

**The Benefice & Team Ministry of Tettenhall Wood and Perton**  
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Dear Friends,

I am sure we are all looking forward to the next stage of relaxation of restrictions on Monday, when we will be able to mix socially in small numbers indoors once more. From a church point of view, you won't see many changes in how we conduct our services. In church social distancing measures remain in place for everyone's safety: this is not the time to start hugging everyone!

In the church calendar this is the **7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**, also known as Ascension Sunday, and we continue to use the Easter order of service for one more week. With Ascension Day, we reach the culmination of the celebrations of our Lord's resurrection, and at the same time pray to be refreshed and renewed by the coming of the Holy Spirit. I enclose a sermon from Rev Carol, and intercessions by Liz Biddulph.

Readings: 1 John 5: 9-13 John 17: 6-19

Collect: *Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

In church, the services are Holy Communion at 9.30 at Good Shepherd, and Morning Prayer at 11.00 at Christ Church.

The days between Ascension and Pentecost are also known as '**Thy Kingdom Come**' – an internationally recognised season of prayer for the coming of God's kingdom. We can see the signs of the kingdom in many ways – perhaps most obviously through people coming to a living faith in Christ, and we have previously been challenged each to pray for five people we know to come to faith. The prayers of **Christian Aid Week** are also kingdom prayers – for our global neighbours to be lifted out of poverty and receive justice, and for humanity to take up its God-given responsibility to care properly for creation. Thank you to everyone who has prayed, given, and acted in response to Christian Aid Week.

May God bless you this week and always.

Phil