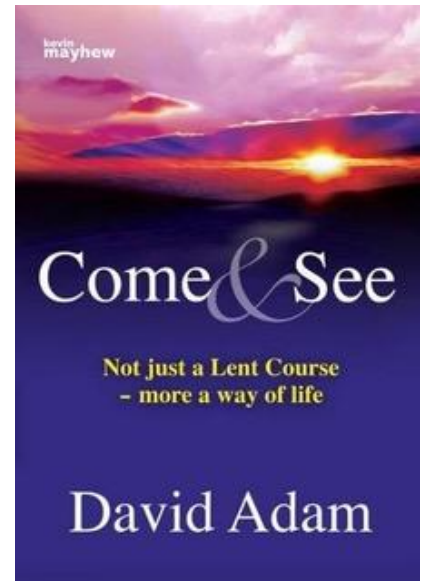
Philip

COMPLINE

During Lent our rector, David, conducted weekly services of Compline. A small number of the congregation attended and found this contemplative service spiritually enriching.

We used the book *Come and See* by David Adam; this provides a Lent course that seeks to help improve the way we look at the world, ourselves and our God.

Compline, a word that comes from the Latin *completorium* 'completion', is often called 'Night Prayer' as it is the last service in the daily prayer cycle, focusing on peace, contemplation and reflection.

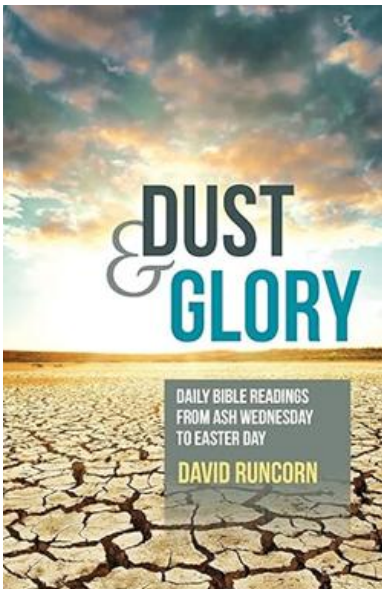


Graham Caie

TUESDAY LENT STUDY

a personal view

Each year David Guest has held series of weekly meetings during Lent and Advent, open to all and to which members of St Andrew's SEC, Milngavie, have been specifically invited. The limited term – four to six meetings at most – contrasts with the House Groups.



The meetings have been held on Tuesdays, from 2 to 3 pm: a time which meets the needs of those who find an early start to the day difficult and those reluctant to be out in the dark evenings. It finishes on time to suit busy people and allows others to socialise at one of the local coffee shops or at home.

David selects a text; in Lent 2026 it was David Runcorn's Dust & Glory. David is familiar with the material and leads the discussion. We are encouraged to express our thoughts and views on that week's topic as they come to mind; and David is very supportive, even when he must wonder where they came from. The value for me – hence 'personal' – of these meetings is the chance to express ideas and beliefs in a safe environment without embarrassment. The text is a vehicle to do this.

RGM

FROM LENT TO EASTER SUNDAY

A SPIRITUAL TRANSITION

Holy Week leading up to Easter is always a busy time for both Clergy and Congregation. Even so, this year was exceptional with Services at All Saints on three days in the week leading up to Easter Sunday. After our usual said Eucharist and Compline on Wednesday, we marked Maundy Thursday with a special Sung Communion at 7:30 pm. The service was conducted by Rev. David who delivered an unusual sermon in the form of a commentary on the Last Supper. This was given as if it was spoken by one of the disciples present. It included a description of the strange behaviour of Judas and the insistence of Jesus to wash all their feet.

The Rector then provided a practical illustration of this by washing the feet of our lay Rep. The service ended with the silent stripping of the Church and altar in preparation for the solemn and simple format of the Good Friday service on the following day.

David Hamblen

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Service for Good Friday



Despite the damp and threatening weather there was a reasonable congregation for this joint service of reflection with New Kilpatrick at 3pm. Revd David was assisted by Revd. Kevin and Revd. Roddy from New Kilpatrick Church. The sombre scene was set as we entered the church by the stripped altar and lack of flowers, but we were all there to remember our Lord's passion so these small details aided our mood and highlighted the terrible trial that He had to endure.

The service started with an opening statement of the enormity of Christ's passion and was followed by the first of five hymns: *"There is a green hill far away"* followed by a reading from Isaiah read by David Hamblen, a Prayer of intercession and Psalm 22 before the 2nd reading read by a member of N.K. church.

That was followed by the 2nd hymn *"Drop, drop slow tears"* before the 3rd reading: an account of the Passion story according to St. John. This was read by all three priests and was most moving indeed, and followed immediately by The Reproaches (statements with congregational pleas in response) this whole part was particularly powerful given the state of the world today. Hymn 3 was the Taizé Chant *"Jesus, remember me"* followed by the 4th reading: *Father forgive by Malcolm Guite* and the 4th Hymn: *"My song is love unknown"*

The 5th reading: *"After last night"* was read by Revd. Roddy who had composed this thoughtful poem. 5th Hymn *"When I survey the wondrous cross"* came next, during which Revd. Kevin carried a plain wooden cross up through the congregation and placed it on the altar, another moment of heightened emotion. This was followed by the final Reading: *"On that day by Mary Havran"* and the closing prayers.

A most suitable and moving service that was very much appreciated by all.

John Harrington

EASTER DAY SERVICE

In contrast to the austere interior of the Church on Good Friday, with only a plain wooden cross, we were greeted by a dramatically changed spectacle on Easter Sunday morning.

In the interim the Flower Group had worked their magic, decorating the Church with a wonderful display of daffodils and other seasonal blooms. The beauty of these arrangements matched the changed mood of a congregation now happily celebrating the risen Christ.

It was uplifting to see an almost full church again, with many visitors, including children, enjoying the enthusiastic singing of the Easter hymns. After taking Communion, everyone participated in re-decorating the Cross by attaching individual blooms over its entire surface. This then qualified the congregation to enjoy another eagerly awaited tradition, the distribution of chocolate Easter eggs by the Rector. Sadly, on this occasion your correspondent was too slow and failed to receive any eggs.

David Hamblen.



Yet again, the Flower Group, gently steered by Ann Caie, added glory to the service on Easter Day, in contrast to the hail and snow outside. Here are a very few random examples but many more can be seen on Facebook, also showing the team at work on the previous day.







TAKE, BLESS, BREAK, GIVE ...

In the course of my sermon (Easter 3, April 19th) I quoted a lengthy passage written by the Anglican liturgist Dom Gregory Dix (1901-1952) and which I quote again below.

Dix was a priest in the Church of England before taking his vows and eventually becoming Prior of the Benedictine Abbey of Nashdom in Buckinghamshire. He was something of an intellectual and at his death was described by the then Bishop of Oxford, Kenneth Kirk as ‘... the most brilliant man in the Church of England’. But he could also write! His great work, *The Shape of the Liturgy*, was published in 1945 and frequently exhibits the florid prose of the years of Empire. And yet ...

Dix takes the four-fold structure of the Eucharist, that Jesus *takes, blesses, breaks and gives* as the heart of what the priest does at the altar. Just as we heard in the day’s gospel (The Road to Emmaus) it was only in this four-fold action that the disciples recognised Jesus:

... he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

Dix writes, in the context of the Mandatum, the New Commandment, of the centrality of the Eucharist, of the near-universality of the four-fold action at the altar:

Was ever another command so obeyed? For century after century, spreading slowly to every continent and country and among every race on earth, this action has been done, in every conceivable human circumstance, for every conceivable human need from infancy and before it to extreme old age and after it, from the pinnacle of earthly greatness to the refuge of fugitives in the caves and dens of the earth.

Men have found no better thing than this to do for kings at their crowning and for criminals going to the scaffold; for armies in triumph or for a bride and bridegroom in a little country church; for the proclamation of a dogma or for a good crop of wheat; for the wisdom of the Parliament of a mighty nation or for a sick old woman afraid to die; for a schoolboy sitting an examination or for Columbus setting out to discover America; for the famine of whole provinces or for the soul of a dead lover; in thankfulness because my father did not die of pneumonia; for a village headman much tempted to return to fetich because the yams had failed; because the Turk was at the gates of Vienna; for the repentance of Margaret; for the settlement of a strike; for a son for a barren woman; for Captain so-and-so wounded and prisoner of war; while the lions roared in the nearby amphitheatre; on the beach at Dunkirk; while the hiss of scythes in the thick June grass came faintly through the windows of the church; tremulously, by an old monk on the fiftieth anniversary of his vows; furtively, by an exiled bishop who had hewn timber all day in a prison camp near Murmansk; gorgeously, for the canonisation of S. Joan of Arc—one could fill many pages with the reasons why men have done this, and not tell a hundredth part of them.

And best of all, week by week and month by month, on a hundred thousand successive Sundays, faithfully, unfailingly, across all the parishes of Christendom, the pastors have done this just to make the plebs sancta Dei—the holy common people of God.

Well, we might want to amend some of the language Dix uses, but the poetry of this vision of the Body of Christ is hauntingly wonderful. Faithfully, unfailingly, on a hundred thousand successive Sundays we gather and the Bread is

Taken, Blessed, Broken and Given.

Amen.

Kevin (Revd Dr Kevin Francis)

PALM SUNDAY

at All Saints Church Cockermouth

We spent this weekend at an hotel in Cockermouth in order to entertain all our Cumbrian friends unseen for a year. It was a lovely thing to do and we so enjoyed seeing them all.

On Palm Sunday I walked along Main Street in the wind and rain, guided by the Church bells of which there are three to a very large Church which was built in the early 1850's in the Early English style. There has been a Church here on this sight since the Castle was built by William de Fortibus in about 1220 which enlarged a smaller chapel by Waldeof. Both Castle and Church stand on high ground well above the floodplain with the low lying market place in between.

To quote from J. Bernard Bradbury's History of Cockermouth published in 1981:

"On the morning of Friday, the 15th of November, 1850, the Church at Cockermouth was destroyed by Fire. About half-past one in the morning Police Officer Chapman whilst passing over Cocker bridge discovered sparks issuing from the Church and he immediately called up several persons and an alarm was instantly spread throughout the town."

It was too late to save the Church but the Church Bible and a few other things were rescued and more importantly the Verger, Joseph Mounsey, always took the Church plate home with him for cleaning and safe keeping in a baize-lined box under his bed !

Consequently, a new Church was built. The foundation stone was laid in 1852 and consecrated by Dr. Graham, Bishop of Chester on 15th June 1854. The design was by Joseph Clarke of London, but not without a bit of fighting.

The Church seats 750 and is very impressive. The font and pulpit are of Cean stone and there is some lovely stained glass with the East window being a memorial to Wordsworth. His father lies in the Church yard.

On the morning of my visit there was a very large congregation. At the peace everyone shook hands with everyone else. I was made very welcome especially by David and Dawn Brewin who have lived in the town since 1975 having moved from Devon. Accents varied and testifies to the large number of people who have made their home in Cumbria from elsewhere. The congregation all help with cleaning and maintenance and the whole Church looks well loved.

Those of us who felt able processed around the Church during the singing of one of the Palm Sunday hymns and then all met afterwards for coffee and chat. I hope to visit again, God willing, perhaps next year.

Mary Stott

PRAYER AND GIVING DAY (THY KINGDOM COME)

Once again this year we are using the period between **Ascension and Pentecost** to hold a Prayer and Giving Day.

The period is kept by churches worldwide as a time of prayer called Thy Kingdom Come, which is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus.

We hope many at All Saints will wish to join in these 10 days of prayer, which coincides as last year with the special **Prayer and Giving Day** which we will be holding on **Saturday, May 16th**, based on our *Generous Giving, Generous Living* initiative. The church will be open from **9.30am to 4.00pm** for private prayer, with short prayers each hour led from the front by Revd David and Revd Kevin. At **9.30am** there will be a short form of Morning Prayer and at **3.45pm** the day will end with a short form of Evening Prayer. A box will be available for any financial donations to the church or for offering your own gifts and time to our work.

What started as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer, with 85 denominations from all over the world taking part. Every person, household and church are encouraged to pray during the **10 days (May 14th – 24th this year)** in their own way.

It is the movement's hope and prayer, that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and His love for the world, will hear it for themselves and respond and follow Him. Specifically, the movement invites each and every Christian across the globe to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of five people who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call. You can read the booklets online by visiting: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources-0>

There will be prayer resources to help you, which will be available before the day and on the day itself. Our church daily prayer sheet for your personal use has been revised and is available in church.

This is a significant and important day for us at All Saints, giving a chance to respond to God's generosity through prayer and by practical giving and stewardship. We hope that as many as possible will make an effort to come to church at some point during the day, even if you are only able to make it for a short time. In addition to praying for the world church it provides us with an opportunity here to pray for each other, for God's work and for All Saints as we move forward with the diocese to be a place of **Belonging, Believing and Becoming.**

Revd. David

A Reminder

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10 – 16 MAY

I would be very grateful for anyone who can help with a leaflet drop for Christian Aid week to *either mail me or phone me*. My contact details are on the inside cover of the magazine.

Although the amount the Bearsden group raises has fallen year on year, the money is at least something rather than nothing. The total raised between July 2024 and February 2025 was £4657.40 whereas the total raised between July 2025 and February 2026 was £2365.01. Rather depressing.

There will be envelopes in the pews for those who would like to give that way rather than online.

Thanks in advance for offers of help either from the “old timers” or anyone else who would like to up their step count!

Celia

Another Reminder

SUNSHINE BAGS

Sunshine Bags have become a fixture in our Church fund raising. This is one of the easiest ways to raise money for the church, as it does not involve any effort at all, beyond popping some money into Sunshine Bag. Nor do you have to wait for the Sunday to shine before you do so. Any happy event over the summer will do the trick.

This is how it works. Sunshine Bags will be available in Church on Easter Sunday. You pick one up, fill it up over the summer and return it on Harvest Sunday. Easy!



Here's hoping we have a bumper harvest.

Ann Caie

HOUSE GROUP NEWS

E Group

The E group are reading Peter Greig's book *How to Pray* this session. The last chapter was headed *Make it Simple* and this suited me well. It was about having a chat with God like he was your friend etc We have moved into the technical world as Fiona asked AI to help us with the answers. It gave us a laugh but it was very interesting. It stimulated a really good debate and gave food for thought. We have been meeting at Elaine's as it is easier for her just now

Jean Stirling

Thursday House Group

The Thursday house group meets in Janet and Bryan Stack's welcoming house, usually fortnightly. During the Winter we continued our study of the gospel of Luke under Graham's guidance. We started where we left off last season and continued through to the end of the gospel. It is always good to get together to discuss God's word; taking each verse apart and analysing what was said, and what was meant. Graham's leadership was invaluable in guiding our thoughts and initiating many items to discuss further. The house group is both fun and challenging giving us an opportunity to reflect and discuss all sorts of topics that spring from the book we are studying.

It was particularly thought-provoking to read of Jesus' activities and parables and to compare Luke's descriptions of them with the other gospel writers. It is surprising how the four gospels differ in many details. The chapters devoted to the period following the Last Supper and Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection were particularly challenging and gave us a lot to think about during Lent.

The house group forms a relaxed, friendly environment where each of us contributes his or her views about God's word, enabling us to appreciate it in a deeper way.

Richard Kingslake

Our next study will be using a book "**Jesus' Call to Discipleship**" by Professor James G Dunn, who was a graduate of Glasgow University, later becoming Professor of Divinity at Durham University. It is a book, written for group discussion, in the series Understanding Jesus Today and although written in 1992 is still very relevant. Please do get in touch with me if you are interested. All very welcome.

Janet Stack

THE GARDENING GROUP

It's been so wet, cold, or both this last few months that gardening is not first on everyone's minds. However, we have recently been asked by our neighbours to remove the ivy on the fence between our halls and their property. So that's a challenge, and a reminder that it will soon be full on gardening once everything starts growing.

We have a loyal band of volunteers, but as always there is plenty of room for anyone who would like to join in - particularly for grass cutting. Tuesday and Thursday afternoons tend to be the days that suit the majority. A couple of hours gardening before a tea break is the usual timetable.

Finally, if anyone would like a particular plant in the garden, either in memory of someone, or just because you like it, we are happy to help.

Kate and Mairi

MEMORIAL GARDEN

The Vestry is concerned to learn that it appears ashes are being scattered or buried in the memorial garden without permission. A number of people have notified me of this recently and while during my time here examples have been few and far between it would seem that there have been three or four instances this year alone.

This is of course distressing and we fully appreciate why members of our own congregation and other families who have the remains of loved ones buried in the garden will be upset.

Scattering ashes without permission is not actually a criminal offence in most circumstances, but it could potentially be treated as littering or cause distress if witnessed unexpectedly. Clearly placing ashes in what is blessed ground without reference to the church is not generally something that would be permitted and may even be regarded as desecration of a holy place. Seeking permission is always the respectful and recommended approach. In most church memorial gardens the scattering of ashes is not permitted at all and burial of loose ashes only should be carried out by a church minister.

There is a larger issue which we have been aware of in the past year following the introduction of new Scottish Government regulations which it has been realised don't take into consideration that many Episcopal Church burial grounds are not "registered" but are consecrated ground on what is essentially private land. We have already been having discussions with the Diocese and Province about this as it is a complicated legal matter. However, in any case churches are expected to have full records of who is buried in cemeteries and memorial gardens and their precise location, details of which we know we do not have for everyone. If ashes are scattered/buried without our knowledge it is all the more difficult to keep an accurate record.

We are awaiting a response from the diocese as to the best way to deal with this problem and have been discussing as a Vestry the best way to deal with the matter more immediately, perhaps with signs on the gate and around the garden.

Please be assured that we are taking this matter seriously and we apologise if anyone sees instances of this practice before we are able to take any action.

Revd David and the Vestry

BOOKS FOR SALE

Some very observant people will have noticed the books for sale are now laid out on the table in the hallway. This makes it much easier to see the books and hopefully will entice you to buy some. Grateful thanks to Jenny who helped me.

Jane Lewis

MISSION GIVING UPDATE

Following input from the congregation at the Annual Congregational Meeting in November, the Vestry agreed to add £5,000 to the existing £3,000 fundraising target specifically to fund Mission Support payments. By way of update, by 31 March (halfway through our financial year), a total of £1,210 had been raised. A further update will be provided in July.

Tracey Conway (Treasurer)

THE APRIL VESTRY NOTES

Please note that in the April magazine, the Vestry meeting notes for March 9th were edited as a short summary by the Rector, close to the magazine deadline, from the minutes taken at the meeting by acting secretary Dolina Dowling. The minutes were *not* actually being written by him, as he is not able to take the minutes as the chairman.

The Pentecostal Dome in St Mark's Basilica, Venice

The image closely follows the narrative in Acts 2:1-13. The Holy Spirit descends on each of the twelve Apostles in tongues of fire, leading them to preach to the crowd. The Spirit is symbolized in the centre as a dove sitting on a book. The words surrounding the disc are: 'spiritus in flammis super hos distillat ut amnis corda replens munit et amoris nexibus unit hinc varie gentes miracula conspicientes fiunt credentes vim lingue percipientes', i.e. *'The Spirit pours over them, strengthening them by filling their hearts of each and uniting them by bonds of love. Then the nations become believers, seeing the miracle of the various languages.'*

Each Apostle holds a book or scroll. The small figures in the outermost ring are the people in the crowd who gathered to hear the Apostles preach. "Jews of every nation," the inscriptions give the list of origins in Acts 2:9-11: Parthians, Medes, etc.

The small circular image on its own ray plays a very specific theological role in the overall design. It represents "The World" — the nations to whom the apostles are sent. It is deliberately placed outside the ring of apostles, yet still connected to Christ by a ray of divine light.

SERVICES IN MAY

Services will be held both in Church and on Facebook at 10.30am on Sundays.

It is also possible to watch services on our Facebook pages
and You Tube channel afterwards.

Date	3 May 5 th Sunday of Easter (White)	10 May 6 th Sunday of Easter (White)	14 May ASCENSION DAY (White)	17 May Sunday after Ascension (White)	24 May PENTECOST (Red)	31 May TRINITY SUNDAY (White)
Celebrant	Rev David Guest	Rev David Guest	Rev David Guest	Rev David Guest	Rev David Guest	Rev David Guest
9.00am Service	Said Eucharist (1970 Liturgy)			Said Eucharist (1970 Liturgy)		
10.30am Service	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist		Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist
Other services			7.30pm Sung Eucharist (regional joint service)			
Stewards	Pauline	Brenda	Janet	John	Dolina	David
Eucharistic Assistants	Ailsa	Louise	Graham	Celia	Graham	Jenny
Readings	Acts 7: 55-60; 1 Peter 2: 2-10; John 14: 1-14	Acts 17: 22-31; 1 Peter 3: 13-22 John 14: 15-21	Acts 1: 1-11; Ephesians 1: 15-23; Luke 24: 44-53	Acts 1: 6-14; 1 Peter 4: 12-14, 5:6-11; John 17: 1-11	Acts 2: 1-21; 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13; John 20: 19- 23	Isaiah 40: 12-17, 27-31; 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13; Matthew 28: 16-20
Reader	Bryan Stack	Gillian Kingslake		Gill Hamblen	Janet Stack	Richard Kingslake
Intercessor	Mary Stott	Celia Fisher		David Hamblen	David Simmons	Louise Benson
After-service Coffee	John Joyce	Gioia Janet		Anne Pauline	Fiona Gillian	Susan Kate
Other events	<p>*A 9.00am Said Eucharist is held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, using the 1970 liturgy.</p> <p>*There is a 10.30am Said Eucharist on Wednesday mornings, preceded by Morning Prayer and prayer group at 10.00am</p> <p>*We are hosting the North West Region Ascension Day joint service this year, on Thursday, May 14th at 7.30pm</p>					

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*The Rector's usual days off each week are **Thursdays and Fridays**.
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