

Collect.

O God who 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 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 Spirit, One God now and fore ever. Amen

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (Acts 2.1–21)

When 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.’ 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, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”’

PSALM 104: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the Earth.

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians. (1 Corinthians 12.3b–13)

No one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the

same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Hear the gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. (John 20.19–23)

It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’

Post Communion.

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

HYMN NUMBERS:

178 - Come Holy Ghost our souls inspire.

198 - There’s a spirit in the air.

174 - Breath on me breath of God.

CHOIR.....

SHEET - The Spirit lives to set us free, walk, walk in the light.

NOTICES:

DISABILITY OFFICER:

We have now appointed our first Disability Officer, Maureen Warwick. Her experience with setting up Hear Here and her experience in other situations makes her the ideal person. Thank you, Maureen, for stepping into this new role.

MONEYS RAISED AT CHURCH EVENTS FOR ANY CHARITIES:

The PCC, and the Treasurer wish to remind you that all monies, for whatever charity, MUST be given to the Treasurer for placing in the Church Account. After which, a church cheque (with a covering letter), or BACS payment will be made. This is a legal requirement to show all charitable giving from our church. Thank you. Any queries, please chat with Maureen Warwick.

NOTICES contd...

SOCIAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

(more information later)

Saturday June 13th: Fun popular Music Quiz and Sing Along

**TICKETS FROM SUE & ROSIE £10
INCLUDING A PLOUGHMANS SUPPER.
BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS!**

Friday 24th July: Afternoon Tea with Fizz at Julie and Mike's

Saturday 8th August: Blues in the Rectory

Sunday 4th October: Harvest Lunch

Saturday 21st November: St. Anne's Hoedown

December 4th-6th: Christmas Tree Festival and Fair

GIVING MONTHS

You will all be aware that 2/3 times a year we have been collecting food for local school families that are in need of our help. For several reasons, we would like to change this..... Instead of collecting food, we would like to have two 'GIVING MONTHS', whereby a money collecting box will be in church each Sunday for a month, for those who wish, to make cash donations. £1 a week.....£5 for the month or ANTHING you can afford. At the end of the month, we will use the money to buy Tesco Vouchers which will be given out to these families instead of bags of food. *Please, don't hesitate to ask questions.* The months we have set are JUNE and JANUARY. We hope you will be able to support this venture and continue to support our local school families.

Services this Week

All services at St. Anne's unless otherwise stated

TUESDAY 7.00pm – Said Eucharist

WEDNESDAY 10.00am Said Eucharist

Midweek services are held in the side chapel

Services Next Sunday

(Last Sunday in the month 8.00am BCP)

31st May 2026 – Trinity Sunday

8.00am Said Eucharist St. Anne's

9.00am Sung Eucharist Earnley

10.15am Sung Eucharist St. Anne's

Readings: Isaiah 40: 12-17, 27-31

2 Corinthians 13: 11-13

Matthew 28: 16-23

Please send any notices for Pews News to

Barbara Blundell no later than

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Tel: 670791 or email barbs.blundell@btinternet.com).

The Parishes of Earnley with East Wittering and Almodington

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We welcome all visitors to our churches.

All communicant members of Christ's church are warmly invited to receive the Sacraments. If you do not receive the sacraments then please come forward for God's Blessing.

(All services are at St. Anne's unless indicated)

24th May 2026

Pentecost Sunday

Before the service and after the second bell, talk to God through quiet prayer and silent devotion, bringing to the Lord those events of your past week, and after the service, then talk to your friends.

If you are a visitor to our church, making a donation in the collection, and you are a taxpayer, the PCC would be very grateful if you could put your donation in one of the envelopes available at the end of the pews, and sign the Gift Aid Declaration on the envelope. In this way, the Church can claim a further 25p for every £1 you give. Thank you.

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO "E.W.P.C.C"

Services today

(Last Sunday in the month 8.00am BCP)

8.00am Said Eucharist St. Anne's

9.00am Sung Eucharist Earnley

10.15am Sung Eucharist St. Anne's

4th SUNDAY of the month – Healing & Anointing

Intercessions

The sick and those who have asked of our prayers:

Fr. John, Judy Williams, Nick Carter, Lorraine Hall, Len Holliday, Florence Sumakoloyl, Margaret Bate, Michael Pettman, Karen Grunert, Ava Kirby and members of our congregation who are unwell today.

From our families and friends, we remember

Matthew Finch, Dot Finch, Sherline Smith, Jules Pettitt, Ben, Jess and family, Trevor Couzens, Tula Hunt and her family, Kelly Saby, Robin Leney, Jenny Knott, Fred Knott, Nick Hamblen. Also, all those in our local nursing homes & rest homes, the housebound, those who care for them, and all who have been recently bereaved

The Recently Departed

Brenda Ness

Those whose years mind falls at this time

Ernie Bates, Jack Church