

## PRIMLEY CHURCH - JUNE 2025

Please remember those of our congregation and those known to us personally who are unwell, bereaved or struggling:

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June 8<sup>th</sup> - Pentecost Cake and Kite Flying - 12noon Peak Hill

June 15<sup>th</sup> - Father's Day

July 6<sup>th</sup> - Friendship Lunch 12.15pm

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JUNE	1 <sup>st</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>
Elder	Richard	Maggie	Barbara	Roger	Barbara
Door Stewards	Sue	Alison	Chrissy	Alison	Sue
COMMUNION - Jill & Barbara					
JUNE		PREACHERS			
1 <sup>st</sup>		Rev Robert Jennings Ascension Sunday			
8 <sup>th</sup>		Richard Wainwright - Pentecost			
15 <sup>th</sup>		Richard & Maggie Amigos Worldwide (Fathers' Day)			
22 <sup>nd</sup>		Rev Barbara Bennett Communion			
29 <sup>th</sup>		Bring and Share			
July 6 <sup>th</sup>		Rev Andrew Norman Friendship Lunch			

# Pentecost - The Birthday of the church.

**You are cordially invited to a birthday party!**

**When: Pentecost June 8<sup>th</sup> 10.30am**

**Where: Primley Church**

**Why: To Celebrate the Church's Birthday**

Are you confused by this invitation? Did you know that the feast of Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the Church? It is called that because Pentecost is when the apostles went out among the people and began spreading Jesus' message, thus establishing the beginning of the Church.

Pentecost (Greek for 50<sup>th</sup> day) is celebrated by Christians 50 days after Easter, and marks the day that the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles while they were cowering and hiding behind locked doors following Jesus' resurrection. After receiving the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit, the apostles immediately went out and preached Jesus' message to everyone—even those who spoke other languages. Actually, Pentecost was originally a Jewish feast that concluded the 50 days of Passover and celebrated the end of the barley harvest, plus the beginning of the wheat harvest.

The symbols of Pentecost are wind, fire and a dove. The first symbol—wind—is taken from the noise the apostles heard as the Spirit descended upon them (Acts 2:2). After the wind, flames appeared and rested upon the heads of each of the apostles (Acts 2:3).

A dove serves as a symbol of the Holy Spirit. There is no mention of a dove in Acts, but we associate a dove with the Holy Spirit because of the story about Jesus' baptism: "After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him" (Matthew 3:16).. Before the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles on Pentecost, they were afraid to go out and preach Jesus' message. Sometimes we can feel insecure about talking with people we don't know or have much in common with.

After receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the apostles were able to converse with everyone despite their different languages. Now, we may not literally speak a different language than someone else, but we could still make an effort to try to converse with people we have previously avoided or not understood..Jesus did!

So.....let's go fly a kite!!

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