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On Sunday, June 3rd, the Church celebrates the great Festival of Pentecost or Whitsun Day, on which we commemorate the fulfilment of our Lord's gracious promise, "I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another comforter, that He may abide with you for ever." It is called Pentecost after the great Feast of the Jews which bore that name, and was celebrated fifty days after the Passover, We constantly say in the Apostles Creed "I believe in the Holy Ghost," and, if we at all appreciate the blessings of the gifts of the Holy Spirit in our lives, we shall not fail to keep with all our heart the Festival of the Catholic Church, on which we commemorate the coming of the Holy Ghost to be with the Church for ever, and to guide her into all truth. The Holy Ghost is called "The Comforter," a word which is often misunderstood. It properly means the Strengthener or Confirmer, and conveys the same meaning, which is so well expressed in our Catechism, "Thirdly, in God the Holy Ghost, who sanctifieth me, and all the elect people of God.

On Whitsun Day there will be celebrations of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m., and also after Morning Prayer Gifts of flowers for the decoration of the Churches will be gratefully received at the Churches on Saturday morning.

With heartfelt gratitude to God, and with a thankful appreciation of the brave and gallant deeds of our officers and men, all true-hearted Englishmen have rejoiced with unbounded enthusiasm over the Relief of Mafeking. Englishmen, as they look back upon the history of their country and empire, have many glorious deeds of bravery and heroism to recount, but there is no event in the whole of history

which can eclipse the glory and honour connected with the gallant stand of Baden Powell and his noble band of heroes at Mafeking. For months they have kept at bay, with only a handful of men, an overwhelming force of a ruthless and unscrupulous foe. They had faith in the power of God, the justice of their cause, and the greatness of the English nation, and inspired only by a sense of duty they waited on patiently to the end. It is a page of history, of which we may all be proud, and Englishmen in all parts of the world have shown by a spontaneous and heartfelt burst of enthusiasm that they appreciate it. The secular side of our national rejoicing has been very much in evidence, and we are thankful for it, but we hope that the religious side of our thankfulness will not be forgotten. We trust that a special day for a great national thanksgiving will be suggested by our rulers, so that the whole Church, in one great united act of worship, may thank Almighty God for his mercies. If such a day is ordered, we here, I am sure, will be glad to fall in with it; if no such day is suggested we propose to arrange such a day for ourselves. The day of the Queen's Accession, or the Sunday next to it, would be a very suitable occasion for such a national thanksgiving. We hope this will be carried out.

The Vicar regrets that he is obliged to send out the Magazine this month in a very incomplete state. Owing to the illness of his wife he was prevented from returning home on the day he intended, and hence had not time to get the Magazine ready in a complete form for the first Sunday in the month. The monies collected in the Churches, and the copies of the registers will be given next month.



Calendar for June.

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1 2	FS	Fast. Nicomede Priest and Martyr A.D. 90 Vigil.
3 4 5 6 7 8 9	M T W Th F S	WHITSUN-DAY [H.C. at 3 a.m. and after Mattins.] Monday in Whitsun-week. Tuesday in Whitsun-Week. Boniface Bp. and Martyr. Ember Day. Fast. Ember Day. Fast. Ember Day. Fast.
10 11 12 13 14 15 16	M T W Th F S	Trinity Sunday [H.C. at 8 a.m.] S. Barnabus Ap. and Martyr. Fast.
17 18 19 20 21 22 23	M T W Th F S	[11.C. at Badsey at 8 a.m.; At Wickhamford Mattins at 10.30 a.m., followed by H.C. choral.] Queen's Accession 1837. Translation of Edward, King of West Saxons. Fast. Vigil.
24 25 26 27 28 29 30	M T W Th F	Nativity of St. John Baptist. 2nd. Sunday after Trinity. [H.C. at Wickhamford at 8 a.m.] Vigil. 81. Peter Apostle and Martyr.

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