



Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026

### Today's service

**10:45 Morning Worship**  
with Sean O'Toole



### Today's Reading



Acts 1:12-15a  
Acts 2:1-4  
and 38-42

### A thought from Sean

The miracle of Pentecost is an amazing account of what happened on the day the church was born. Each year on this day we hear how the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles like the rush of a violent wind, accompanied by tongues of fire and how the disciples rushed out to share the Good News with people from all nations. The crowds heard the apostles speaking in their own languages, and more than 3,000 responded to the Good News that Jesus is the Saviour of the world.

Do you wonder, when you hear this story, whether the church today is missing out on something? Where is the excitement of that first Pentecost? What is the impact of the Holy Spirit on our lives and in the life of the church today?

### Prayer for the week

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,  
ignite in us your holy fire;  
strengthen your children  
with the gift of faith,  
revive your Church with the  
breath of love,  
and renew the face of the  
earth, through Jesus Christ  
our Lord.  
Amen

### Gardening Tips

by Selwyn Goodacre

#### Cucumbers

Each year I grow three cucumbers in a straw bale. If you do this, you won't get those nasty little brown insects, which would tend to appear otherwise. You have to feed the plants, as there is no nutrition in a straw bale. You can buy the bales locally in Hartshorne. Ask me for more details.



#### Tomatoes

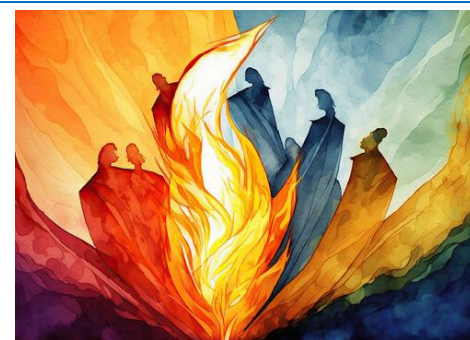
I like to grow tomatoes from seeds. As they germinate, I put each seedling in a separate small plant pot before transferring them to their final place in the greenhouse.

I have some spares, which I will bring to church to give away.

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This sounds fascinating, Selwyn.

I've not heard of this gardening method before.

Scan the QR code to find out more about straw bale gardening.



I HAVE FELT GOD'S ARMS AROUND ME. I HAVE HEARD GOD'S WORDS AND I HAVE SEEN GOD'S WORK IN MY LIFE, PERSONALLY. NO ONE WILL EVER CONVINCE ME THAT GOD ISN'T REAL. AMEN.



## CHURCH CALENDAR



**ALL SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH HALL WHILST THE CHURCH IS CLOSED FOR RESTORATION WORK**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May**  
**10:30 Coffee & Conversation**  
 at Goseley Community Centre

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May**  
**10:00 Joint Minster Service**  
**at Emmanuel Church**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June**  
**10:45 Morning Worship**  
 with Rev Patrick Douglas

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June**  
**10:45 Morning Worship**  
 with Nigel Worth

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June**  
**10:45 Holy Communion**  
 with Rev Mike Firbank

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June**  
**10:45 Morning Worship**  
 with Sean O'Toole

## ROTAS

Thank you to all our volunteers.

If you would like help in any way, please have a word with Jane Horan.



### Reading, Intercessions and Refreshments Rota

	Reading	Intercessions	Tea/coffee
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Jeff	Brian	Carol
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	MINSTER SERVICE AT EMMANUEL		
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	John	Christine	Maxine & Jane
Jun 14 <sup>th</sup>	Emily	Friday HG	Deb W
Jun 21 <sup>st</sup>	Brian	Nigel	Gwen
Jun 28 <sup>th</sup>	Sandra	Brian	Jeff
July 5 <sup>th</sup>	Paul	Sean	Carol

### Meet & greet/Tidying after the service Rota

	Meet and greet	Tidying after service
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Carol J – Jeff	Jeff
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	MINSTER SERVICE AT EMMANUEL	
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Christine G - Sean	Emily
Jun 14 <sup>th</sup>	Christine T	Nathan
Jun 21 <sup>st</sup>	Carol J – Jeff	Jeff
Jun 28 <sup>th</sup>	Christine T	Nathan
July 5 <sup>th</sup>	Carol J – Jeff	Jean



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Do you have a story, recipe, gardening tip, or testimony to share? We'd love to feature it in this newsletter. Email your contributions to

[jane.horan52@gmail.com](mailto:jane.horan52@gmail.com)  
 or contact me for more info. Many thanks, Jane

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# COFFEE AND CONVERSATION



**GOSELEY COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
**THURSDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MAY**  
**10.30 - 12.00**

**JOIN US FOR COFFEE, TEA & FRIENDLY CHAT!**

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