



Useful Contact Details

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Regular at St Joe's: *You are warmly invited to all of our activities (when they start up again).*

Adventurers: for Primary School age. Every Wednesday, 4pm - 5.30pm. Come and have fun, be creative, find out more about following Jesus.

Joe's Cafe: every Saturday morning, 10am - 1pm. Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast - a range of options - and meet friends.

Place of Welcome: every Tuesday afternoon. Drop in for a cup of tea and a chance to chat with friends. 2pm - 4pm.

Stay and Play: every Wednesday morning during term time, from 9.30am-11am, for parents and 'tinies'. Just turn up.

St Joseph's Playgroup: Tuesday and Thursday mornings during term time for children 2 - 4 years. Contact Caroline or Jayne for more details.

Wednesday Circle: twice a month at 2.00pm on Wednesday afternoons.

Five Ways Lunch: Monthly Lunch Club, Wednesday 8th January 12.30pm. Please tell Rose Brettell if you wish to come.

Time Out: Tea and Coffee Afternoon, Mondays 1pm-2.30pm for parents, grandparents, carers. Informal chat with tea/coffee and cake.

Carpet bowls: Friday afternoons at 12.45pm.

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News from St Joseph's Church

'you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.' (Acts 1:8)

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ....

A Warm Welcome to Everyone!

"Without the Holy Spirit, Christian discipleship would be inconceivable, even impossible. There can be no life without the life-giver, no understanding without the Spirit of truth, no fellowship without the unity of the Spirit, no Christlikeness of character apart from His fruit, and no effective witness without His power. As a body without breath is a corpse, so the church without the Spirit is dead." (John Stott).



On the Day of Pentecost, Jesus sent His Spirit to his people so that they may become the Body of Christ, and continue His work in the world.

Pentecost gave the apostles the equipment they needed for their new role. Jesus had appointed them to be His witnesses, and now gives the Spirit so that they may have strength, courage and wisdom to fulfill this responsibility.

This is an occasion on which we witness three abnormal manifestations: wind, fire and unusual languages. The noise was not wind but sounded like it; the sight was not fire but looked like it; the languages were not normal, but audible. Whatever is going on? These signs indicate that a new era of the Spirit has begun.

In the book of Genesis, there's a story about people who thought they were clever. They thought they knew it all and had no need for God. They decided to get to heaven on their own. So they built a huge tower – the tower of Babel . Up and up, higher and higher, all the time, thinking how clever they were.

It ended in tears. Before they completed the tower, it came crashing down, and they were thrown into confusion, uttering all kinds of languages, failing to understand each other.

Pentecost is the reversal of Babel. At Babel, people are split apart by different languages. At Pentecost, people with different languages come together, hearing Peter speak in a way that they can understand. God is the answer to our deepest needs. All the wisdom and knowledge of humanity is not enough. True wisdom is not about being clever - it's about discovering God, and allowing God to fill us with His Spirit, and so meet us at our deepest points of need.

Peter says, 'Be filled with the Spirit of God'. Allow God room to live inside you so that you may be the person who God wants you to be.' That's the message of Pentecost. There's the challenge, and the promise for each one of us. 'Be filled with the Holy Spirit.'

Lockdown continues....

After 10 weeks, there still seems to be no end in sight to our lockdown experience. Life is certainly challenging!. But we continue to be the church.... Do join us on Facebook, on Zoom and on WhatsApp. If you would like to join the WhatsApp group, contact Tracey: 07718 791169.

What is God saying to you?

St Joseph's Church holds a special place in the hearts of everyone who worships here. It is a greatly loved place, and in this season that we are living through, I invite you to commit your thoughts to paper. Together, we are compiling The Lockdown Diaries. Please send Tim:

- Your memories – the times that you have enjoyed and grown in faith at St Joseph's;
- Your stories, poems, writings, prayers, as we live through this experience – ways in which God is real for you in your life;
- Your prayer – you conversation with God and your hope for the future.

We have an all-embracing church statement: For God; For you; For all. What do you have to share of your experience of God? Write your thoughts down, and give them to Tim.

Alpha Course

We do intend to hold an Alpha Course, just as soon as possible – for anyone who is interested in discovering more about the Christian faith. Please get in touch to be kept informed!

Half Night of Prayer

St Joseph's is leading the next parish-wide Half Night of Prayer. We will use the parish FB Group: Parish of Pennfields - Thy Kingdom Come Group. Find the group, and ask to become a member. There will be a 5 minute live broadcast on each hour from 7pm, and then you are invited to use the page to post your own prayers and reflections.