

# Becket Keys Church of England School

7<sup>th</sup> June 2019

### YEAR 8 MADRID TRIP

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### **Pentecost Sunday**

This Sunday is the day when Christians around the world celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Holy Spirit is the gift Jesus promised his disciples.

"All this I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My Name will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have told you. Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. I do not give as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled; do not be afraid."

### John 14:25-26.

I have been speaking to the students this week about the importance of this gift and how we all can receive it simply by asking.

At a time when students may be stressed with revision and exams it is a wonderful offer from Christ Himself, that we may know His Peace.

We have also thought about other gifts that we receive, sometimes from those whom we will never meet, including the incredible sacrifice made 75 years ago by those brave soldiers who made the D-Day Landings. 10,000 allied soldiers were killed in the fighting 75 years ago to bring a gift of Peace.

Rightly, we have spent some time reflecting on that this week.

Our Muslim students have also been celebrating this week as it is the end of Ramadan and the

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celebration of Eid. During
Ramadan, Muslims have been
fasting and reflecting on what is
really precious and important —
particularly the gift of The
Qu'ran. The Holy Scripures of any
religion are a precious gift. Again,
offered to us by people we will
never meet. The Prophet
Muhammad, peace be upon him,
received these words and
recorded them for his followers. A
gift for them to bring comfort and

What gifts are you most thankful for? This weekend, I shall be concentrating on the gift of the Holy Spirit. A gift which, over the years, has brought me confidence in my faith, comfort during difficult times and occasionally the challenge I needed to step out and take on something new – like opening a school!

peace.

For generations, the Power of Holy Spirit has brought comfort and peace – but also challenge. I will finish today with a quote from a soldier (one of the Band of Brothers) who was killed before he reached the shore on D-Day:

"God almighty, in a few short hours we will be in battle with the enemy. We do not join battle afraid. We do not ask favours or indulgence but ask that, if You will, use us as Your instrument for the right and an aid in returning peace to the world."

Lt. Col Robert L. Wolverton, commanding officer of 3rd battalion, 506th PIR.

## https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rob ert\_Lee\_Wolverton

Wolverton did not call himself a Christian, but like so many of us, turned to prayer at a time of trouble. A few hours after saying these words, Robert Wolverton was killed by German machine gun fire in an orchard outside Saint-Come-du-Mont, Normandy, France. According to Ed Shames, Wolverton sustained "162 bullet holes and bayonet wounds" due to German troops using him as target practice. Of

the paratroopers in his plane, 5 were killed (including Wolverton), 7 were captured (some later escaped) and 3 successfully fought on.

We give thanks to God for his sacrifice and allow his example to inspire us in our 'troubles'.

God bless you all this Whitsun and may you all know the power of the Holy Spirit in your family.

Mr Scott-Evans Headteacher





# CELEBRATING THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT





We welcome you!

### **SATURDAY 8th JUNE 2019**

Service at the Chapel Ruins 12.00 noon led by Bishop Stephen Cottrell, Diocese of Chelmsford

Pray for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit

COME AND WITNESS TO THE RISEN LORD

as the disciples did at Pentecost

Let the people of Brentwood know

It didn't end on Good Friday

### THE LORD IS TRULY RISEN!

After the combined service at 12.00 noon, each Church will have a slot in the afternoon to continue praise and worship at the Chapel Ruins in their own style and tradition; showing our unity and diversity.

"Go out to the whole world; proclaim the gospel to all creation."

Mk.16:15 NJB

# My Trip to Concarneau in France

Before the Whitsun break, I had the wonderful opportunity to go on a mission trip with my Church.

I went with a team of nine people to Concarneau in France to encourage Jose and Valerie Arguedas who are the leaders of the Church.

The Church in CoPncarneau is growing; there are fifty people in the meetings on a Sunday morning, with many young families. There was a great atmosphere of worship and I spoke to the children in their Children's Church and did a magic trick demonstrating God's love.

I really enjoyed the experience because this was my first mission. I loved being part of a team and learning to speak enough French to be able to order my food!

I had heard about the work of the Church in France and it was good to be able to visit and see it for myself.

Tyler Jordan 7FS











# The Spirit of Truth and Love

John 14:8-27

<sup>8</sup> Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us."

<sup>9</sup> Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup> Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. <sup>11</sup> Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. 12 Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

### Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

<sup>15</sup> "If you love me keep my commands. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and

be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19 Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will realise that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. <sup>21</sup> Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

<sup>22</sup>Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, "But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?"

<sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup> Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup> "All this I have spoken while still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."



The Day of Pentecost marks fifty days since Easter Day and brings the Easter seasons to an end. It is a major feast in the Church's year, when Christians recall how God's Holy Spirit was given to the disciples after Jesus' ascension, empowering them to begin the work of making disciples of all nations. As we approach Pentecost Sunday, I challenge you to return for a moment to the upper room and sit with the disciples as Jesus says his farewells. Hear His Word, feel His presence, believe and truly appreciate the promised gift of the Holy Spirit.

In the reading above from John's Gospel, Jesus' challenge to believe is made four times in only three verses. Jesus challenged His disciples to believe in who he is, what he said, and what he did. In

knowing Jesus Christ, we come to know God. In hearing the teaching of Jesus, we hear of God's love for us, because Jesus is 'in the Father and the Father is in me' (John 10). All that Jesus said, all that he did, he declares, are not his words or his works, but are those of the 'Father in me' (John 14:10).

Over and over again Jesus challenges us to believe that he is in the Father. And if we believe, he declares to us, not only will we also be able to do the same works that he did but 'will do greater works than these' (John 14:12). But how are we able to believe? How are we able to do great works in the name of a person who was crucified? Christ is risen, but he has also ascended. He is no longer with us. How can we, who were not with him, did not hear his teachings, did not see him, believe? We are able to believe through the power of the Holy Spirit.

As they sat in the upper room, with the power and hate of the Jewish leaders and Roman oppressors filling the air around them, Jesus assured his disciples that he was 'going to the Father' and he offered them words of comfort, 'I will do whatever you ask in my name' (John 14:13). Little could they know how much they would need his help.

Finally, Jesus challenged them to love him and to keep his commandments. I suspect everyone seated in that room nodded their head and thought, 'I do love you and of course I will

keep your commandments.' But in a few short hours their teacher would be arrested and tried. In a few short hours his life would be ended and their lives filled with fear that the same thing would happened to them. Would they still love him? Could they keep his commandments?

They, and we, are able to love and keep the commandments because of the Spirit, the Advocate sent by God. Jesus declared to them and to us that the Spirit of truth would be with us forever. The Advocate would help us to hear the words of Jesus, even though he has gone to the Father. The Advocate 'will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you' (John 14:26). We are able to love God and others because the love of God in the gift of the Spirit will 'live with you and will be in you' (John 14:17).

May we all be filled with the truth, the love, the peace and the Spirit of God this Pentecost. And may the Spirit continue to fill us and lead us to keep His commandments. May the Spirit reveal God's great and abiding love for us all, this day, and always.

Amen.

Mrs. Sharp Deputy Headteacher

### **GCSE EXAMS**

### **NEXT WEEK**

Week commencing

10<sup>th</sup> June 2019

### **Monday:**

Food Preparation & Nutrition

### Tuesday

**Mathematics** 

History

### Wednesday

Chemistry

### **Thursday**

Geography

### **Friday**

**Physics** 

Please pray for all students who are taking exams.

See website for more details.

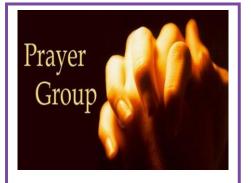
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### **Lunchtime Eucharist**



Father Mark North comes in to school every Friday lunchtime to celebrate communion in the John Wraw Chapel (Justin Welby building).

All members of the local community and parents are also invited to these short twenty-minute services. Please arrive in reception at 12.50pm for a 1pm start.



Every week we allocate time to pray for the school and the wider community. Parents, carers, teachers and friends are invited to take time and pray with Mr. Scott-Evans.

Tuesday 11.15am Wednesday 7.50am

All are welcome!

Maths Challenge There are 10 kinds of people in the world, those who understand binary and those who don't"

Do you know why this joke is funny? Would you like to know? Come to our maths challenge club next Thursday 1pm in J25 with Mrs Rubery to find out!

# Karen Lynch Retirement Collection

You may have heard already that Karen Lynch is retiring as CEO of The Russell Education Trust. Karen's influence on our school has been immense. She met Mr. Scott-Evans and Mr. Gunn in 2010 at the very beginning of our journey and has overseen the proposal, set up and establishment of our school.

Karen has advised on every major decision the school has ever made up to this point and has helped negotiate with the Department for Education and Senior Government Officials on our behalf on many occasions. Her support for our senior staff and governors is crucial to what has made our new school so special and successful. Our excellent GCSE and (expected) A-Level results can be directly linked to her, as can our fabulous buildings, grounds and facilities. She has interviewed and appointed all of our senior team and speaks to Mr Scott-Evans on an almost daily basis!

She and her husband Danny have always served on our Governing Body and will continue to do so, as they are so passionate about Becket Keys. Colin Mackinlay (senior adviser from RET) will take over as CEO. Colin knows the school well having been our senior adviser with Richard Elms when the school was first established.

Karen will attend our Governors' Speech and Awards Evening on 11th July. We would like to use this occasion to say a few words of thanks and to present her with a gift of gratitude for the years of service and significant expertise she has provided. If you would like to contribute to this gift then please log on to ParentPay and give what you wish.

### Student Achievement

### William Horne 10HS



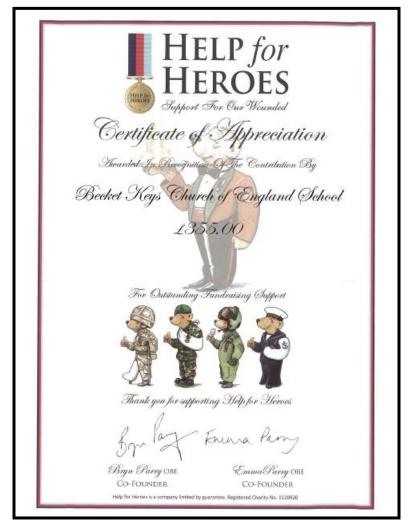
William attended the Sir Michael Bonallack Trophy & Colts Championship at Thorpe Hall Golf Club on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May and he won the event!

This competition is extremely prestigious and is recognised as a big county championship in the yearly calendar in recognition of one of the game's greatest amateur players.

## https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael Bonallack

For William to win ALL of the categories, both scratch and handicap, is remarkable given the quality of the field and his age of just 15 years old. This result sees his handicap adjusted to 1.1 with the expectation of him reaching a scratch handicap by the end of the summer.





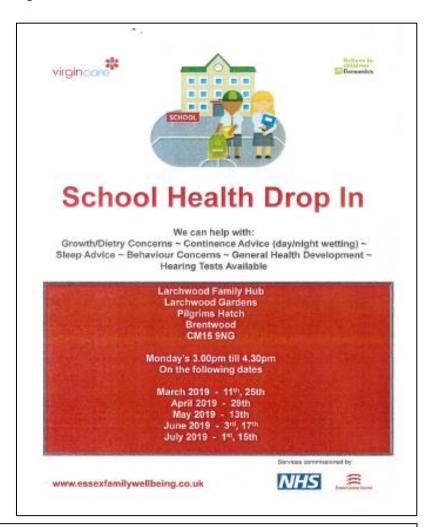
### **New For Term 6**

### School Nurse 'Drop-In' Sessions for Students

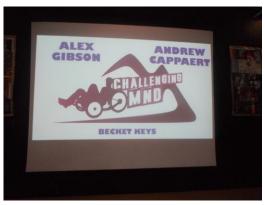
We are now in a fortunate position to be able to offer our students access to our school nurse, Matylda Demby, each Monday afternoon. The 'drop-in' sessions provide the opportunity for them to talk about any health or wellbeing concerns with a medical professional in a familiar environment

Self-referrals from the students themselves are accepted if they are aged 13 or above. If a student below this age requests to meet with the nurse, parents will be notified. Of course, if parents or carers feel that their child would benefit from speaking to the nurse, they can refer too.

Please contact Mrs. Cavalier to do so.







### Year 7 - Collective Worship

Year 7 students were privileged to listen to an inspirational talk from Alex Gibson in Collective Worship today. Alex is a GB Decathlete who was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease last year.

Motor neurone disease is a fatal, rapidly progressing disease that affects the brain and spinal cord, attacking the nerves that control movement so muscles no longer work. It can leave people locked in a failing body, unable to move, talk and eventually breathe. There is currently no cure for the disease.

Alex spoke about passion, the desire to succeed, hard work and determination and overcoming adversity.

Alex and Andrew Cappaert have set up a charity and have begun fundraising to assist others with the disease and are participating in a number of sporting challenges in order to raise funds. Find out more: <a href="https://www.challengingmnd.org/">https://www.challengingmnd.org/</a>

### Year 8 Madrid Trip

Eighty students from Year 8 went to Madrid just before the Whitsun break. This is always a very popular and oversubscribed trip. We would like to thank the staff team who gave up their time to accompany the students on this exciting few days. Read on for the opinions of the students who attended.



Madrid was an amazing experience, full of great activities and culture. The four days consisted of a visit to the Real Madrid Stadium, to a theme park and to the Royal Palace. It was all memorable and fantastic.

Moreover, during the trip, I made many new fiends and the teachers were great and amazing fun!

Overall, Madrid was a wonderful experience to have had at school and I will remember it for the rest of my life.

### Rebecca Lyle





Madrid was a great experience. We visited the Real Madrid stadium, Warner Brothers theme park, The Royal Palace and watched flamenco dancing. The rooms at the hostel were very nice. My favourite part of the trip was the theme park as it was great fun!

### **Tom Harvey**



Madrid was a wonderful experience. It was a brilliant way to meet new people and make new friends. We were able to experience a different culture and a different way of living. I would say that the best part of going to Madrid was definitely the theme park. All of us enjoyed the freedom and independence we were given. I would definitely recommend future Year 8s to go on this incredible trip.

### Aneshka Carroll



I really enjoyed going to Madrid because not only do you learn things but have a good time with your mates. The best part for me was the theme park.

#### **Nathan Donovan**



Madrid was a fantastic trip that everybody loved. We all took part in amazing activities. My favourite day was when we visited Warner Brothers Studio. I loved that day because we had so much freedom that day and had so much fun trying new experiences with my friends.







I enjoyed Madrid because I was in a very different environment with my friends and teachers. I had so much fun at the theme park even though I got soaked!! Warner Brothers was definitely my favourite part. I made lots of new friends and I am gutted to be home, I wish we had been able to stay for longer.

### **Gracie Schooling-Attfield**



Going to Madrid was such fun There was a great atmosphere and a great sense of community with those I went with. I loved every second of it and wish I could go again!

### Sam Newton

I thought Madrid was the best experience of my life! I love the independence we were given and the trip was just amazing overall. I loved every moment of the trip so much and words cannot describe how much I enjoyed it. The best part was bonding with teachers and new friends. I will never forget Madrid and all the wonderful experiences it gave us.

### **Rhianna Hicks**



My favourite part of Madrid was the Parque de Warner (Warner Brothers Theme Park) because I like big rides. I also liked making new friends and speaking to new people I have never met before.

### McKenzie Reid













Charlotte Hope in Year 9 will be fundraising for FoBK at the Strawberry Fair next Saturday, pop along to see all her wonderful crafts and support the school.

### **Nearly New Uniform**

We always welcome any donations of uniform. If you have any uniform to donate, please drop into reception. We would particularly welcome Sixth Form uniform for sale to new students, especially those from low-income families

Date of next sale to be announced soon.

### Cash 4 Clothes



We will be having a Cash 4 Clothes collection at the school on

# Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019

10.30am - 1.00pm.

A great chance to have a seasonal clear out and raise some money for the school.



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**INSET DAYS** (NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL) FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE & MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

SIXTH FORM BRIDGING EVENT

TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> & WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

**CHAMBER CONCERT** 

TUESDAY 18TH JUNE

**DISTRICT SPORTS** 

WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

YEAR 11 PROM

FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE

YEAR 13 PROM

MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY

**SPORTS DAY** 

PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY

**GOVERNORS' SPEECH & AWARDS EVENING** 

**INVITE ONLY** 

THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY



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