


Worship... Service ... Witness ... in the name of Jesus

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Worship and Fellowship Pentecost 23 May 2021

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What's On This Week....

Monday 24 May
Office Closed
4.15 - 8.00pm Dinky Divas

Tuesday 25 May
Office Closed
5.00 - 6.00pm Dinky Divas
7.15 - 8.45pm Yoga Group

Wednesday 26 May
Office Closed
9.00am Zoom Prayer Group (See Notices)
7.30 - 8.30pm Happy Feet Dance Group

Thursday 27 May
Office Closed
6.45 - 7.45pm Dinky Divas
7.00pm Zoom Church Council Meeting

Friday 28 May
Office Closed

Saturday 29 May
11.00am - 12.30pm Dinky Divas

Collect for the Day

To ponder and pray
God who at this time taught the hearts
of your faithful people by sending to
them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant
us by the same Spirit to have a right
judgement in all things and evermore
to rejoice in his holy comfort; through
the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and for ever. **Amen.**

**Come and join us on
Sunday, 30 May 2021
at Church or on Zoom**

Trinity Sunday
10.30am Morning Worship
led by Rev Dr Paul Nzacahayo

**10.30am Pentecost/Holy Communion
led by Rev Peggy Heim
in Church and on Zoom**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come Holy Spirit *wake us to your presence.*
Come Holy Spirit *blow through the church.*
Come Holy Spirit *enter our worship.*
Come Holy Spirit *and rest on each of us.*
Come Holy Spirit, come. Amen.

StF 388 Let Every Christian Pray

Let every Christian pray,
this day, and every day,
come, Holy Spirit, come!
Was not the Church we love
commissioned from above?
Come, Holy Spirit, come!

The Spirit brought to birth
the Church of Christ on earth
to seek and save the lost:
God never has withdrawn
since that tremendous dawn,
those gifts of Pentecost.

Always the Spirit strove
to teach her how to love:
come, Holy Spirit, come!
Age after age, anew,
she proved the Gospel true:
come, Holy Spirit, come!

Only the Spirit's power
can fit us for this hour:
come, Holy Spirit, come!
Instruct, inspire, unite;
and make us see the light:
come, Holy Spirit, come!

Fred Pratt Green

PRAYERS OF PRAISE* AND CONFESSION

Spirit of God, flickering over our heads,
illuminating our faces,
inspiring our thoughts and actions,
give us now we pray ***words of joy and praise.***

Stratton Street

Sunday Service in Church 11.00am. Local Arrangement.

Upper Ettingshall

Sunday Service in Church at 11.00am with Revd John Barratt.

Wombourne

Sunday Service in Church at 10.30am with Brenda Shuttleworth.

Coven
 Sunday Service in Church at 10.30am. Local Arrangement. Spaces Limited.

Cranmer
 Sunday Service in Church at 11.00am with Revd Chris Collins.

East Park
 Sunday Service in Church at 11.00am with Alan Black.

Fallings Park
 Sunday Service in Church at 11.00am with Revd Sam Hagerman.

Fordhouses
 Not open for worship but you are welcome to join other acts of worship around the Circuit.

Hurst Hill
 Sunday Service on Zoom at 11.00am with Revd Steve Jackson. Zoom link available on request from Revd Steve Jackson.

Lanesfield
 Sunday Service in Church at 10.30am. Local Arrangement.

Rakegate
 Sunday Service in Church at 10.30am with Dr. Janet Anderson.

St. Andrew's
 Sunday Service in Church at 10.30am with Revd Barry Welch, also live streamed on YouTube channel at "ST ANDREWS CHURCH SEDGLEY" and is accessible during the week. www.youtube.com/watch?v=qrwvypBKFcY

St. John's
 Sunday Service on Zoom at 11.00am with Revd Steve Jackson. Zoom link available on request from Revd Steve Jackson.

Springdale
 Sunday Service in Church and on Zoom at 10.30am with Rev Donald Ryan. Zoom link available on request from Janet Fenney or Revd Teddy Siwila.

Stowlawn
 Not open for worship but you are welcome to join other acts of worship around the Circuit.

Spirit of God, filling our hearts with hope,
 steadying our nerves with peace,
 comforting our lives with love,
 give us now we pray ***words of joy and praise.***

Spirit of God, come to us now –
 flowing through our lives,
 sweeping over our weariness –
 so that in this time of Pentecost,
 the sparkling light of faith,
 the rushing wind of hope
 and the joyful sound of praise
 may echo around the world,
 may echo in the Church,
 and find their response in us.
 Spirit of God, give us now we pray ***words of joy and peace. Amen.***

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace. Come into the brokenness of our lives and our world with your healing love. Help us to be willing to bow before you in true repentance, and to bow to one another in real forgiveness. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts and consume the pride and prejudice which separate us. Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love, which casts out our fear, and bind us together in that unity which you share with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

Silence

Hear the good news, if we truly repent and turn to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

READINGS: Romans 8: 22 - 27 read by Phil Shuttleworth
 Acts 2: 1 - 21 read by Ann Holt

*When the Day of Pentecost Came**

When the day of Pentecost came there was a noise...like a strong wind blowing.

Wind to blow away the cobwebs of our tradition.
 Wind to freshen our faces and awaken us to the challenges of today.
 Wind to fill our sails and send us on a voyage of spiritual discovery.
 Wind of the Spirit, blow strongly through the Church and enliven us with the breath of God.

They saw tongues of fire.

Fire to burn away the rubbish in our lives.
Fire for spiritual heat to 'strangely warm' our hearts.
Fire to light a beacon of hope for the people in our communities.
Fire of the Spirit, blaze away in the Church and set us on fire for the Gospel.

They heard the believers speaking in their own languages.

Speaking in a way that people can understand.
Speaking to real needs, having something to say on real issues.
Speaking so our neighbours want to listen.
Words of the Spirit, speak to us and through us, that we may preach the living Word.

But others said: 'These people are drunk!'

Perhaps they were:
Drunk on the new wine of the Kingdom of God.
High on the power of the Holy Spirit –
celebrating the birth of the Church of Jesus Christ.

Holy Spirit of God, inspire and excite us as we celebrate in worship,
and empower the work and witness of your Church today. **Amen.**

SERMON

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION*

Spirit of fire, inflame in us a passion for justice and equality:
***that we may know the cleansing of our prejudices and fears and
proclaim your freedom boldly, embracing your earth with humility.***

Spirit of compassion, infuse us with your longings for wholeness and
happiness:
***that we may reach out to those who are hurting and disordered,
enfolding one another with your love and tenderness.***

Spirit of wisdom, be within us in our journeying, gently guiding us
along right paths:
***that we may know your acceptance of us, and freely accept and
embrace others.***

Spirit of power, hold us in our powerlessness:
***that we may know your strength and become a voice for the
voiceless, healing for the wounded and empowerment for the weak.***

Spirit of judgement, be tender with us and show us your mercy:
***that we may humbly learn of you and not be afraid to be your
prophets in the world.***

Opportunities for Worship and Prayer around the Circuit

*If you need help accessing information for on-line worship, please
contact Revd Christopher Collins: christopher.collins@methodist.org.uk*

"SOUL SPACE" a Sunday evening gathering for quiet and reflective
worship lasting about forty minutes. We will share simple prayers,
readings, poetry, quietness and reflective music. We meet on Zoom at
6.30pm. on the 2nd Sunday of the month. For zoom details please
contact Rev Chris Collins.

Midweek Opportunities

Brewood

Evening Prayer on a Tuesday and Friday at 7.45pm, online or by
phone. Details from Helen Share.

Codsall

Evening Prayer on a Tuesday and Friday at 7.45pm, online or by
phone. Details from Helen Share.

Coven

Evening Prayer on a Tuesday and Friday at 7.45pm, online or by
phone. Details from Helen Share.

Worship on Sunday, 23 May 2021 - Pentecost

Beckminster

Sunday Service in Church and on Zoom at 10.30am with Revd Peggy
Heim. Zoom link available on request from Sue Lorimer.

Bilston

Sunday Service in Church at 11.00am with Revd William Davis.

Bradley

Not open for worship but you are welcome to join other acts of
worship around the Circuit.

Brewood

Sunday Service on Zoom at 10.30am with Jon Curtis. Zoom link
available on request from Helen Share.

Codsall

Sunday Service in Church and on Zoom at 10.30am with Jon Curtis.
Zoom link available on request from Helen Share.

BIBLE MONTH JUNE 2021. A four week study of the Gospel of Mark will be held on Wednesdays beginning on 9 June on Zoom from 7.00 - 8.30pm.

In preparation for this, perhaps those wishing to join might read the whole of Mark's Gospel — the shortest of the gospels.

Would those wishing to participate please let Sue know so that resources might be made available before the studies begin and the Zoom link made available. The Worship Team.

DISTRICT METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN. Our next gathering is on Wednesday morning 26 May at 10.30am. We are delighted that the National President of Methodist Women in Britain, Hilary Evans, has agreed to be our speaker. She'll be telling us about her visit to Mexico, where she visited the projects near the US border where migrants were being fed and cared for. We hope your Circuit will be well represented.

A reminder that our Swanwick Conference will be held on-line, from Monday, 7 June to Wednesday, 9 June with sessions at various times, allowing short breaks between the two hours of each session. If anyone who was not booked to attend the original conference would like to join us, please would you get in touch with me or Dilys Jones, or one of your circuit contacts who will have our details. We're asking each new participant to contribute £5 towards the costs of the virtual conference. We look forward to seeing as many as possible! Pauline Beattie.

For zoom details please contact Sue.

Christian Aid - 300,000 Steps Challenge

Last year we were unable to reach out into the community with our Christian Aid Week house-to-house collection which is such a valuable source of income for the charity, and, although we learned very recently that a May 2021 house-to-house might be possible, UK supporters are encouraged to seek other means of fundraising too. Brenda Shuttleworth, a self-confessed couch potato, is taking the Christian Aid challenge to walk 300,000 steps (equivalent to about 120 miles) during May on behalf of the Wolverhampton Christian Aid committee. She will set out at 10.00am on Saturday, 1 May from the canal bridge at Newbridge, walking towards Compton.

If you would like to support her, you can do so by going to her Just Giving page - <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Brenda-Shuttleworth> or by sending a cheque payable to Wolverhampton Christian Aid to John Bate, 79 Cranmere Avenue, Wolverhampton, WV6 8TR, including your name address and post code if you are indicating that you wish to Gift Aid.

If you would like to walk with Brenda one day, (max. 4 miles), please ring her on 01902 330002 to arrange details.

Spirit of comfort, draw near to us in all grief, confusion and pain:
in your graciousness, bring hope, consolation and renewal that many look up and discover you in their midst.

Spirit of dance, be our playfulness:

that we may laugh and enter your joy.

Give us confidence in life and assurance in death. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR GIFTS

God of wind, word, and fire, we thank you for the sending the light and strength of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for all the gifts, great and small, that you have given us. Accept our gifts of money, time and talents and help us to share your generous love in our homes, our neighbourhoods and around the world. **Amen.**

STF 588 I Come With Joy

I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here.

Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one.

Brian Wren

HOLY COMMUNION FOR PENTECOST

STF 415 The Church of Christ in Every Age

The Church of Christ, in every age
beset by change but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live until they die.

Then let the servant Church arise,
a caring Church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity.

For he alone whose blood was shed,
can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread
and feed the starving multitude.

We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord:
to care for all without reserve,
and spread his liberating word.

Fred Pratt Green

BLESSING

***God of power,
may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,
may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,
and may the gifts of your Spirit equip us to serve and worship you
now and always. Amen.***

**Prayers of Praise and Intercession and When the Day of Pentecost
Came from Fire and Bread by Ruth Burgess Wild Goose Publications.*

**The Plants in Church for May
are in loving memory of:**

Charles and Connie Sutton

Parents of Loraine and the late Rob Harris

CHURCH OFFICE is closed at the present time so if you need to
contact me ring on my home number or email. Many thanks. Sue.

ZOOM PRAYER MEETING on a Wednesday at 9.00am. All are
welcome and for further details please contact Sue.

ALAN CAUSER. Our thoughts and prayers are with Betty and the
family following the sudden passing of Alan on Tuesday, 4 May 2021.
Alan's funeral will take place on Friday, 11 June 2021 at 1.30pm at
Gornal Wood Crematorium and due to restrictions family only.

MARIAN MUNROE. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of
Marian following her passing in hospital on Monday, 10 May 2021.

REV. PAUL NZACAHAYO'S SABBATICAL. Please be advised that I will
be on Sabbatical from 1 June to 31 August 2021. For pastoral
concerns, weddings, funerals and baptisms, please contact Sue
Lorimer, our Church Secretary and Pastoral Co-ordinator. Sue will
have all the information required to organise the ministerial response
to any of the above enquiries.

Best wishes
Paul Nzacahayo

EASTER OFFERING. Thank you for your generous donations to the
Easter Offering for the World Mission Fund organised by Methodist
Women in Britain. The total for Beckminster this year was £323 with
an additional £68.75 to be added through gift aid.

CHRISTMAS POST. Total for JMA £388.75 (£345 was collected after a
couple of later donations and with gift aid added of £43.75 by
Methodist Head Office). I know that at least 3 other people donated
directly online to JMA. Thank you to all those who have handed their
JMA boxes into me for emptying this month. Many thanks for your
continued support for JMA. Val Pollard.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY. Farewell Service for Revd. Barry and Revd.
Chris on Sunday, 18 July at 6.00pm at St. Andrew's Church, Sedgley.

300,000 Step Challenge for Christian Aid. Brenda will have
completed three quarters of her challenge by the time you read this
and is very grateful for all the support she has received from friends,
both in terms of giving, as well as prayerful support and company on
the journey.

If you would like to join Brenda for a final lap round West Park, she
will be leaving from the bandstand at 10.30am on Saturday, 29 May.
We can reward ourselves with a cup of coffee at the cafe afterwards.