

THE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT

5th June 2022 – Feast of PENTECOST (Whit Sunday)

FORTHCOMING GUEST...



Pastor Pete Cunningham of the Green Pastures charity, 10th July @ 9.30am and 11am.

You may remember a few years ago, when Archbishop Justin made his vow to out-compete the payday lender Wonga. At the same time, the church had a big push on credit unions and other social

enterprises. One of the charities to which the Archbishop and others drew attention was *Green Pastures*, a Christian charity and social enterprise, regulated by the FCA, which started in Southport and now has a national reach providing housing for those who struggle to afford it. I was really struck by the way in which they work: both partnering with local churches and also providing ethical investments that fund housing projects.

Various members of my family, including those of no faith, have been investors in Green Pastures ever since.

We're really fortunate to be able to welcome Pastor Pete to both our morning services on 10th July. He is a renowned preacher, and will stay with us after the Broughton service to talk more about the work of Green Pastures. We will organise a buffet.

Please do your utmost to attend one of the morning services on 10th July. This really is an exceptional opportunity that we can't provide very often. Please also promote it to friends at other churches, or outside the church, who may have a heart for housing people.

You can find out more about the work of Green Pastures on their website or on YouTube:

<https://www.greenpastures.net/>

<https://www.youtube.com/c/housingthehomeless>

For more information you can speak to Stephen, or to Julie Robinson-Judd in Kirkby.

This Week

Wednesday

11.30am – Holy Communion, Broughton Mills followed by tea, coffee, biscuits and cake.

7.30pm – Youth Group, Broughton Methodist Church

Thursday

9am – Coffee – **10am** – Bible Study, Broughton MC

2pm – Choir practice, Kirkby

7.30pm – Youth Group, Broughton Methodist Church

Friday

5.00pm – Choir practice, St Mary's, Broughton.

READINGS AND PRAYERS

Collect

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us 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.

Acts 2:1-21

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' ¹³But

others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ "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.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

*This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 104:26-end

²⁶ O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁷ There is the sea, spread far and wide, and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great.

²⁸ There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan which you have made to play in the deep.

²⁹ All of these look to you to give them their food in due season.

³⁰ When you give it them, they gather it; you open your hand and they are filled with good.

³¹ When you hide your face they are troubled; when you take away their breath, they die and return again to the dust.

³² When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.

³³ May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in his works;

³⁴ He looks on the earth and it trembles; he touches the mountains and they smoke.

³⁵ I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will make music to my God while I have my being.

³⁶ So shall my song please him while I rejoice in the Lord.

³⁷ Let sinners be consumed out of the earth and the wicked be no more.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Alleluia.

Romans 8:14-17

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

*This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

John 14:8-17

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St John. **Glory to you, O Lord.***

⁸ Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' ⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

¹⁵ 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.***

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.