



## **Team Parish of Christ the King St Aidan's, Brunton Park**

**Sunday 28th May 2023  
PENTECOST**

On this feast of Pentecost we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples. It's a day that marks the beginning of the church's mission to go from Jerusalem, to Samaria and the ends of the earth as they tell the good news of Jesus. But it's a day that both sends out and draws in: an explosion and an implosion.

So first this is the day that the church is sent to the world. As the disciples gather together in prayer, this is the great explosion of missional energy that sends the gospel to reach every corner of the globe. The very first thing that the disciples do after the Holy Spirit comes to them is tell people about God. The Holy Spirit isn't sent for the sake of a cosy feeling of God's presence, or to give an exciting spiritual high, it's sent to allow the church to proclaim the gospel in word and deed. And just as then, so today, the Holy Spirit calls the church to the same. From our prayer we're sent out in mission and service. On Sunday we will finish our worship with some questions asking 'will you dare...' So will we dare to allow the Spirit to be at work within us, as we faithfully try to follow where God leads? I hope that together we can say: 'we will.'

But the day of Pentecost, just as it sends the disciples out in mission, is also about drawing in, as God gathers the nations to himself. An implosion as well as an explosion, as we see the disciples given the gift of speaking in other languages. In this moment we see the work of the Holy Spirit as God speaks across the boundaries of tribe and nation and language. This is God drawing all people to himself, just as Jesus promised. And perhaps, as we come to the end of a period particularly set apart for prayer, we might recognise the power and importance of prayer in that drawing in. The Holy Spirit, in prayer, enables us to hear God's word to us in our own language, in our native tongue. God speaks in the way that we can hear, unique to us and our way of understanding and experiencing him. We hear that God pours out his Holy Spirit on young and old, men and women, slave and free alike. Whoever we are, as we set apart time in prayer to open the ears of our hearts, we hear him speak to us through the gift of his Holy Spirit.

## **Acts 2.1-21**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

## **John 20.19-23**

It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this,

he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

### **TODAY**

9:30am: Mr Bernie Troughton leads our service as Rev'd Gerard Rundel preaches with readings from Acts 2.1-21 and John 20.19-23

### **THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Wed** 10.00am, Church: **BCP Midweek Eucharist**

**Thurs** 2:00pm, Community Room : **Prayer and Praise**

8:00pm, Community Room: **Men's Group- Atlantic Rowing Adventure: Talk by Phil Kite**

**Sat** 10am-12pm, Community Room – **Saturday Café**

**Sun 4<sup>th</sup>** 9:30am: **Trinity Sunday Family Service**

Rev'd Gerard Rundell leads and preaches with readings from Isaiah 40.12-17,27-31 and 2 Corinthians 13.11-13

11:30am: **Baptism of Ezra**

### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> June 12:00pm **Lunch Group:** Rugby Club

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> June 2:00pm **Film Club:** Community Room

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 6:00pm **St Columba's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

Sat 10<sup>th</sup> June 3:00pm **Strawberry Tea and Concert:** St Columba's

Sun 18<sup>th</sup> June 3:30pm **Messy Church:** Great Park Community Centre

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Jul 2-4pm **Summer Fayre**

### **NOTICES**

**SUNDAY SERVICE** – today's live link: <https://bit.ly/2023Pentecost>

**SUMMER FAYRE** – we are beginning to plan our summer fayre which will be held on Sat 1<sup>st</sup> July. If you have any new ideas for stalls, or can volunteer to help on the day, please speak to Pat, Catherine, Winnie or Susan.

**ST COLUMBAS 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS** – On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June everyone is warmly invited to join St Columba's in celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Friday at 6pm will be a service with Bishop Mark preaching and presiding, followed by a buffet. Saturday from 3pm will be a Strawberry Tea with a concert by the Ravenswood Singers.

Tickets will be £5 for the Tea, £5 for the concert, or £8 for both. Do come and join!

**ADMINISTRATOR ANNUAL LEAVE** – our administrator will be on annual leave until Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Any general enquiries will be answered on her return. Urgent requests should be directed to Rev'd Rundell and newsletter items to Catherine.

**CHRISTIAN AID** – The total amount raised so far is £2924. Dorothy would like to thank everyone who donated, delivered, collected, counted and supported the fundraising events.

**FILM CLUB** – this month's film is 'Mrs Harris goes to Paris' about a cleaning lady who saves up to buy a Dior dress in Paris. Lesley Manville is the star

**ZOOM CODES** – all our Zoom sessions will use only the following details:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7573778713?pwd=NGVjcTRLQjBEaStqYjFDsm1KOURtQT09M>  
Meeting ID: 757 377 8713 Passcode: StAidan

**BOOKING ZOOM MEETINGS:** if you would like to use the St Aidan's Zoom account for a church meeting, please contact Janice

**CHURCH OPENING** – church is open during the day, every day. Please come in at any time for some quiet time or prayer.

**USED STAMPS** – if you have any used stamps, please save them and put them in the box at the back of church to raise fund for St Oswald's Hospice.

**FOOD BANK** – any items placed in the box at the back of church will be donated to Kenton Foodbank.

**DONATIONS** - to make a donation to St Aidan's, please use the following link  
<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/8a599239-a9bd-4136-8b4b-1dcabb0a2c65>

### ***For Our Prayers: St Aidan's Cycle of Prayer***

**For the church** – Christ the King Team Parish, PCC members and officers. Moira and Kathryn, and all who enhance our services by their playing or singing

**For the community** – West End Refugee Service

**For the world** – for Turkey, Syria, Ukraine and all countries facing hardship and conflict. For our own national and political life

**For those being baptised:** Ezra

**For those in need** - Gladys Johnston, Esther Wooler, Alan Gregg, Martin Seaton, Alan Phillips

**For those who have died** – and on their anniversaries: Althea Kirkbridge, Joshua Shone, Jean Roylance, Gillian Hardie

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