

My Dear People

Our Lord said: "I came to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already kindled!" (Luke 12:49)

Fire can destroy something totally. But fire is also necessary for creation: the creation of much food, and many artefacts. It is our main source of power. In some plants it provides the necessary stimulus for germination.

I believe our Lord was using it in all these ways: as a destroyer of everything that is wrong, and as the power, the germinator of a new world order.

"When the day of Pentecost came, all the believers were gathered together in one place. Suddenly there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak." (Acts 2:1-4)

And the early church certainly did create a whole new way: a new way

of relating to God, of relating to one another, and a completely new set of values in relation to the world.

Our bishops are their successors. That is why a bishop's mitre is shaped like a flame.

But we are all their successors. We have each received the Spirit at our Baptism, been empowered by it at our Confirmation.

We need to rekindle that fire this Pentecost to burn away all that is not of God, and to empower us to live in that new way that leads to His Kingdom!

"I came to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already kindled!

Yours in Christ

*Fr John*



## Local Cell of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday: 19<sup>th</sup> June at 5:00 p.m.

**WEBSITE:** [www.godshillparish.org.uk](http://www.godshillparish.org.uk)

**Contributions to this leaflet are welcome especially if they come electronically, or typed so they can be scanned in.**

**Baptisms, Marriages, Deaths**

none in May

## Regular Services:

### All Saints, Godshill:

**Sung Eucharist**

**11:00 a.m. every Sunday**

Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. every Thursday

### St Alban's, Ventnor:

**Sung Eucharist**

**9:30 a.m. every Sunday**

Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. every Wednesday

### St Margaret's Hall, Ventnor:

Holy Communion 11:00 a.m.

4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> June

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## Special Services & Events:

Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup>:

**Ascension**

Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup>

**Pentecost**

Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup>

**The Most Holy Trinity**

Thursday June 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.

**Corpus Christi**

at St Alban's

Sunday June 23

**Feast of St Alban**

10:00 a.m.

(No service at Godshill)

## Church Officers

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## Mary

was the first Missionary of Charity

The Missionaries of Charity are called to recognize Christ dying on the Cross hidden under the distressing disguise of the Poorest of the Poor. Mary was the first Missionary of Charity because she was the first to carry Jesus in her womb and give him to the world. She was also the first to quench his burning thirst for love at the foot of the Cross.

Mary can teach us silence—how to keep all things in our hearts as she

did; and how to pray in the silence of our hearts. Mary can teach us kindness, since she went in haste to Elizabeth's house to serve her.

"They have no wine," she told Jesus at the wedding at Cana. Let us be aware, like her, of the needs of the poor, whether material or spiritual, and, like her, let us generously share the love and grace we have received.

Mary teaches us humility—full of grace while being only the handmaid of the Lord, she stands at the foot of the Cross, as one of us, as a sinner waiting for redemption. Like her, we should serve the dying, the poor, the lonely and the unwanted, according to the gifts we have received. Do not blush to do the humblest chores, and do not delay in accomplishing them.

*Mother Theresa of Calcutta*

**The Society of St Wilfred & St Hilda** providing Episcopal oversight and support to traditionalist people and



**Parish of Godshill**

**All Saints Church**

**Godshill**

**'The Church on the Hill'**

**St Alban-the Martyr**

**Ventnor**

**'The Church on the Steps'**

**Pentecost**

**2019**

