

**PRAYER
FOCUS**



We pray for those who are ill - having treatment, tests or in any need of God's love; Emma Brookman, Mark Davis, Colin Benton, Betty Gorman, Sue Parry, Pauline Corbett, Ann Smith, Hamish Ireland, George Gascoyne, Irene Cox, Peter Garner, Lorri Withers, Trevor Edgell, Jake, Aileen Band, Ruth and Jim Wood, Dion Coates, Alistair Grubb, Alice, Wesley and Barnaby, Vicky, Marlene Hunt, Tim Hardwick, Elwyn Griffiths, Kristina Phelps, Rachel Gidney, James Matthews and all known to us.

Please keep in your prayers the friends and family of those who have recently died

David Austin

Prayer focus for MAY;

Creator God, as we witness and enjoy the signs of Spring and new life all around us in the earth, give us energy and enthusiasm in our mission and life together as your church. Inspire and equip us for growth both numerically and in depth and maturity as your disciples; may we see your kingdom extended in Lickey and Blackwell to your praise and glory. Amen

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Our **Sunday sermons are now online** do make the most of them
www.lickeychurch.com

Sunday 8th May 2022

COLLECT

**Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice and to follow
your command, that all your people may
be gathered into one flock, to the glory
of God the Father. Amen**

TODAY'S READINGS

**Acts 9 v36- end (pg 894)
John 10 v22-30 (pg 873)**

TODAY'S SERVICES 10.00am		Holy Communion with Children's Groups (Holy Trinity)	
NEXT WEEK Beginning 8th MAY	Monday	10.30am	Coffee, Cake and Chat
	Wednesday	10.00am	Service of Holy Communion (Holy Trinity)
		11.15am	Tiny Church (Holy Trinity)
		2.30pm	Monthly Communion at Burcot Grange
***** NEXT SUNDAY	***** 15 th MAY	***** 10.00am	***** APCM with Holy Communion and groups for children (St Catherine)
		6.30pm	United Soul Mates Holy Trinity Crypt

Save the Dates Please mark your calendars, share the dates with friends and be in contact with the relevant person for more details.

MAY

Our APCM will be held next Sunday 15th May during the 10am service. We will soon be advertising Churchwarden and PCC member vacancies please do be praying and nudging each other to serve in these ways. These roles, along with Treasurer are vital for our church to be able to run and more importantly flourish.

JUNE

Platinum Jubilee celebration It is planned to have a display of memories. Do you have any photos or memories of the day from Queen Elizabeth's Coronation, if so we would like to hear from you. Please contact Alison Rushton or Sandra Mason with your memories. Thank you

Nominations for PCC and Churchwardens are now open, see separate sheet. We have 1 Vacancy for Churchwarden and 7 Vacancies for PCC Members please prayerfully consider taking on these roles to enable the smooth running of the life of our parish.

I am collecting items for the Malawi container over the next 2 weeks so if anyone has any Children's shoes, Material, knitting wool, needles, etc, medical items or books, or musical instruments please either bring to church or contact me on 0121 445 5397 and I will collect. Thank you Gill Edwards

Christian Aid *Would you like to invite some friends and neighbours round for a coffee morning (or afternoon tea) to raise funds for Christian Aid?*

We propose this instead of a door-to-door collection this year. Hopefully your guests will be inspired to hold their own coffee mornings for Christian Aid, so while having a brew and a bake, together we are fighting poverty and injustice worldwide. Invitation cards will be provided. For more information please contact Sue Davies on 07961 382985 or Anne O'Loughlin on 07952 301835.

Confirmation Preparation begins this week for those due to be Confirmed on 12th June, let Sheri know if you would like to join us, it's not too late just yet!

Bunting Party/Workshop Please speak to Dianne Galkowska if you would like to join the Bunting Making Party for our Platinum Jubilee Celebrations on Wednesday and Thursday 11th and 12th May from 10am

Parish Lunch Sunday 12th June We hope to have a whole parish lunch on Sunday 12th June in Holy Trinity to mark our Patronal Festival, celebrate Confirmation and invite our church groups along to e.g Tiny Church. In order for the lunch to happen we need a small team to organise the rest of us - if you would like to be part of the team to organise the furniture / lunch / games / publicity please speak to Sheri

St Catherine 150 years In August there will have been a worshipping community on the site of St Catherine for 150 years. We would like to mark the occasion around St Catherine's Day in November with community events. If you would like to be part of a planning group to mark the occasion, please let Sheri or Andrew know.

Spring Harvest 2023 Spring Harvest is a huge Christian conference that has been running for over 30 years. You can find out details here <https://www.springharvest.org/> or speak to Roger and Mary Jones or myself. Songs of Praise Sunday 8th May comes from Spring Harvest. We hope to take a group to Spring Harvest for 2023, joining the booking of our neighbouring church St Stephen's Rednal, who have taken a group for the last few years. Here are a few details, a decision needs to be taken quickly as we need a non returnable deposit for every adult of £35 by 20th May. We will be at Butlins Minehead Monday 10 - Friday 14th April 2023 staying in standard self catering chalets. The total cost of the self catering accommodation is £220 per head if the chalet is full - all under occupancy must be paid for. Some of you may wish to add a catered option (cooked breakfast and cooked evening meal) to your booking. Clearly we have to move quickly, please email me sherigidney@gmail.com if you would like more information.

Dates for PCC Meetings 22/23 Meetings are held in The Trinity Centre Meeting Room unless another venue is mentioned

APCM Sunday 15th May 2022 10am St Catherine
Thursday 26th May 7:30pm, Thursday 30th June 7:30pm, Thursday 21st July 7:30pm, Thursday 15th September 7:30pm
Saturday 24th September 9am – 1pm PCC Away Morning at St Leonard's Frankley. A joint morning with PCC members from Lickey and Blackwell, Cofton and Barnt Green, Rednal, Rubery and Frankley focussing on our joint Ministry Oversight Area. Details to follow. Thursday 20th October 7:30pm, Thursday 24th November 7:30pm, Thursday 15th December 7:30pm, Thursday 26th January 7:30pm, Thursday 16th February 7:30pm, Thursday 23rd March 7:30pm, Thursday 27th April 7:30pm APCM 2023 Sunday 7th May