

Hello everyone,

This Sunday is the Day of Pentecost, also known as Whit Sunday. We celebrate Pentecost as the day the Holy Spirit descended to Jesus' disciples. Unlike the apostles, we may not feel rushing winds or tongues of flames as we gather together but this Pentecost we are again reminded that the Spirit is with us, still calling us to share his message of love and salvation.



Services this week:

This Sunday at 10.00am there will be services of Holy Communion at Appleby and Donisthorpe, and Morning Worship at Packington and Measham.

Looking ahead:

Activeage meet on Wednesday at 11.00am in Measham Church Hall.

Packington & Normanton Ladies Group are meeting for their Annual Afternoon Tea on Wednesday at 3pm at The Lakeside Bistro in Moira.

Kids Kingdom Baby & Toddler group is on Thursday morning between 9.00 and 11.00am in Appleby Church Hall.

Woodfield Singers meet every Thursday at 7.30pm in Swepstone Church Hall, all welcome.

Next Sunday (15th June) is Trinity Sunday and there will be services of Holy Communion at Normanton, Norton, and Swepstone, Breakfast Church at Measham, Sunday People at Appleby, and lay led Morning Worship at Donisthorpe, all at 10.00am.

Woodfield Team prayer

God our Father, you long to draw all people into your love.

Increase in number your church throughout the Woodfield Team;

deepen us as followers and learners of Christ;

and give us courage to share the good news of your kingdom.

We pray this in the power of your Spirit,

to the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect for Sunday 8th June - The Day of Pentecost

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,

ignite in us your holy fire;

strengthen your children with the gift of faith,

revive your Church with the breath of love,

and renew the face of the earth,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



The Holy Spirit comes at Pentecost

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: ‘Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs - we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!’ ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, ‘What does this mean?’

¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, ‘They have had too much wine.’

Peter addresses the crowd

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: ‘Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ “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.

- ¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.
- ¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.
- ²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
- ²¹ And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Prayers for today:

We pray:

Eternal Lord, you are our creator and sustainer. We bring before you the needs of our church, our world, our communities, and ourselves.

- Holy Father, we pray for our church leaders, that they will be guided in their ministry by the influence of the Holy Spirit and that the Church, in the power of the Spirit, may make the Gospel understandable to people of every race, language, and culture.
- Unified God, we pray that the Holy Spirit of Peace may unite and reconcile the peoples and nations of the earth, bringing an end to war, hatred, and discrimination. We pray for our troubled world: its peoples and their leaders. For those caught up in war, and violence, and hatred; especially the innocent victims of these evils and those who are persecuted because of their faith.
- Faithful Lord, we pray for the members of our Woodfield churches; that each of us will be open to opportunities to give of our individual talents enabling each church in our team to flourish as a witness to the “One Body” of the Church. We pray that we each may develop more fully our response to all the gifts which the Spirit bestows for the service of the Body of Christ.
- Loving Father, we pray for all those who are sick; guide them and strengthen them through their illness. We pray also for those who care for them, those engaged in the caring professions, and for family members who look after loved ones, especially children who care for parents.
- Merciful God, we pray for all those whom we love but see no more. May the Holy Spirit, who purifies us of sin and raises the dead, bring all our departed loved ones into the fullness of your presence and peace.
- Everlasting God, on this Day of Pentecost, we rejoice in the wonderful gift of your Spirit. Come Holy Spirit again into our lives, and into our world, to fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Amen.