



Growing Faith

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A thought for Pentecost

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In this Growing Faith bulletin, we are going to explore the Feast of Pentecost. Pentecost occurs ten days after Ascension Day, the day on which we commemorate the bodily taking up of the resurrected Jesus to join his Father in heaven. Before going to his Father, Jesus promised us a helper, and on Pentecost, sometimes called Whit Sunday, we give thanks for that helper, the Holy Spirit.

“you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

After he said this, Jesus was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ‘Men of Galilee,’ they said, ‘why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.’”

Acts 1:8-12

A few days after Jesus’ Ascension, we read of how the Disciples, who must have been fearful at a time when it was dangerous to be a follower of the Lord, are gathered together in a room. We have a sense of some very anxious people, literally in fear of their lives, and now without Jesus, they must have been terrified for the future. I love the story of how the Holy Spirit arrives. He enters the room in a whoosh of wind and comes to rest on the heads of all the Disciples:

“Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit.”

Acts 2:2-3

The Holy Spirit may not always be so obviously physically present with us in this day and age, but He still rests upon our heads and fills all Christians strengthening us to go about our daily lives loving and serving God.

I pray that during this wonderful time of Pentecost, we might all listen to the promptings of the Spirit, and listening to them, show God’s love to the world in everything we do.

Song for the Reflection



Sing along or sit and reflect as we worship together.

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever –”

John 14:16

Teen Tip

By Jonathan, Year 8:

An idea for creative prayer:

“Each person is asked to think about a topic for prayer. Next, everyone is given a small piece of paper, where they can draw something based on their thoughts. The pieces of paper are placed in a container, which is shaken, and then everyone chooses one at random. They then think of a prayer to say related to the image.”

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

- Romans 5:13

Church Support

Church Services

Please visit these church websites to see when their services are taking place:

Great Harwood Christian Fellowship: [Website](#)

St John's and St Augustine's Church, Huncoat: [YouTube channel](#)

St Peter and St Paul's Church, Rishton: [Facebook Page](#)

St. John's Church, Baxenden: [Website](#)

Peel Street Baptist Church: [Website](#)

All Saints Church, Clayton-le-Moors: [Facebook Page](#)

School Song

Why not sing along to 'Way Maker' as we worship together.



A few prayers for Ukraine

Written by various pupils,
from a prayer station in School:


“Father God, take all these people to a place where they can meet the risen Christ, especially those who are innocent – in both Ukraine and Russia.”



“We pray for the refugees, and that they get to a safe place, and also that Putin will have a change of heart.”

“We pray for hope and love, and for God to be glorified through all that is happening and will happen.”

Amen



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