

Connected

Pentecost

Sunday 19th May 2024

Sermon Snippets

Christ Church
Acts 2: 1-21



The story of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost is dramatic and exciting but it was long ago and we may never have experienced anything like that for ourselves.

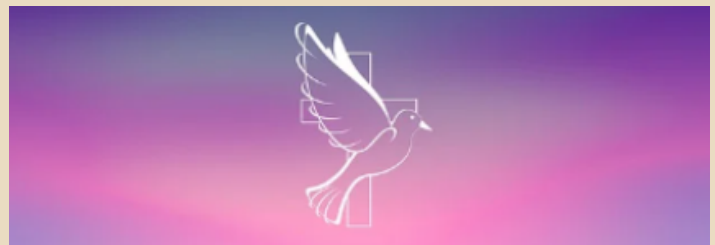
Is the Holy Spirit's power in us even if we can't see it? And why was he sent?

We'll think about these questions on Sunday as we come together to celebrate the Holy Spirit and his work in us.

Emmanuel
Acts 2: 1-6, 13-21

As we celebrate this Pentecost Sunday we will have completed our 10 days of 'Thy Kingdom Come' prayer and church will begin as a continuation of our 24-hour prayer vigil. We wait expectantly for what the Spirit of God may show this Sunday, and on Monday 20th as we gather for our Vision Day - seeking God's way together. As a church, we are in a place of readiness and anticipation, just like those first believers.

Jesus' followers were all together in once place, as we too are this Sunday, so let us come with expectancy, ready to receive from God, through His Holy Spirit, His fresh equipping for the work He has called us to. Come Holy Spirit.



A Families Together - Summer Special!

Thursday 25th July - Sunday 28th July
at Christ Church

The Restoration Station is based on TV's "The Repair Shop" but rather than restoring things, people are restored, through meeting the master craftsman, Jesus.

Families Together - Summer Special is an event for the whole family; adults joining in with their children in family groups. It's aimed at those with children aged from birth to Year 2 in Primary School, although older siblings will be very welcome. We also hope that some of the older children/youth we have connections with will be given junior leader roles.

Thursday - Saturday will run from 10:30am - 12noon followed by lunch together (bring your sandwich and we'll provide the cake and drinks!).

We are hoping that our Sunday service will be followed by a whole church family 'bring and share' lunch - sharing food and conversation around a table really helps to build some wonderful relationships!

Prayer Pointers

Pentecost : PRAY for CHRISTIAN AID pushing back against poverty across the world. Check-in with 'WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK' and PRAY for each activity day by day...

Monday : GIVE THANKS that you are able to look ahead and make plans. PRAY for those whose lives are too uncertain to make plans even for a few hours ahead.

Tuesday : GIVE THANKS for your home and invite God to be with you today. PRAY for those who have no settled home and are struggling to find a safe place to sleep.

Wednesday : GIVE THANKS that there are people who respond to crisis within our community. PRAY for all who are responding positively to conflicts and disasters around the world.

Thursday : GIVE THANKS for the food and comforts you will be blessed with today. PRAY for the many who will be struggling to find enough food and water to survive the day.

Friday : GIVE THANKS for your family and friends. PRAY for those who are separated from family members, carers, and the communities that offer them love and support. PRAY for all who will be part of the funeral of Rev. Ian Girling at Christ Church. GIVE THANKS for his amazing life of service and ask for God's comfort for his family.

Saturday : GIVE THANKS for all those who support Christian Aid and other global caring organisations. PRAY for all who are benefiting from each donation and activity.

Watch the Morning Service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk

Go to the 'Church Life' menu and click on the 'Sunday Services' page

What's On This Week

Saturday 18th May

Men's Breakfast at 8:30am at Christ Church
Ambassadors Group meet 10am at Uphill Boatyard
Open Garden at 2:30pm (*see programme for details*)

Monday 20th May

Vision Day at 9:30am at Emmanuel
(*for Emmanuel Church Family*)
Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Tuesday 21st May

Parish Prayers at 9:30am at Emmanuel
The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

Wednesday 22nd May

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church

Thursday 23rd May

Craft & Chat at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre
Welcome Group at 2:30pm at Emmanuel

Notices

Larissa Unavailable

Please be aware that Larissa will be unavailable from Friday 17th May til Sunday 19th May inclusive.

Verse For The Week

"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy."

Acts 2: 17-18

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Coffee after the Service...

Lots On This Saturday 18th May...!

8:30am Men's Breakfast
at Christ Church



10am Ambassadors
Women's Group
Walk/Coffee
Uphill Boatyard

2:30pm Open Garden
(please see the
programme for
further details of
host/venue)



Ian Girling's Funeral

Ian's funeral will be
held on:
Friday 24th May at
11:30am
at Christ Church

All church family are
invited.

Dress: dark colours,
collars for clergy,
uniform if within an
organisation.

The service will be
livestreamed - please
speak to Emma in the
Church Office if you
would like the link.



EMMANUEL'S VISION DAY

Claire Horton, the Parish
Development Advisor for
our Deanery, is coming to
Emmanuel this Monday 20th
May to help us explore our
church vision. The title is: Seeking God's Way Together.



This is an exciting opportunity to come together, as the whole church, to pray, talk, share, and discern where God is leading us now, and in the next season of life in our church.

Please do come and be part of the conversation together. As the body of Christ it needs us all to seek, hear and discern God's leading, as his gathered people at Emmanuel.

There will be drinks available from 9:30am with a prompt start at 10am. Claire will lead us in time of discussion, prayer, talking, and feedback over several sessions across the morning with a mid morning break and lunch served at 1pm.

Sandwiches and drinks will be provided at lunchtime but if you could bring something to add to the shared buffet (other than sandwiches) that would be wonderful. Finger foods only please, either savory or sweet.

Any questions, please speak to Meg, Tom, or Donna



Our very own Ray Pilgrim (together with fellow Street Pastor, Pete Maxwell) recently did an interview broadcast on Radio Bristol talking about the work of Weston Street Pastors. Click [here](#) to listen (start at min 41:40 til 49:40) or contact Emma who can email the link to you (NB/ you will also have to sign-in to your BBC account)

More coffee anyone...

THE RESTORATION STATION

God is blessing us with a ministry to a large number of families with younger children, both on Sunday mornings and during the week. And whilst we would love to also have a thriving older children's and youth ministry here, at the moment, that's not the case. Those ministry areas still need a lot of prayer, team, and time. So, for now, we work and grow with those that God is sending us.

Our previous Summer Holiday Club format was aimed at older primary school children which means that the children we have now would be excluded from that.

So we are doing something different! See the front page for further information!

In order to get this event off the ground we need team. Please have a look at the display at the back of church to see what is needed and, if you can help, pop your name on the team list.

All team members directly involved in the event will need current DBS clearance, but this can be arranged through our Safeguarding Officer, Anne Jones.



For more information, contact Nicky Boardman - Family Ministry Worker
Email: family.ministry@ccwsm.org.uk



Summer Special!

A glimpse of the Northern Lights... taken Friday 10th May at 11:47pm by one of our neighbours, James Nash.



The latest newsletter from CAP can be found on our website ('Church Life' / 'Mission Partner News') or, alternatively, click [here](#) to view.

