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## Church Link

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*O God, who providest for thy people by thy power,  
and rulest over them in love:  
Vouchsafe so to bless thy Servant our Queen,  
that under her this nation may be wisely governed,  
and thy Church may serve thee in all godly quietness;  
and grant that she being devoted to thee with her whole heart,  
and persevering in good works unto the end,  
may, by thy guidance, come to thine everlasting kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
ever one God, world without end.*

Amen.

Church of England, Platinum Jubilee Liturgy

Holy Communion for Pentecost will be at **9:00am** in St Andrew's Church, Blagdon. The time of regular worship has been altered to accommodate Jubilee celebrations.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee will be marked by a service in each of our parishes. St Michael's is holding a short service at 10:15am and St Bartholomew's at 10:30am on 5th June. St Andrew's will be hosting a **Jubilee Tea Party** on Sunday 5th June, at 3:30pm, preceded by a service (and we hope some celebratory bell-ringing) at 3:00pm - poster below. In the event of wet weather, the event will be moved inside St Andrew's.

Eco Hub are hosting the **Big Nature Count** in all our parish churchyards on Sunday 12th June, 3:00pm - 5:00pm. This event, aimed at all local families, is designed to help us understand the role of our churchyards as havens for plants and wildlife. Please see poster below and pass on to your friends and neighbours.

We look forward to welcoming you soon.

Yours in Fellowship,  
Revd. Simon Lewis  
Laura Williams

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### Worship this Week - Pentecost

Sunday 5th June - Pentecost and Jubilee Worship

- 9:00am - Holy Communion (Said) St Andrew's, Blagdon
- 10:15am - Jubilee Worship, St Michael's, Compton Martin
- 10:30am - Jubilee Worship, St Bartholomew's, Ubley
- 3:00pm - A Celebration of the Reign of Queen Elizabeth, followed by Jubilee Tea in the churchyard, St Andrew's, Blagdon

Monday 6th June

- 8:40am - Morning Prayer, St Bartholomew's, Ubley
- 9:15am - Intercessions Group, St Bartholomew's, Ubley

Tuesday 7th June

- 10:15am - Mini Melodies, a toddler group, St Andrew's Blagdon

Wednesday 8th June

- 8:40am - Morning Prayer, St Michael's, Compton Martin
- 5:00pm - Evensong, St Andrew's, Blagdon

Thursday 9th June

- 8:40am - Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Blagdon
- 12:00pm - In the Spirit of Iona, online via Zoom

The Sunday Eucharist on 12th June will be at St Bartholomew's, Ubley at 10:30am, preceded by Holy Communion at St Michael's, Compton Martin at 9:00am.

### Reading and Reflection Pentecost

**Theme: Pentecost**

Reading: Acts 2:1-21

#### The Coming of the Holy Spirit

And 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.'

#### Peter Addresses the Crowd

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, and before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day, then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

#### A Reflection

When we speak of Pentecost more usually we think of tongues of flame and disciples speaking in the many languages to be heard in Jerusalem at the time; we think less about what Peter said, nor do we call it 'prophecy.' The idea of 'prophecy' scares us, inviting ridicule or scepticism. In the account of the Day of Pentecost notion of prophecy is understated but its effect has been long-lasting.

These nondescript Galileans speaking foreign languages get attention; making sense is another matter; the crowd offers a mixed response. Peter's words give an answer to the question 'what does it all mean?' For that, Peter reworks words from the Prophet Joel (2 v 28-32), a very short book from the Hebrew Scripture set between Hosea and Amos.

Peter edits the opening words; not, "After these things" but "In the last days." Peter says that "times have changed." God will pour out his Spirit so that, young or old, 'they shall prophesy'. We should not be frightened of the word; its meaning is simpler than it is in popular understanding. Prophecy does not predict something in the future; prophecy is the telling of the truth in the here and now.

Under the overarching of God's love, in the light of Jesus' life and teaching, Pentecost invites us to interpret the times in which we live; to understand the community charged with holding and sharing that love; to discern how that community of the Church should act and behave; to live as good citizens within the society and communities where it is set; to be citizens too of the Kingdom of God.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

[Psalm 104:33]

#### And prayer for Sunday

God, who as at this time  
taught the hearts of your faithful people  
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:  
grant me by the same Spirit  
to have a right judgement in all things  
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;  
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

### Online Worship Pentecost - 5th June 2022

The Church of England's online worship for Pentecost and to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth will be broadcast from the Middle East and will be led by members of the British Forces. It will be live-streamed at 9:00am on Sunday and remain available on their YouTube channel for viewing.

[Click here to join](#)

### Children's Corner

This week's Young Church Mag looks at Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit. It can be downloaded and printed by clicking [this link](#).

## Worship in June 2022

**Sunday 5th June**  
Pentecost & Jubilee Celebrations  
9:00am - Said Holy Communion, St Andrew's, Blagdon  
10:15am - Jubilee worship, St Michael's, Compton Martin  
10:30am - Jubilee worship, St Bartholomew's, Ubley  
3:00pm - A Celebration of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, followed by tea and cakes in St Andrew's Churchyard, Blagdon

**Sunday 12th June**  
9:00am - Holy Communion, St Michael's, Compton Martin  
10:30am - Sunday Eucharist, St Bartholomew's, Ubley  
3:00pm - 5:00pm Measy Church @ Eco Hub, St Bartholomew's, Ubley

**Sunday 19th June**  
10:30am - Sunday Eucharist, St Andrew's, Blagdon

**Sunday 26th June**  
10:30am - Sunday Eucharist, St Michael's, Compton Martin  
5:00pm - Celtic Worship, St Bartholomew's, Ubley

#### Weekday Worship

**Mondays**  
8:40am - Morning Prayer, St Bartholomew's, Ubley  
9:15am - Intercessions Group, St Bartholomew's, Ubley

**Tuesdays**  
10:00am - Mini Melodies toddler group, St Andrew's, Blagdon

**Wednesdays**  
8:40am - Morning Prayer, St Michael's, Compton Martin  
5:00pm - Evensong, St Andrew's, Blagdon

**Thursdays**  
8:40am - Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Blagdon  
12:00pm - In the Spirit of Iona, online via Zoom

### An Announcement

Dear Church Family,

It is with great sadness that I have to announce that our Benefice Administrator, Laura Williams, is leaving us to take up a new job with The Blue School, Wells. Her last day will be next week, Friday 10 June. I know many of you have come to value not only Laura's excellent administrative work but her wisdom, kindness, support and guidance: I know I have. We thank Laura for all the Godly love and care she has given this Benefice and we pray for her as she begins her new ministry of care at The Blue School.

Simon

**YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO**

**A short thanksgiving for Queen Elizabeth's 70 years as reigning monarch**

**3:00pm, St Andrew's, Blagdon**

**followed by a street party with tea and cake in St Andrew's Churchyard**

**3:30pm - 4:30pm**

## The Big Nature Count

Sunday 12th June, 3 - 5pm

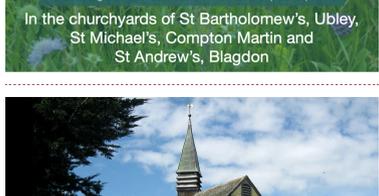
Become a nature detective!

Children's activities, including insect and butterfly treasure trails, Squash and biscuits

In Ubley, Measy Church will be taking part in THE BIG NATURE COUNT and will gather for refreshments and informal worship at 4:30pm

In the churchyards of St Bartholomew's, Ubley, St Michael's, Compton Martin and St Andrew's, Blagdon

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### Volunteers Needed

We are hoping to open St Hugh's on Sunday afternoons through the summer months, from 2-5pm. If you are able to give a few hours of your time to greet visitors and serve tea, please could you contact [Penny Crawford](#) who has kindly agreed to organise a rota: 01761 462418.

### Prayer within our Community

#### We have been asked to pray for:

In the Parish of Blagdon, please pray for the family and friends of Viv Lyons who died peacefully last week, for Neil and Margaret and Joyce.  
In the Parish of Compton Martin, please pray for Ann and Robert, for Ceinwen and Robert.

Please pray for Jacqui and Stewart, Kimberly and Joshua, and Shauna and Al as they prepare for marriage and for Priya, Ann, Mabel, Demi-Harlow, Oakley and Aubrey and their families as they prepare for baptism.

May the road rise up to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your face;  
the rains fall soft upon your fields  
and until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the hollow of His hand.

If you have someone or something that you would like us to pray for, your requests can be passed onto them and included in our prayers. Please click [here](#) to send us your requests.



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