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### **Pentecost the Birthday of the Church**



Pentecost the day that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit  
and the day the Church was born.

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# From the Vicarage

Our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary is fast approaching. June the 11<sup>th</sup> is not long off. I want to encourage everyone to make the most of the opportunity the anniversary gives us to celebrate the faithfulness of God.



Colin Lucock is leading a team to put on an exhibition of Holy Trinity church's history. There will be three themes in the exhibition. First, there's the changes to the building and landscape; second, the changes in the people down the ages; and, third, the unchanging faithfulness of God through his life giving Word.

My personal favourite piece of our church's history, so far, is the memorial stone by the north door, dedicated to William Bache, who died in 1899, which reads:

This memorial is erected by the past and present members of the Holy Trinity Sunday morning bible class, as a token of their affectionate esteem for his diligent and painstaking service in teaching them to reverence and love the Word of God.

There we can see the faithfulness of God. It is through diligent and painstaking teaching that God's word is made alive and relevant. This is the way we come to know God and so love and revere him, in his word.

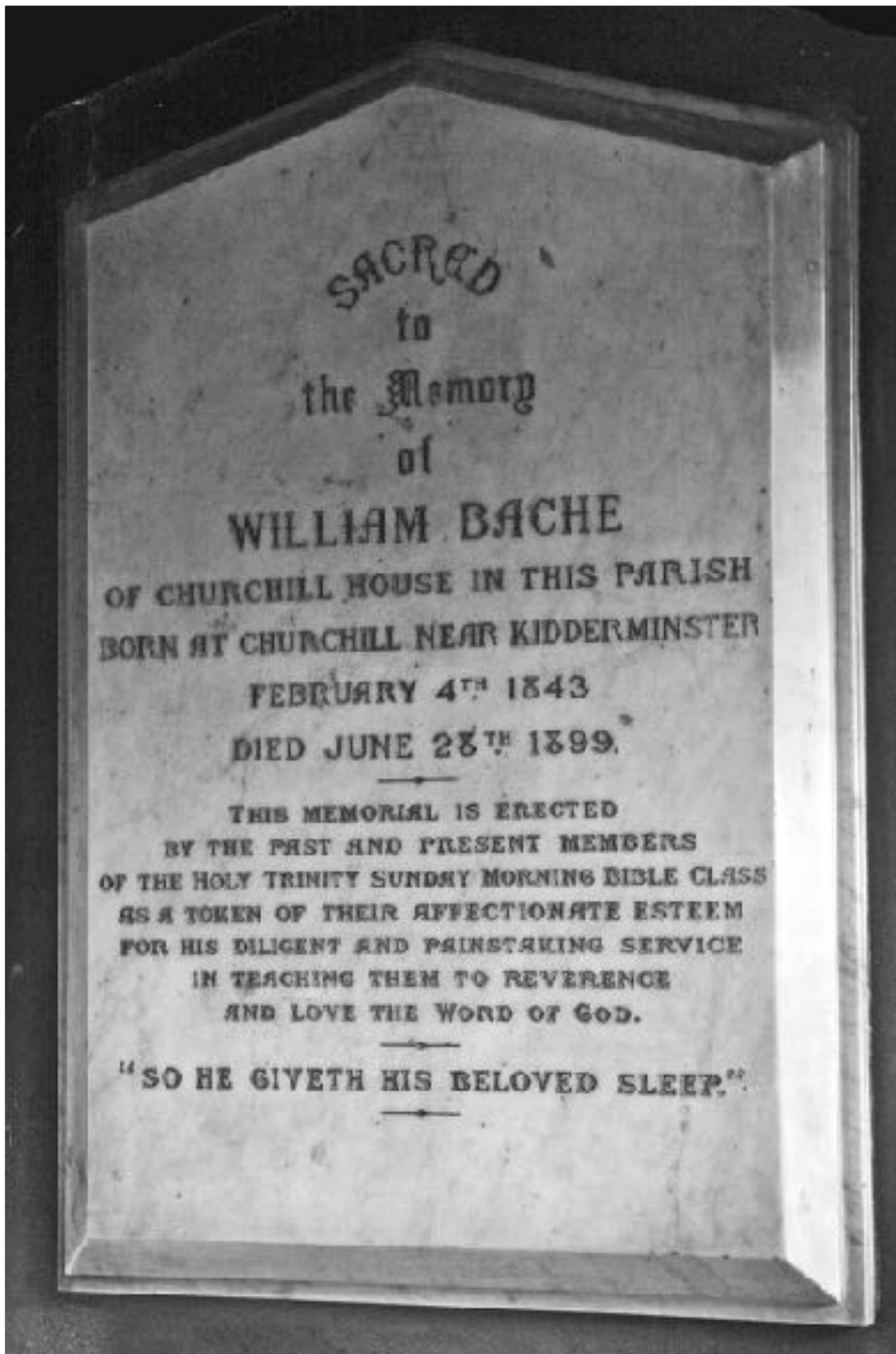
On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March we were reminded from Ephesians 2, that the church is built on the foundations of the prophets and apostles (the Word of God). And so it must be our prayer on this 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary that we look back and celebrate the faithfulness of God and then look forward. May our anniversary be a time of re-commitment. May we ask God to continue to raise up men and women who lovingly, diligently and painstakingly teach the word of God so that this generation and our children's children will be able to say "Surely our God is faithful. We know this because we have learned to reverence and love all of God's word."

I like to believe that the past and present members of William Bache's Sunday morning bible class not only wanted to remember him but wanted future generations to be reminded of the essential work of God's people. The memorial is an important piece of history but is also a powerful signpost which keeps us faithful to God's word today.

There may be all sorts of treasures like this which our exhibition uncovers for us. I really look forward to what is put on display and hope God will keep us on the right road through it. Will you pray for the anniversary week? Pray for everyone who is invited to attend and for all who come to leave with a greater grasp of the faithfulness of God in his word.

God bless

Neil



# Prayer Focus

Because we live in a troubled and divided world, and sometimes we question how relevant our prayers are, our Prayer Focus this month is split into two parts.

- \* Prayer when life is difficult
- \* Prayer for parliament and our world leaders



## Prayer when life is difficult

Father,

There are times when we don't understand why things are as they are; why those children are hungry and homeless; why that person we prayed for died when they had so much still to live for; why that relationship broke down; why that accident happened to that lovely lady. There are times when we don't know how to pray, when we just don't know...

Help us, Lord, at such times, to remember what we **do** know; that you are our creator; that you love each one of us with the love of a perfect father; that you sent Jesus for just such times as these, to be our hope, to be our Saviour, to be with us always, in all circumstances. Help us to remember your goodness to us in the past, to trust that you are walking with us in the present and to have confidence in the future, because you alone hold it securely in your hands.

Remind us every day Lord to...*trust in you with all our hearts and not to depend on our own understanding* – which is limited by our humanity.

Thank you Father that we are your children and you do hear our prayers,

In Jesus' name,

**Amen.**

# Prayer for parliament

There is an active community of Christians in parliament who regularly meet for prayer, worship and Bible study. They're drawn from both houses of parliament, from the offices of MPs, and from a wide variety of departments. Praying for our politicians and leaders is an important way we can support them in the work that they do. This applies to your local councillors and MPs, and those in government and opposition, whether or not we agree with all of their policies. Here are a few pointers to direct your prayers:

## **PRIME MINISTER AND THE GOVERNMENT**

- For the responsibilities of office and the difficulties of decision-making
- For the government's legislative programme
- For the wise use of money and resources
- Pray for the opposition parties in the task of constructively holding the government to account

## **MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT**

- For their faith
- For their family and the pressures of being away from home
- For their workload, both in parliament and their constituency

## **FOR THOSE WHO SUPPORT THE WORK OF PARLIAMENT AND GOVERNMENT**

- For research staff, secretaries, office and diary managers in parliament
- Staff of the houses of parliament, caterers, Sergeant-at-arms, Office of Black Rod
- For the police forces and security who serve parliament
- For civil servants, those who handle the development of policy and its implementation, for lawyers and auditors, for those in internal administration
- For charities, organisations and campaign groups who work on political issues.

## **POLICY ISSUES**

### **Abroad**

- Peace and security abroad
- Relief of poverty, and the encouragement of development, education and healthcare in the developing world
- For constructive relationships between nations and their representatives, for grace, wisdom and discernment in their dealings with each other

### **Domestic**

- Pray for parliament and government responsibilities towards those in education, health, police, the armed forces, social and welfare services
- Pray for local government
- Pray for an end to terrorism, its threat and its causes

## **Prayers for world leaders**

O almighty God,  
who can bring good out of evil,  
and who can make even the wrath of humanity turn to your praise:  
we pray that you will so order and dispose the affairs of the nations  
that we may be brought through strife to lasting peace;  
and that the nations of the world  
may be united in a new fellowship  
for the promotion of your glory,  
and the good of humankind,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Help us, good Lord, to follow the example of your Son  
in fearlessly holding to those things which are true,  
despite the divisions both in human society  
and in the understandings of others.  
But give us the strength also, Lord,  
to recognise our liability to error,  
and to venerate your presence  
in the hopes and lives of others.  
So let us, at the last,  
be drawn into the Kingdom of true righteousness  
where all are drawn together  
in acknowledgment of your will.

*Edward Norman*



# REFLECTION

*“Moment for Reflection”, The Station (abridged), by Robert J. Hastings, an American Poet: (Included in Tracy and Jason’s CMS letter.)*

*“Tucked away in our subconscious is an idyllic vision. We see ourselves on a long trip that spans the continent. We are travelling by train. Out the window, we drink in the passing scene of cars on nearby highways, of children waving at a crossing, of cattle grazing on a distant hillside, of smoke pouring from a power plant, of row upon row of corn and wheat, of flatlands and valleys, of mountains and rolling hillsides, of city skylines and village halls.*

*But uppermost in our minds is the final destination. On a certain day at a certain hour we will pull into the station. Bands will be playing and flags waving. Once we get there so many wonderful dreams will come true and the pieces of our lives will fit together like a completed jigsaw puzzle. How restlessly we pace the aisles, damning the minutes for loitering – waiting, waiting, waiting for the station.*



*‘When we reach the station, that will be it!’ we cry. ‘When I’m 18’. ‘When I buy a new SL Mercedes Benz!’ ‘When I put the last child through college.’ ‘When I have paid off the mortgage.’ ‘When I get a promotion.’ ‘When I reach the age of retirement, I shall live happily ever after!’*

*Sooner or later, we must realise there is no station, no one place to arrive at once and for all. The true joy of life is the trip itself. The station is only a dream. It constantly outdistances us.*

*‘Relish in the moment’ is a good motto... It isn’t the burdens of today that drive men mad, it is the regrets over yesterday and the fear of tomorrow. Regret and fear are twin thieves who rob us of today.*

*So stop pacing the aisles and counting the miles. Instead, climb more mountains, eat more ice cream, go barefoot more often, swim more rivers, watch more sunsets, laugh more, cry less. Life must be lived as we go along. The station will come soon enough.”*

*As I think on this and reflect, I am reminded that God’s name is “I am”, not “I was” or “I will be”, but “I am”. God already has our future in hand, but he asks us to LIVE, with a Capital L, NOW!*

# Archbishops call for ‘great wave of prayer’ for evangelism during Pentecost

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York are inviting churches to pray for the evangelisation of the nation during the week leading up to Pentecost Sunday. The Archbishops have written to every serving parish priest in the Church of England expressing their longing “to see a great wave of prayer across our land, throughout the Church of England and many other Churches” from 8th-15th May.

The week of prayer will culminate in ‘Beacon events’ around the country over Pentecost weekend, where people will pray for the renewal of the Holy Spirit and the confidence to share their faith. In their letter the Archbishops said: “At the heart of our prayers will be words that Jesus Himself taught us – ‘Thy kingdom come, thy will be done.’”



“It is impossible to overstate the life-transforming power of the Lord’s Prayer. It is a prayer that is reassuring enough to be on the lips of the dying and yet dangerous enough to be banned in cinemas. It is famous enough to be spoken each day by billions in hundreds of languages and yet intimate enough to draw us ever closer into friendship with Jesus Christ. It is simple enough to be memorised by small children and yet profound enough to sustain a whole lifetime of prayer. When we pray it with sincerity and with joy, there is no imagining the new ways in which God can use us to His glory.”

The Archbishops are suggesting various ways churches can engage with the week of prayer. These include holding a day or week of continuous ‘24/7’ prayer as parishes, teams or deaneries; saying special prayers in Sunday worship; prayer walking; or handing out a novena prayer card to every congregation member.

The Beacon events will take place in the following places: St Paul's Cathedral (Saturday 14th May) – hosted by the Bishop of London, the Rt Revd Richard Chartres, and Pete Greig, founder of 24/7 prayer, with sung worship led by Tim Hughes and Jake Isaac. Durham Cathedral (Sunday 15th May) – with sung worship led by Lou Fellingham. Coventry Cathedral (Sunday 15th May) – with sung worship led by Noel Richards. Winchester Cathedral (Sunday 15th May) – with sung worship led by Matt Redman. St Michael le Belfrey, York (Sunday 15th May) - hosted by Matthew Porter & Miriam Swaffield with sung worship led by Tom Holmes Canterbury Cathedral (Sunday 15th May) – hosted by Archbishop Justin Welby and Pete Greig, with sung worship led by Tim Hughes.

Archbishop Justin will send a message via live video link to other Beacon events taking place at the same time as the Canterbury event. Partners in the week of prayer initiative include 24-7 Prayer, HOPE, the World Prayer Centre, the Neighbourhood Prayer, Network, and the National Day of Prayer and Worship. For more information about the initiative, visit: [www.thykingdom.co.uk](http://www.thykingdom.co.uk)

## Prayer for Pentecost

Loving, generous Father, In your love you gave us Jesus – sent him out to bring us back to you. And when he had completed his work, by dying on the cross, rising again, and coming back to you, you hadn't stopped giving. You gave us your Holy Spirit. You sent him at Pentecost and you send him today. Thank you Father.

*Fill us with your Spirit Lord.* Equip us with the gifts of your Spirit that we need to serve you. Ripen in us the fruit of your Spirit, so that our lives will be witnesses that you are alive today in this world; that you have the power to renew and restore broken hearts and lives and all creation.

*Fill us with your Spirit Lord.* Send us out in the Spirit's power to live and work for you, to make *your* difference today, for your glory.

*Fill us with your Spirit Lord, we pray.*  
Amen.

*Canon David Winter, former Head of Religion for the BBC, recalls the end of the Blitz...*

## **KEEPING CALM AND CARRYING ON**

On May 10<sup>th</sup> 1941 I was safely asleep in bed in my grandparents' home in rural Wales. My parents, on the other hand, were making their beds in the air raid shelter in the back garden of our home in north London. Right on cue as darkness fell, the sirens wailed. It would be another night of the 'blitz', with its incessant noise of anti-aircraft guns, the drone of the German bombers and the terrifying explosion of their bombs.

As dawn came and the enemy raiders departed, my parents got some breakfast and dad went off to work. That had been the routine for more than a year. What they didn't know was that May 10<sup>th</sup> was to be the last night of the blitz. The morale of the civilian population, the courage of the RAF night fighter pilots, firemen and air raid wardens had finally persuaded Hitler that he would not win the war that way.

The blitz became part of British folk-lore. Our towns and cities were pock-marked with bomb sites. The casualties had been appalling – that last night of the blitz 75 years ago 1,300 people died. But ordinary men and women simply 'kept calm and carried on', as the famous slogan said. While we marvel at their fortitude, it may also help to put our present troubles into perspective.



*This lovely story has been around for some time, but if your readers have not seen it, it is well worth sharing...especially in the month of Pentecost, when we recall the importance of the unity of the Church...*

## The silent sermon

A member of a certain church, who had previously attended services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, the minister decided to visit him. He found the man at home all alone, sitting by a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his minister's visit, the man welcomed him awkwardly, and led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited.

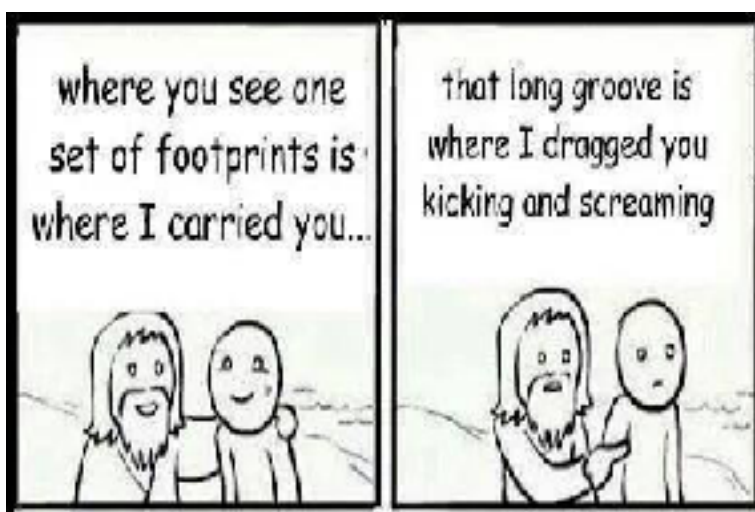
The minister made himself at home, but said nothing.

In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, he took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent.

The host watched all this in quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more.

Soon it was cold and dead.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. But now the minister chose this time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead bit of coal and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow once more, with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it. With that, the minister smiled at his host. and quietly let himself out.



# May Day – unbridled merriment

May is the month when the ancient pagans used to get up to 'all sorts'! The Romans held their festival to honour the mother-goddess Maia, goddess of nature and growth. (May is named after her.) The early Celts celebrated the feast of Beltane, in honour of the sun god, Beli.

For centuries in 'Olde England' the people went mad in May. After the hardship of winter, and hunger of early Spring, May was a time of indulgence and unbridled merriment. One Philip Stubbes, writing in 1583, was scandalised: "for what kissing and bussing, what smooching and slabbering one of another, is not practised?"

Henry VIII went 'maying' on many occasions. Then folk would stay out all night in the dark rain-warm thickets, and return in the morning for dancing on the green around the May pole, archery, vaulting, wrestling, and that evening, bonfires.

The Protestant reformers took a strong stand against May Day - and in 1644 May Day was abolished altogether. Many May poles came down - only to go up again at the Restoration, when the first May Day of King Charles's reign was "the happiest Mayday that hath been many a year in England", according to Pepys.

May Day to most people today brings vague folk memories of a young Queen of the May decorated with garlands and streamers and flowers, a May Pole to weave, Morris dancing, and the intricacies of well dressing at Tissington in Derbyshire.

May Day is a medley of natural themes such as sunrise, the advent of summer, growth in nature, and - since 1833 - Robert Owen's vision of a millennium in the future, beginning on May Day, when there would be no more poverty, injustice or cruelty, but harmony and friendship. This is why, in modern times, May Day has become Labour Day, which honours the dignity of workers. And until recently, in communist countries May Day processions were in honour of the achievement of Marxism.

There has never been a Christian content to May Day, but nevertheless there is the well-known 6am service on the top of Magdalen Tower at Oxford where a choir sings in the dawn of May Day.

An old May carol includes the lines:

*The life of man is but a span,  
it flourishes like a flower  
We are here today, and gone tomorrow  
- we are dead within an hour.*

There is something of a sadness about it, both in words and tune, as there is about all purely sensuous joy. For May Day is not Easter, and the joys it represents have always been earth-bound and fleeting.

## **Which came first, atheism or faith?**

Atheism is seen by some people as the antidote to centuries of ignorance and superstition. It is seen by others as the product of modern decadence and materialism. Now a Cambridge University study argues that atheism is far from modern, but can instead be seen as one of the world's oldest beliefs – predating even Christianity and Islam.

Prof Tim Whitmarsh, professor of Greek culture at Cambridge, argues that the belief in no gods at all was common in the ancient world. He claims his research has found evidence of atheism in the

## **Sunday trading hours safe**

Sunday trading hours are unlikely to be increased for at least another four years, following the recent failed attempt in Parliament to increase them. (The Government was defeated by 27 rebel Tory MPs voting alongside the SNP and Labour.) So eager would-be shoppers will have to wait until after the 2020 election before the Government revisits plans.

*Pentecost (15<sup>th</sup> May) celebrates the birthday of the Church – so a somewhat major event in world church history! This article will run to about two pages – but we think, for such an important milestone, it is well worth it. The Rev Roger Roberts, former senior pastor of International Baptist Church in Brussels, considers...*

## **The unstoppable power unleashed at Pentecost**

Nine days after the Ascension of Jesus, and 49 days after his crucifixion, the Jews were doing what they always did this time of year, preparing for the Feast of Ingathering, or Harvest. It was held 50 days after the Passover, and with it, life in Israel looked set to return to normal, with Jesus well on the way to becoming just a memory.

So no one paid any attention to a small group of Jesus' disciples who had gathered in a house in Jerusalem. There were only about 120 of them, and they were quiet and kept to themselves. The Jews, if they thought about it at all, would have assumed they were still grieving their lost leader. But the disciples, far from grieving Jesus' death, were eagerly awaiting for him to send them a present.... Though they did not understand exactly what it might be.

All they knew was that Jesus was alive, and that before He had ascended to heaven, He had told them to go to Jerusalem and wait there together for "the gift my father has promised" (Acts 1:4) He had said: "stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." (Luke 24:49) These disciples, though they did not know it then, were already acting as the future church – the *ecclesia*, which literally means 'called-out ones'. For those disciples stuck together, together they waited for God's blessing.

As with them, so with us today: even though each conversion is intensely personal, we are not converted to be alone in our faith. Far from it! We are not saved to solitude, but to a life in the fellowship of the Church. Jesus has ordained that His followers, TOGETHER, be His family on earth, His witness to the world.

But it has never been a family built on likeness – the believers in the house that day came from very different backgrounds – from right-wing conservatives (Matthew) to radical left-wing zealots (Simon). There were some straight-forward fishermen and even women, for good measure. From the day of its birth, Jesus' family would include all kinds of people who would find their unity in Him.



The first thing the disciples did was to get down to the business of praying. They did not try and unite themselves by long discussions with each other. It was the “joining together constantly in prayer” (verse 14) that brought them together.

The 19<sup>th</sup> Century London pastor FB Meyer expressed well what awaited those disciples “The task that awaited that little group was one of unparalleled difficulty. ...They were to disciple all nations, speaking different languages, scattered over the vast Roman Empire, which extended from the Atlantic to the Far East. ... They were to substitute Christianity for paganism, as the foundation of a new type of civilization. ...In fact, humanly speaking and without exaggeration, it depended on that tiny group of unknown and ordinary men and women, whether the Incarnation and Death, the Resurrection and Ascension, of the Son of God would obtain the audience and acceptance of mankind.”

Today the Christian Church faces the same challenge – of making Christ known. We can do “business as usual” in our strength and by our resources. But great manifestations of God’s saving, healing and restoring power come only as God’s people “stay for the Spirit” and “wait for the gift” as Jesus commanded (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4).

Each of us would do well to “ask, seek and knock” for God’s fullness day by day, if we are to enjoy His full anointing of power on our lives and ministry. We all ‘leak’, and need the continual in-filling that comes from abiding, persistent prayer.

It was out of the context of prayer that this incipient church in Jerusalem was preparing for the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. For God’s fullness in our lives and awakening in our church today we must believe that He is able and willing to fulfill His highest purpose for us. He wants to give us His “good gifts,” namely, His Holy Spirit in fullness.

That day in Jerusalem, when the Holy Spirit arrived in all His fullness, Peter stood up and preached the first ever Christian sermon to the astonished Jews in the city. So - the Jesus their rulers had crucified at Passover was not dead after all! That Jesus WAS the Messiah, and He was alive! 3,000 were converted that same day. In the power of the Spirit, the Church was born – and growing fast!

# Hymns based on scripture

*This article is taken from a book belonging to Helen Morrow's father called GREAT HYMNS by W. J. Limmer Sheppard.*

## The Dying Rector's Message

Some sixty years ago the young Rector (Dudley Atkins Tyng) of the church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia, had incurred the resentment of his congregation on account of his bold declarations from the pulpit that to hold a fellow-creature in slavery was a sin. Most of his congregation owned slaves, a common practice in those days, and their indignation was such that the young Rector was obliged to resign his charge.

A large hall in the city was then taken for him by some of his friends, in which he continued his ministry with marked success. One Sunday he preached to a huge gathering of five thousand men from the words (Exodus10:11): "*Go now, ye that are men, and serve the Lord,*" and it is said that after the service a thousand of his hearers signed a pledge to yield their lives to God.

On the following Wednesday he was in a barn, where a mule was working a piece of farm machinery; Mr. Tyng went to pat the animal, when a cogwheel caught his sleeve, his arm being dragged into the machine and torn off. On the following Sunday, immediately before his death, he was asked if he desired to send any message to his congregation. He then uttered the memorable words, the last that fell from his lips, "*Tell them to stand up for Jesus.*"

One of his friends, Dr. Duffield, was inspired by this last message from the dying man to write the well known hymn, "*Stand up, stand up for Jesus!*" which he read to the congregation after preaching his friend's funeral sermon the next Sunday. One verse of the original, now invariably omitted, had special reference to Mr. Tyng's tragic death:

*Stand up, stand up for Jesus! -  
Each soldier to his post;  
Close up the broken column  
And shout throughout the host;  
Make up the loss so heavy  
In those that still remain;  
And prove to all around you  
That death itself is gain.*

# Stuff about West Bromwich you may not know

- \* A severe earthquake was recorded in West Bromwich on the 4th January, 1676.
- \* In the 17th century West Bromwich boasted a giant. He was the village blacksmith named Walter Parsons and is said to have been 7ft 6 in. in height. He later became a porter at the household of King James 1.
- \* During the Civil War between King Charles 1 and Cromwell, the Whorwoods of Sandwell Hall sided with the king, whilst the Turtons of the Oak House were Cromwell supporters.
- \* In 1731 a journey from West Bromwich to London by stagecoach would take about 2.5 days, and cost one guinea single fare.(A pound in 1731 is worth about £1512 today).
- \* Izons and Co. were the first makers of cast iron hollowware in England in 1780.
- \* In 1832 there were no less than 62 coal-pits in West Bromwich.
- \* The Town Hall was opened in 1875 and cost £18,000 to build.
- \* Farley Clock Tower at Carters Green stands 65 feet above ground level, including plinths. It was erected in 1897 in recognition of the services rendered to the Borough by Alderman Reuben Farley.
- \* The Public Library building was opened in June, 1907.
- \* The highest point in West Bromwich is at the junction of Beeches Road and Thynne Street, which is 567.83 feet above sea level.
- \* During the years 1719 to 1769 a public house situated in Dagger Lane called "The Bear and Ragged Staff" was kept by a Richard Reeves whose nickname was 'Old Sot'. Since then this part of Dagger Lane has been known as 'Sots Hole'.

*(Taken from A Short History of West Bromwich)*

*We continue our column that looks at memorable dates in the month (this time, May) down the years.*

## **ALL IN THE MONTH OF MAY**

200 years ago:- on 12<sup>th</sup> May 1816 that Edmund Beckett, 1<sup>st</sup> Baron Grimthorpe, British lawyer and horologist was born. Best known for designing the mechanism for the clock at the Palace of Westminster. The clock is commonly known as Big Ben, though the name refers to the clock's Great Bell.

90 years ago:- on 3<sup>rd</sup> May (to 13<sup>th</sup>) 1926 that the General Strike occurred in the UK. About 1.7 million workers went on strike in support of miners who faced pay cuts and worsening conditions. The strike was unsuccessful.

80 years ago:- on 7<sup>th</sup> May 1936 that British aviator Amy Johnson made the fastest-ever solo flight from Gravesend, England to Cape Town, South Africa.

75 years ago:- on 6<sup>th</sup> May 1941 that Joseph Stalin became Premier of the Soviet Union.

70 years ago:- on 11<sup>th</sup> May 1946 that the first CARE packages arrived for Europe to help people starving after WWII. (The first CARE packages were surplus US Army rations.)

65 years ago:- on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1951 that the Festival of Britain and the Royal Festival Hall were opened.

Also 65 years ago:- on 25<sup>th</sup> May 1951 that British spies Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean fled to Moscow. They were members of the infamous Cambridge spy ring.

50 years ago:- on 6<sup>th</sup> May 1966 that the Moors Murderers, Ian Brady and Myra Hindley, were sentenced to life imprisonment in the UK. Their five victims were aged 10 to 17.

30 years ago:- on 9<sup>th</sup> May 1986 that Tenzing Norgay, (Sherpa Tenzing), Tibetan/Nepalese mountaineer, died. He and Sir Edmund Hillary were the first people to reach the summit of Mount Everest in June 1953.

20 years ago:- on 21<sup>st</sup> May 1996 that BSE (mad cow disease) led to the British Government adopting a policy of non-cooperation with the European Union, when it refused to ease a ban on British beef.

Also 15 years ago:- on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2001 that the body of British racing driver Donald Campbell was recovered from the bottom of Coniston Water in Cumbria. (He was killed when his speedboat crashed and sank during a record attempt in January 1967.)

# People and News

## Birthday Celebrations - May 2016

8th Delphi



27th Madeline



*Happy Birthday to you  
Happy Birthday to you  
May God Bless you and keep you  
Happy Birthday to you.*

*Happy Birthday to you  
To Jesus be true  
May the Lord bless you richly  
In all that you do*

## Remembrance - May 2016

**1st** In memory of Horace and May Richards. May I follow their

**8th** Mr & Mrs Robinson - To thank God for the gift of our daughter Deborah.

**15th** In loving memory of my beloved mother, from V.S.

**22nd** Mr & Mrs F. Sedgeley - A thank offering for a happy married life and the precious gift of a son.

**29th** Mr & Mrs Williams - All our loved ones in God's presence.

*Grant unto them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them . May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

## SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER TIME

Every Sunday morning at 10.00am before the morning service there is a time for quiet prayer. All welcome. Please join us if you are able.

## TUESDAY EVENING PRAYER TIME

Every Tuesday evening at 8.00pm.

A time time for open intercession or quiet prayer run by Kevin. All welcome. Please join us if you are able.



**West Bromwich Food Bank** - in April in addition to the generously donated food parcels, **£30** in cash, donated by Holy Trinity congregation was also handed over. Many thanks for your very kind and generous gifts.



## PCF ROMANIAN STREET CHILDREN'S FUND.

Many, many thanks to everyone who supports this Fund. We sent £652 at the beginning of April which is the highest amount we have ever sent. Many thanks again for giving to the needs of these children and helping them to know the love of Jesus. Those of you who have read the Annual report will know that I am asking for your thoughts on whether we continue our interest in this Fund. We started in 2000 but latterly have lost touch a bit with their work, we haven't had a speaker for a couple of years and several people who contributed are no longer with us. Please let me know what you think.

**God Bless, Christine.**

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### MIDWEEK MORNING PRAYER TIME

Every Monday and Wednesday mornings at 8.00am there is a time for quiet prayer. All welcome.

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### TUESDAY MORNING PRAYER TIME and BIBLE STUDY 9.30 AM All Welcome



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### League of Friends Sandwell Hospital

### WELCOME THE DONATIONS of BOOKS and MAGAZINES

### PLEASE KEEP THEM COMING

If you need any further information please see Madeline Page.  
Thank you all very much



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### West Bromwich Food Bank

The Food Bank collect and stores food ready to freely distribute to individuals or families in crisis (who cannot afford to feed themselves).

- \* Milk (UHT or powdered) \* Sugar (500g) \* Fruit juice (carton) \* Soup
- \* Pasta sauces \* Sponge pudding (tinned) \* Tomatoes (tinned)
- \* Cereals \* Rice pudding (tinned)
- \* Tea Bags/instant coffee
- \* Instant mash potato
- \* Rice/pasta \* Tinned meat/fish
- \* Tinned fruit \* Jam \* Biscuits or snack bars \* Or cash donation



# Events for your diary



Christ Church  
Fenton

**Tommy Merry writes, I have been appointed as Team Vicar of Christ Church Fenton and St Paul Mount Pleasant. Part of the Stoke Team. Licensing will be [Sunday 5th June](#) at Christ Church Fenton [at 4pm](#).**



Blessings, Fr Tommy



The Queen's Christian faith is well-known. In recent years, Her Majesty has referred to her beliefs in public statements, including Christmas broadcasts.

*The Servant Queen and the King She Serves* highlights the Queen's faith and how it has shaped her personal life and service to the nation. A 12-page schools version has been published by Scripture Union.

Copies of *The Servant Queen and the King She Serves* are available in packs of 10 at £1 a copy (plus p&p). Visit [www.hopetogether.org.uk/thequeen](http://www.hopetogether.org.uk/thequeen) to order copies and for ideas on how to hold a street party and Thanksgiving service.



**Holy Trinity's Big  
Weekend Away**



**Weekend away at Quinta Christian Centre Shropshire  
Friday 30th September - 2nd October**

It will cost £50 per person for the weekend away, £18 for the day on Saturday. Our aim is to raise £3500 as a church family for 70 people to come along. If you want to come, please book and give what you can towards coming. If you can't give much, don't worry, it's more important that everyone who wants to come is there.



# Two important Holy Trinity events for your diary



West Bromwich Churches Together meet for Pentecost meal. All Welcome.  
“A Feast for All Nations”



Sunday May 15th @ Holy Trinity Church,  
Burlington Road, West Bromwich B70 6LF

Bring and share meal @ 5.30pm in church hall followed by church service @ 6.30pm.



175th Holy Trinity Church Anniversary  
*Saturday & Sunday 11th & 12th June*

Planning well underway for these two special days of celebration. The celebrations will include an exhibition of photographs and history, parade through the parish followed by refreshments in church, craft and other stalls on **Saturday 11th June** and special services on **Sunday 12th** followed by lunch, games in churchyard and afternoon tea.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to cover the two day events. If you would like to volunteer for any part of the celebrations please sign up on the list at back of church. If you are interested in providing and manning a stall please also fill in the list stating what part you are interested in. If you can please sign up and make this anniversary a very special time.

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