

May 2026 Calendar.

Sunday 3 rd .	Church Service with Communion	10.30.	3C's Church
	Phil's Community Group	13.00	Blue Room
Tuesday 5 th	Open-the-Book (Wk B).	10.15	Woodfields
	Monthly Fasting & Prayer Day	12.00 & 19.30	Blue Room
Wednesday 6 th .	Ruach(Rose) Community Gp.	10.30	Private Home
	Morning Community Group(Lis)	10.30	Springfields Lounge
	Smarties Community Gp.	19.30	Private Homes
Thursday 7 th .	WhatsApp Prayer Gp.	16.00	"OnLine"
	Worship Team Meeting	19.30	Green Room
Saturday 9 th .	Men's Breakfast meeting	08.00	3C's Green Room
Sunday 10 th .	Church Service	10.30	3C's Church
Monday 11 th .	Church Craft Gp.	10.30	TBC
	Team Leaders Meeting	19.30	Green Room
Tuesday 12 th .	'Open-the-Book (Week A)	10.15	Coaley School
	Woodlands Community Group.	19.30.	Private Home
Wednesday 13 th .	Ruach(Rose) Community Gp.	10.30	Private Home
	Smarties Community Gp.	19.30	Private home
Thursday 14 th .	WhatsApp Prayer Gp.	16.00	"On-Line"
	Men's Fellowship meeting	19.30	"The Old Spot"
Sunday 17 th .	Church Service with Communion	10.30	3C's Church
	'Hollies' Songs of Praise	10.45	Hollies Care Home
Monday 18 th .	Frampton. Songs of Praise	14.00	Vicarage Care Home
	Ladies Gp. meeting.	19.30	3C's Green Room
Tuesday 19 th .	'Open-the-Book(Week B)	10.15	Woodfields school
	Sunday Prayer Team meeting	10.30	Springfields Lounge
Wednesday 20 th .	Smarties Community Group	19.30	Private Home
	Ruach(Rose) Community Group	10.30	Private Home
	Morning Community Gp.(Lis)	10.30	Springfields Lounge
Thursday 21 st .	'WhatsApp' Prayer Group	16.00	'On-Line'
Saturday 21 st .	Men's Breakfast meeting	08.00	3C Green Room
Sunday 24 th .	Church Service.	10.30	3C's Church
Tuesday 26 th .	Woodlands Community Group	19.30	Private home.
Wednesday 27 th	Smarties Community Group	19.30	Private Home
	Ruach(Rose) Community Group	10.30	Springfields Lounge
Thursday 28 th .	'WhatsApp' Prayer Group	16.00	'On-Line'.
Sunday 31 st .	Church Service.	10.30	3C's Church

3C COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Picture by Ann Purkis

We hope you enjoy being with us today. Please stay for a hot drink after the meeting.

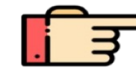
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Pentecost. (24th May)

Later this month, (*fifty days after Easter to be precise*), we will celebrate Pentecost.

It is one of the most important days in the church calendar. Its origins are found in the Old Testament and Jewish tradition. It marked the Feast of Weeks—a time of thanksgiving for the harvest and remembrance of God's covenant with His people.

In the New Testament, Pentecost takes on added significance as the moment that the Holy Spirit was given to the Apostles and the early church. The Book of Acts begins with an account of how, gathered in Jerusalem, the disciples experienced a powerful transformation: tongues of fire appeared, and they spoke in many languages, signalling the birth of the Church and the global invitation of the Gospel.

Pentecost is not merely an ancient feast or a historical event, it is a living invitation. The Holy Spirit empowered ordinary people to share God's love beyond barriers of language, race, geography and culture. As we approach Pentecost this year, let's reflect on how the Spirit continues to move—prompting us to listen, to serve, and to open our hearts to His renewing presence. Whether in moments of prayer, acts of kindness, or courageous witness; Pentecost invites us all to receive the Holy Spirit, to grow in faith and to build the kingdom.

Newsletter Cover Picture.

Some of you have queried where the pictures on the front cover of the Newsletter have come from. They are all pictures, paintings or photos that have been submitted by members of our fellowship. The Editor would like to invite you all to submit similar items that have meant something of a testimony of your walk with Jesus, ideally with a scripture to match, to be potentially included in future Newsletters.

What is the 'Bluebell' Fund?

This used to be called the 'Hardship Fund' and was created by members of our fellowship making specific contributions. It is a different fund from the Pastoral Support budget item which is part of our church annual budget (currently £1000) and was designated to be used at the discretion of the Elders for emergency situations that might occur amongst members of our fellowship.

The 'Bluebell' fund is anticipated to be a form of evangelical tool that would be available to the local community at the suggestion of members of our fellowship. An example might be that one of us becomes aware of somebody with little finance available who has a sudden dental emergency or a family without funds for school uniforms to start the term. It is not intended to be considered as a regular income supplement to those of with lower income thresholds.

Thus, if a member becomes aware of someone who as an emergency need then they would advise Phil or one of the Elders with the details. The Elders would consider this and, by including some checks to ensure that the perceived need is genuine, would liaise with you how to assist financially on a 'one off' basis.

The underlying concept being that this could be an aid to your evangelism and provide opportunity to talk about Jesus love to new people. It would also encourage the concept of our church being compassionate and considerate towards the needs of people within our community and exhibiting Jesus love in a practical way.

To contribute to this fund please indicate on your giving envelope or your bank transfer that it is for "Bluebell Fund". Peter will then ensure that it gets used exclusively for this purpose.