Prayer List

Those in Residential and Nursing Home Care: Doreen Purnell, Mim Smith and Mrs Pike.

Those at home or being cared for in hospital or at home

From Hullavington we pray for, Jebbie Hewitt, Eileen Fry, Jan Lane and Lis & David Cheshire.

From Luckington we pray for Lynne Simpkins, Kate Vittle and Rachel Simpkins

From Sherston we pray for Shane Housden, Leanne and Ena.

From Stanton St Quintin we pray for Ruth Plowright and Gwen Hale.

We also pray for Indie with heart issues, Bridgette, Jennifer, Paige, Colby and his family.

Those who have died

We pray for Pam Forster, her family and friends and all the families as they mourn.

Baptism and Weddings

We pray for those who are preparing for marriage over the next few months that they will be filled with love and joy. Also, those who are preparing for baptism, their family and friends, parents, God parents.

We pray for all those recently baptised and confirmed.

Please pray for our four schools in the Gauzebrook group

Please contact someone from the Ministry team if you would like to be placed on the prayer list.

News

This week's Sunday Services, 24th May Pentecost

9.30 am, **Holy Communion,** Sherston

9.30 am, **Celtic Holy Communion**, Stanton St Quintin

11 am, **Holy Communion,** Norton

11am, **Worship Together,** Hullavington

Next week's Sunday Services, 31st May Trinity Sunday

10 am, **Holy Communion,** Hullavington

The Gauzebrook Group of Churches

LOVING GOD, LOVING NEIGHBOUR

24th May 2026

Welcome to this this week's Gazette

I once heard a Bishop preach at a Confirmation Service quite a few years ago now. The Bishop referred to 'living your Christian life firing on only one or two cylinders'. It was a brief mention, but it caught my imagination.

What did the Bishop mean?

I wonder if it was this. God is a Holy Trinity - the Father AND the Son AND the Holy Spirit. If we do not recognise this, then our Christian life is firing on only one or two instead of all three cylinders.

In some churches the emphasis is on God the Father – or just on Jesus – or some concentrate on the Holy Spirit with worship and praise services.

To see God like this is to live your Christian life firing on only one or two cylinders when you could have the power of all three. I remember asking John if an engine could run on only one cylinder if it was fitted with more. He said it might – but that it would be very much less powerful and effective. So it is with the Christian life – yours and mine.

How much of this do we need to understand?

It is not God trying to make things difficult for us to understand, but it is God making it possible for us to come fully within His fellowship of love – so that we can experience God's full, perfect love. Let God speak to our hearts and not our understanding of things.

Marjorie Morgan – Lay Minister

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Readings

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 104.26–36, 37b

O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
There is the sea, spread far and wide,
and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great.
There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan
which you have made to play in the deep.
All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season.
When you give it them, they gather it;
you open your hand and they are filled with good.
When you hide your face they are troubled;
when you take away their breath,
they die and return again to the dust.
When you send forth your spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth.
May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works;
He looks on the earth and it trembles;
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will make music to my God while I have my being.
So shall my song please him
while I rejoice in the Lord.
Alleluia.

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.

John 20.19–23

When it was evening on that day, 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

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.

What’s on this week?

Monday	**7.00pm- 8.30pm**	**Bible Study in SSQ at the home of Ruth Williamson**
	2.00-3.30pm	**Bible Study at the home of Marjorie Morgan, 3 Bouverie Park SSQ**
	7.30pm -9pm	**The Alpha Course, Court House, Hullavington**
Tuesday	**2.00pm-3.30pm**	**Luckington Bible Study, Hullavington Church Room (14/4 to 2/6/26) To join please contact: Helen.m.daviesllm@gmail.com**
	2.00pm-3.30pm	**Sherston Bible Study, starting April 21st in the Vestry; meeting every other Tuesday (May: 5th and 19th. June: 2nd, 16th, 30th. July: 14th) To join please contact: Helen.m.daviesllm@gmail.com**
Thursday	**10am – 12noon**	**Holy Cross Café @ Sherston**
	2pm – 4pm	**Coffee Shop @ Stanton St Quintin**
Friday	**10am – 12noon**	**Coffee Shop @ Hullavington**
	10am – 11am	**Little Lights @ Hullavington, an informal pre-school service in Hullavington church.**