

Notices: Please let Judy know of anyone who would appreciate a visit or Home Communion and if anyone moves in near you. Many thanks, 270227.

*St. John the Baptist, Wittersham  
St Mary the Virgin, Ebony*

Sunday June 9th

**STITCH, CHAT AND CREATE.**

Meetings are held on the first and third Thursday of the month in the afternoon in the Tower Room, 2 pm – 4 pm at Wittersham Church. Everyone welcome,

**We are here to help:**

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**IN WITTERSHAM THE ALTAR CANDLES ARE LIT 10 MINUTES BEFORE THE SERVICE. MAY WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT QUIET IS THEN KEPT TO ALLOW OTHERS TIME AND SPACE FOR REFLECTION AND PREPARATION.**

*Welcome to our churches today, if you are a visitor or a newcomer please make yourself known to the clergy or those on duty. All are welcome at the altar rail to receive the sacrament or a blessing.*

**In Wittersham Church there is a hearing induction loop for all services and large print service books are also available.**

*The toilet facility at Wittersham is located just outside the Church, turn left and follow the path round to the building on your right. Activities for children are available in the North aisle Children's area of Wittersham Church.*

Services today

9.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) Wittersham  
10.00 am Active Church with breakfast rolls Wittersham

Readings for 9.00 am

Epistle: Acts 2: 1 - 11  
Gospel : John 14:15 – 31a

Collect of the day

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

Reading and hymns for 10.00 am

“The Holy Spirit Coming”

NHWS 267 Peace perfect peace  
NHWS 220 Make me a channel of your peace  
NHWS 316 The ink is black  
NHWS 87 Give me joy in my heart



**Flower dedication this week to celebrate Jenny and Michael's Ruby Wedding Anniversary**

**From the rotas, a polite reminder for June 16th:-**  
Coffee: Paul & Julia  
Church Cleaning: Shelagh & Terry  
Readers: Claire and Alan Lloyd-Smith

**Open Gardens  
Tuesdays 11 – 12 noon  
Tuesday June 11th  
at**

**The Lea House, Sara & Nick Hurst  
Entrance £3 to include coffee/tea and cake, and a raffle ticket.  
In aid of the Servery & church upkeep.**



**Don't forget!  
Strawberry Tea Day  
2 - 5.30  
Black Barn Wittersham  
June 29th**

Some thoughts for prayer: From the Diocesan prayer diary this week. We pray for the Churches of Madagascar, the Province of Myanmar, New Westminster (Canada), Amichi, Ngbo, Jalingo (Nigeria), Jaffna (South India), New York, Newark (USA), Amritsar, Andaman & Car Nicobar Islands (North India), Newala (Tanzania), Angola (Southern Africa), Ankole (Uganda), Newcastle (Australia) and Antananarivo (Indian Ocean).

At this time of Pentecost we thank God for the gift of the Holy Spirit. May the fruits of the Spirit reign throughout the world so that Christ's peace becomes a reality in all parts of the world. We continue to pray for the plight of all people who have suffered recently, and all who continue to suffer because of war, violence and oppression. We pray for meaningful dialogues between nations as well as all who seek to do harm to others. We pray for all who are hungry or thirsty. We remember those who are suffering famine, failure of crops and all who struggle to have the bare necessities for life. May the Spirit guide us to be generous with our plenty.

We pray for our country and especially those who lead us and those who seek to lead us, may they be honest, truthful and diligent in their tasks. We also remember our European colleagues.

We pray for our families and the love we share. We pray for all who are preparing for marriage especially Tom and Claire, Andrew and Penny and Danny and Beccy.

Jesus, we ask that you bless all our people. We pray for our leaders Archbishops Justin and John. Especially we pray for the new Diocesan Bishop and for our new Area Dean, Alex. In our own churches this week we pray for Churchwardens, Treasurer, Vicar's PA and Sidespersons, We give you thanks for all that is good in our churches and for all who help in any way.

We pray for our nine parishes and this week we remember the work at St Michael's for Lindsay and all his team.

We pray for our school in Wittersham, for the staff, children, governors and parents. We remember before you all children who are taking exams, especially those involved in A levels and GCSE's.

We pray for your comfort, wholeness and peace for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. We pray for a good recovery for those who have recently had an operation. Especially we pray for those who have asked for our prayers: Amanda and her parents Penny and Rod, Ginny, Terry, Andrew, Bob, Trevor, Michael, Jenny F, and Caroline and all who watch and wait. We pray with thanks for the work of the hospice movement.

Jesus, the resurrection and the life we give you thanks for all who have lived and whom we see no more. We pray for all on their last journey on this earth and all those who mourn.

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

### Services in the coming weeks.....

#### Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup>

9.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) Ebony  
10.30 pm Matins BCP Wittersham

#### Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup>

Patronal Festival  
10.30 am Parish Eucharist Wittersham  
6.00 pm Choral Evensong Wittersham

#### Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup> Trinity 2

10.30 am Holy Communion Joint Service at Ebony

#### Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup>

9.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) Ebony  
10.30 am Parish Eucharist Wittersham

### Weekday services at Wittersham this week:

Monday	8.30 am Morning Prayer
Tuesday	8.30 am Morning Prayer
Wednesday	8.30 am Holy Communion
Thursday	8.30 am Morning Prayer
Friday	8.30 am Morning Prayer

### Coming events:-

Tuesday June 18<sup>th</sup>. Open garden coffee morning 11 – 12 noon, with Howard and Linda Oliver 3 Addison Cottages

**Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup> Choral Evensong  
6.00 pm**

Saturday June 29<sup>th</sup> Wittersham Church Strawberry Tea day 2 – 5.30 pm at Black Barn, Wittersham. Cream Teas from £4.50 Everyone Welcome.

**Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup> Strawberry Tea  
2.30 – 5.00pm Ebony church**

Sunday July 14<sup>th</sup> Animal Service at Wittersham Church, 10.00 am for 10.30 am

