

I know I could regret this statement: what a great month May promises to be! It starts with a bank holiday, it ends with a bank holiday; it has three great Christian calendar events, that is, Ascension Day, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday; we also elect a new government - one way or the other. Exciting, isn't it?

It's very hard to have a clear overall vision from one person's perspective; so hardly surprising, then, that Jesus returns (the Ascension) to that place where he is not restricted to a single person's view. He returns to be in God without human limitations, and therefore encompasses all creation. For want of a better label, we call that place Heaven.

So far, so good? Yes, it's like trying to swim in treacle, but stick with it...

Pentecost (actually a Jewish festival) is the traditional birthday of the Christian Church. It was when Jesus' followers were enabled to communicate God's good news to all people, not just to them who by chance of birth thought it was just for them.

Trinity Sunday celebrates a balance and unity seen in perfect form: the three persona (sic) of God. Thinking on this too much can really stove in one's head; suffice it to say that the One Government that is God works - despite our natural tendency to want to see division.

I think it would almost be on earth as it is in heaven if we rose above a single person's perspective and looked for an earthly government that could work by means of balance and unity.

Enjoy the holidays and feasts of May, for, one way or another, we will get the government we deserve.