**Morning Prayer on Pentecost Sunday**

Sunday 8th June 2025 at 9.30 (call in from 9.15)

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**Preparation**

 O Lord, open our lips

*All* **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us,

*All* **and clothe us with power from on high. Alleluia!**

What God has prepared for those who love him, he has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything. Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord, who has prepared good things for those who love him.

*1 Corinthians 2:9-10*

Father God,
we thank you for sending your Holy Spirit at Pentecost.
Fill our hearts with your love
and help us to seek your face.
Give us grace to turn to your world
with a burning desire to bring your love to others.
**Amen.**

Lord God,
you call people to come from many different countries.
**Thank you, Lord, that there is unity in diversity.**
You call people who speak many different languages.
**Thank you, Lord, that there is unity in diversity.**
You call people with many different gifts.
**Thank you, Lord, that there is unity in diversity.**
Lord God, we come to meet with you today,
all together in one place,
embracing and celebrating our differences.
**Thank you, Lord, that there is unity in diversity. Amen.**

**A prayer of confession**

Sometimes we try and build ourselves into a tower,
cut ourselves off from others,
forgetting that we need them too.
**Forgive us, great and glorious God,**
**and break down our barriers.**
Sometimes we turn away from people of other cultures,
just because they’re different.
**Forgive us…**
Sometimes we cling on to our own prejudices,
and don’t see diversity as a blessing.
**Forgive us…**
**Amen.**

 **Assurance of forgiveness**

Lord of every language under the sun,
you understand our every word.
But, more than that,
you read the thoughts of our hearts.
You forgive us our sins, whoever we are,
and whatever we may have done.
Lord of every language under the sun,
we rejoice in your forgiveness. **Amen.**

**The Word of God**

First Reading: Acts 2: 1-21

### The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

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

5Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. 7Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? 8Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? 9Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10Phrygia 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!” 12Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

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

14Then 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. 15These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! 16No, 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.
18Even on my servants, both men and women,
    I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
    and they will prophesy.
19I will show wonders in the heavens above
    and signs on the earth below,
    blood and fire and billows of smoke.
20The sun will be turned to darkness
    and the moon to blood
    before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
21And everyone who calls
    on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*  Thanks be to God

Psalm 104: 26-35

 **26**There the ships go to and fro,
     and Leviathan, which you formed to frolic there.

 **27**All creatures look to you
     to give them their food at the proper time.
 **28**When you give it to them,
     they gather it up;
 when you open your hand,
     they are satisfied with good things.
 **29**When you hide your face,
     they are terrified;
 when you take away their breath,
     they die and return to the dust.
 **30**When you send your Spirit,
     they are created,
     and you renew the face of the ground.

 **31**May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
     may the Lord rejoice in his works—
 **32**he who looks at the earth, and it trembles,
     who touches the mountains, and they smoke.

 **33**I will sing to the Lord all my life;
     I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.
 **34**May my meditation be pleasing to him,
     as I rejoice in the Lord.
 **35**But may sinners vanish from the earth
     and the wicked be no more.

 Praise the Lord, my soul.

 Praise the Lord.[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%20104&version=NIV#fen-NIV-15607b)]

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

*All* **as it was in the beginning,**

**is now and shall be for ever.**

**Amen.**

Second Reading: John 14: 8-17

**8**Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

**9**Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? **10**Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. **11**Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. **12**Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. **13**And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **14**You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

### Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

**15**“If you love me, keep my commands. **16**And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— **17**the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John%2014&version=NIV#fen-NIV-26686c)] in you.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*  Thanks be to God

*We pause to reflect on the readings before turning to prayer.*

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**Prayers of Intercession**

Loving God,

We ask for the gift of your Holy Spirit to help us pray as we ought.

Holy Spirit:

**Help Us.**

We ask for the energy and vision of your Spirit

for those who are tiring in the battle against injustice and oppression:

for those exhausted by the struggle with poverty and hunger.

Holy Spirit:

**Help Us.**

We ask for the hope and comfort of your Spirit

for those whose lives are overshadowed by illness or pain;

for those whose lives are darkened by sorrow or bereavement.

Holy Spirit: (Prayer list)

**Help Us.**

We ask for the peace and joy of your Spirit

for those living in the shadow of war and violence;

for those eaten up by guilt and anxiety

and whose Christian life has become hard and dry.

Holy Spirit:

**Help Us.**

We ask for the guidance and strength of your Spirit

for those uncertain how to use their time, talents and gifts;

for those tempted to do what is wrong.

Holy Spirit:

**Help Us.**

We ask for the love and courage of your Spirit

for those reaching out to comfort the distressed;

for those reaching out to others with the Good News of Christ.

Holy Spirit:

**Help Us.**

Loving God,

We ask for the assurance of your Spirit to know your presence with us in our daily lives:

in our relationships;

in our work and service;

in our worship;

in our times of joy and pain.

Holy Spirit:

**Help Us.**

Collect for Pentecost Sunday

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.

*All*  **Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

*All* **Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours**

**now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

Blessing

The Spirit of truth lead us into all truth,

give us grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,

and strengthen us

to proclaim the word and works of God;

And the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among us and remain with us

and those whom we love and pray for

today and always.

*All* **Amen.**

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**What’s on ….**

**Exe Valley Community Lunches**

The next lunch is at Stoodleigh Village Hall on June 12th from 12.30pm. Please let the church office know if you will be joining us and if you need transport.

**Prayer Breakfast**

The next prayer breakfast with Steph at The Rectory Withleigh is on 28 June at 9.00am. Everyone is welcome.

**Bible Study**

Our next Bible Study is on June 10th at The Cottage Washfield at 2.30pm with Tim Gorringe.

**Prayer Chain**

The Exe Valley Mission Community are starting a telephone prayer chain. If you like to be included for prayer or know someone who would like to be included, please contact Steph at the church office 01884 250417. Only first initials will be used on the prayer chain to ensure total confidentiality.

**Coffee and Chat with Steph**

Steph will be at Banburys from 10.15am on Friday June 20th for coffee and a chat if you would like to join her.

**Discipleship Course**

Please join us as we continue with our discipleship course at the Rectory Withleigh. The next meeting will be on Thursday June 19th at 11.00am and 7.00pm

**Withleigh 8 June**

Withleigh’s service on June 8th will take the form of a ‘Songs of Praise’ to celebrate the refurbishment of the organ. The guest organist will be Paul Whitty, son of Rev. Harold Whitty. Refreshments will be served from 10am onwards and the service will start at 10.45am. All are welcome at this service and the collection will go to the organ fund.

**Contacting Church Office**

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