

June Newsletter

"I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service"

These are the words of our Queen spoken on her 21st birthday in a broadcast to the nation in 1947. Who could have known then that she would become the longest reigning sovereign!

One of the constants in Her Majesty's life has been her personal faith which she has declared publicly on many occasions and in an excerpt from her Christmas 2002 message she makes it clear where her strength lies

"I know just how much I rely on my own faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning, I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God. Like others of you who draw inspiration from your own faith, I draw strength from the message of hope in the Christian gospel."

What better time to celebrate 70 years of service than at Pentecost when we remember and celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit promised by Jesus

"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever" (John 14:16)

This Pentecost may it be a time when we can rededicate ourselves to our Lord – for our whole lives, whether be short or long.

May has been a busy but important month, we have seen the return of the children's groups (including the re-launch of Pathfinders), tea & coffee after the Sunday services, the new PCC has met for the first time, following Church guidance we are able to take both Bread and Wine at communion services and the process of preparing for the appointment of our next Rector has been approved by the Diocese (much delayed by covid). We will keep you updated with progress. Please do pray for those involved with the process of deciding on this, those within the Church, Diocese and God's candidate (yet to be revealed to all but God!)



Members of the PCC at their first meeting of the year

Looking forward to the Jubilee weekend our Church and Hall will be open on Friday and Saturday, why not take the opportunity to look at the display at the back of church at some of the history of the church here in Woolton and memorabilia over the Queen's 70 years reign then maybe pop into the hall to visit, on our doorstep, the place that many travel thousands of miles to see – the place where John & Paul met, our own piece of history. Thank you to Tom and his team for organising the opening of our Church and to Donna and her team for doing likewise in the Hall.

Have a marvellous jubilee weekend – as you can see from this photograph of our Monday Minnows leaders (aka “the Platinum Girls”) the celebrations have already started - and a spirit-filled Pentecost



With love and best wishes to you all

Alistair and Mike

Churchwardens

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