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The Parish of Tettenhall Wood

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Dear Friends,

Pentecost is often described as the birthday of the church. So, for Sunday, happy birthday, Christ Church! Happy birthday, Church of the Good Shepherd! I'm afraid I haven't made a cake, and couldn't share it around if I had. But I hope you're fairing well, and will find some way to make this a day of celebration.

I have included today an order of service and a sermon for Pentecost, together with intercessions written by Jane Woolf (so, thank you to Jane). The collect and readings are on the order of service. As previously, it's planned that a video version of the service will be available from 10.00 on Sunday morning on the parish website, YouTube channel and church Facebook pages.

In the sermon I refer to the Wildlife Trust's '30 Days to go Wild.' If you want to pursue this, the website is www.wildlifetrusts.org/wildness. In conjunction with this, the Christian ecological charity A Rocha suggests some practical actions you can take to enjoy, nurture and protect creation – www.arocha.org.uk/wildchristian.

Thank you again for all the kind words in response to our services. They are very much appreciated. I'm struggling with a fault on my line at the moment, so my house-phone and broadband are out of action – hopefully only for a few days. I will pick up emails in due course. As I've said before, if you are emailing, please do so separately rather than clicking 'reply'.

As you may have seen, I'm starting to do a short service online on a Thursday mornings (from 9.30). My idea is to pick up on themes raised on the Sunday, and develop them some more. I'd love to have your thoughts to include, so please do share. (But don't be alarmed: I won't quote you without permission!) This week especially: do you have any ideas about how Pentecost can inspire us to think of life beyond lockdown?

Meanwhile, keep well, keep cheerful, and keep going!

With every blessing,

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