

St George's Church, Madrid. Sunday 31st May 2020,

Whit Sunday, Pentecost

We are living through extraordinary times in Madrid. Everyone is welcome to join this virtual Holy Communion whilst we cannot attend Church.

Follow the link on Facebook and our website to join in a virtual service led by Rev'd Fran Le Blanc assisted by Joao de Castro Soares

Locum Chaplain: Father John is well and trying to get back to Madrid but while he is "trapped" in The United States the Rev'd Fran Le Blanc is acting as locum for us.

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The Church office is closed for now but our administrator, Liz M, is working from home. She will answer any queries about Church services at this difficult time. The phone has been re-routed to her home and has an answer machine which gives the emergency contact numbers of our Wardens. We hope that you don't need them



The hymns, readings and collect can be found on our website (www.stgeorgesmadrid.org) under the "services" tab ready for you to print out.

Readings.

Acts 2:1-21
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
John 20:19-23
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b



Hymns.

Come Holy Spirit, heavenly dove.
Breathe on me, breath of God.
O Spirit of the living God



The Fundraising continues!

It's permanent theme but a fact of life. The Church and the needy, are in a constant search for funds.

You can give directly to the Church with all your donation going to St George's or you can give to our St George's month appeal where half of the money goes to St George's, and half to the food bank that we support. In the current situation they are trying to provide for more people than ever and need our help.

Our bank account details are

The Comunion Anglicana de

Madrid IBAN ES97 2038 1065 5660 0114 6076

If you want to donate to the appeal for the food bank simply use the above bank account adding

concepto "El mes de St Georges"

and half will go to St George's, half to the food bank



Please pray for; all those in need known to the congregation of St George's. Pray for the Church of Norway. Give thanks and pray for our fellowship with the French Lutheran and Reformed Churches. Pray for our

partnership with CMS.

Pray for all those quietly suffering from other physical and mental problems alone at home during the lockdown, and for those who are alone and unable to go out and carry out simple tasks unaided.

Pray for leaders of the World trying to do their best for their populations in the face of covid-19.



Watering your plants. The soil in the Madrid region is usually very sandy and will dry out really quickly if used in planters and containers. Adding *humus de lombriz*, *sustrato* and water gel crystals will help but will only be effective for one summer. Make sure no weeds grow



Did you know that.....

The nasturtiums mentioned in the plant watering article were introduced into Europe in the late 16th century from Peru by the Spanish conquistadors.



They are not only decorative but can also be eaten. The leaves add a light peppery taste to a salad, the sweeter edible flowers make a lovely decoration on deserts or salads, and the seeds can be pickled to use instead of capers, (alcaparas), in pasta and stuffed vegetable dishes. They are very high in vitamin C. In the past it was used as antibiotic and general tonic for the digestion.



in the containers. Water thoroughly to keep the soil moist but not saturated or the roots will drown. Watering cans are better than hoses unless you can achieve a relatively fine spray, otherwise the soil will be washed away. Try to keep the water off

the foliage. Early morning or late evening is the best time to water and do not expect an occasional rain shower to be that much use unless it is a real downpour. If watering is tricky for you consider growing drought tolerant plants such as Cosmos, Marigolds, Zinnias and Nasturtiums. Even these will require constant watering for the first six weeks while they are settling in.



Messegue, the French herbalist also recommends it for making a hair lotion to prevent baldness! An invaluable plant for any balcony or window box!



Pentecost Red.

So... on The Day of Pentecost in the church year, fifty days of Easter and ten days after the Ascension, the clergy wear RED vestments to **signify the work of the Spirit**. It is also a custom in many churches for the people in the congregation to wear RED on the Day of Pentecost as well. We wear RED to **remind us of the fire of the Spirit**.



The Christian holiday of **Pentecost**, commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1–31). The holiday is also called "White Sunday" or "Whitsunday" or "Whitsun", especially in the United Kingdom, where traditionally the next day, Whit Monday, was also a public holiday (since 1971 fixed by law on the last Monday in May). The Monday after Pentecost is a legal holiday in many European countries.

On this day

In 1859 Big Ben rang out for the first time over the United Kingdom Houses of Parliament in Westminster.



In 1961 South Africa became an Independent Republic



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ADVOCATE SPIRIT WITNESS
 GLORIFY FATHER JESUS
 MINE COMPLETE TELL
 EVERYTHING WHY HIMSELF




“This week in Lockdown”

This week, we didn't have meetings, but instead we made videos for our Scout sections to watch. We made a very exciting announcement – we shall be holding our 2nd virtual camping weekend in June. It will be in celebration of Queen Elizabeth II's official birthday and the Trooping of the Colour, so all the children will learn about this. We will also learn about local knowledge and places right here in Madrid. In the meantime, the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers will think about their camps they made last time and how they can improve on them. The Cubs are still working on their photography badge and are aiming to bring all of their photos together to make an exhibition. They also learnt about the history of Cubs: The section was created in 1916 and back then, they were known as wolf cubs. In 1991 girls were allowed to join and they became Cub Scouts. In 2016 they celebrated their centenary! The Beavers are still working on their personal and leader challenge badges and we continue to send them a weekly bedtime story!



Howler of the week

The word trousers is an uncommon noun because it is singular at the top and plural at the bottom.

