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John 14: 8-17, 25 - 27 (NLT)

⁸ Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied."

⁹ Jesus replied, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don't know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! So why are you asking me to show him to you?"

¹⁰ Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I speak are not my own, but my Father who lives in me does his work through me.

¹¹ Just believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. Or at least believe because of the work you have seen me do.

¹² "I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father.

¹³ You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father.

¹⁴ Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!

Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

¹⁵ "If you love me, obey my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. ¹⁷ He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.

²⁵ I am telling you these things now while I am still with you.

²⁶ But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.

²⁷ "I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid.



Pentecost

Today is the day that we celebrate the birthday of the Church. The day that the Church really got its start.

The day of Pentecost is when we remember God sent the Holy Spirit to His people just as Jesus had promised that He would.

As we celebrate the birth of the Church, let's remember that the Holy Spirit is still alive and at work in us today like He was in the people of the early church. ~ from S4K

- 1 O let the Son of God Enfold you
With His Spirit and His love
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul
O let Him have the things that hold you
And His Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make it whole
[Chorus]
Jesus, O Je e sus, come and fill Your lambs
Jesus, O Je e sus, come and fill Your lambs
- 2 O come and sing this song with gladness
As your hearts are filled with joy
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name
O give Him all your tears and sadness
Give Him all your years of pain
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs
[Chorus]

~ John Wimber

If wars can be started by lies, peace can be started by truth. ~ Julian Assange

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IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Daryl Lush, who caught Covid whilst in hospital recovering from surgery in Sydney.
- We continue to pray for the situation in the Middle East.
- Thank you, Father, that the filling of Lake Eyre is a positive result after the devastating Queensland floods.
- We pray for the many people within our Tamworth parishes who are experiencing health problems at the moment.
- We pray for an awareness of the Holy Spirit, and an open-ness to its' leading, throughout our world.

Meg's Musings

It is the weekend when we celebrate the birthday of the church.

The church is made up of "saints" - followers of Jesus.

I've had the good-fortune of knowing lots of wonderful saints over my lifetime.

Many of those saints are now with God. But they also still live on in my heart.

I've been blessed by knowing so many friends whose Christian life was a shining example to the many people around them.

They weren't people who preached their faith - they lived it, day by day, and moment by moment.

The Holy Spirit can help us, too, to live meaningful lives which can impact in a positive way on the people around us.

Blessing from Meg



I have found that the only thing that does bring you happiness is doing something good for somebody who is incapable of doing it for themselves.

~ David Letterman

PEEL VALLEY CONGREGATION

Our goal: "To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."

Mission: "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."

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Tamworth Regional Uniting Churches Minister's reflection

This week we celebrate the coming down of the Holy Spirit on the gathered. John 14:25-27 speaks of Jesus'; promise to send the Holy Spirit, known as the helper, counsellor, or Advocate, to guide and remind believers of his teachings. Jesus offers peace as a parting gift, emphasizing that believers will not be left alone or trouble.

It was when the first disciples were sitting around together, just like a church of today, that they suddenly experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit. Things looked different. The world was transformed before them. So profound was this experience that when they moved outwards to the people around them, those meeting them marvelled at what they could hear within themselves – gifts of hope and new dreams for the future, all in their own languages. We see that in our services each week within the life of the church in Tamworth.

My reflection on the Holy Spirit is that the Holy Spirit is not a passive presence but actively intervenes in the lives of believers, leading and guiding us in truth and helping us discern God's call in each person's life, but particularly the life of the church. This passage highlights the importance of the church as the body of Christ, where believers are called to love, serve, and support one another under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Can we imagine, today, ways of being with the people around us which would feel as though we are speaking and relating across barriers of class, culture, race and age? What would we "say" in that meeting? Do we still have the cloud of joy around us and within us which is our celebration of the gifts of the Holy Spirit? Or do we, sometimes, take for granted gifts that are here?

Rev Sam



Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world. ~ Desmond Tutu

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Peel Valley Congregation is currently collecting items for children.



Acts 2:1-21 (NLT)

The Holy Spirit Comes

2 On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. ² Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. ³ Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. ⁴ And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

⁵ At that time there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem. ⁶ When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers.

⁷ They were completely amazed. "How can this be?" they exclaimed. "These people are all from Galilee, ⁸ and yet we hear them speaking in our own native languages! ⁹ Here we are—Parthians, Medes, Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, the province of Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, and the areas of Libya around Cyrene, visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans, and Arabs. And we all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done!" ¹² They stood there amazed and perplexed. "What can this mean?" they asked each other. ¹³ But others in the crowd ridiculed them, saying, "They're just drunk, that's all!"

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The brick walls are there for a reason.
The brick walls are not there to keep us out. The brick walls are there to give us a chance to show how badly we want something.

Because the brick walls are there to stop the people who don't want it badly enough. They're there to stop the other people. ~ Randy Pausch

Acts 2:1-21 (NLT)

Peter Preaches to the Crowd

¹⁴ Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, "Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as some of you are assuming. Nine o'clock in the morning is much too early for that. ¹⁶ No, what you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ 'In the last days,' God says,

I will pour out my Spirit upon all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy.
Your young men will see visions,
and your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸ In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on my servants—men and women alike—

and they will prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will cause wonders in the heavens above

and signs on the earth below—

blood and fire and clouds of smoke.

²⁰ The sun will become dark,

and the moon will turn blood red

before that great and glorious day of the LORD arrives.

²¹ But everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.



"I don't know the way," sighed Tiny Dragon.

"Despite what they might say, no one knows the way. We're all just doing our best."

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Other Lectionary Readings:

Geneses 11:1-9 Psalms 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:14-17



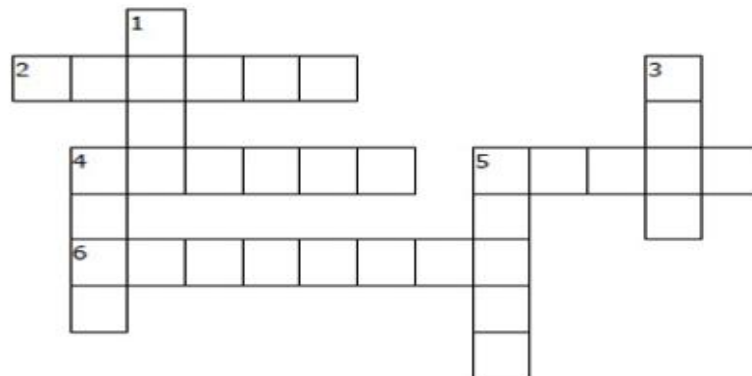
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The Day of Pentecost

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4 (NIV)

Based on Acts 2:1-21



ACROSS

2. A being that cannot be seen, like a ghost
4. The place where God lives
5. Something that can be heard
6. Means of communication used by the people of a particular country

DOWN

1. A destructive burning
3. Blowing air, especially that which would move the leaves on a tree
4. Something that is pure and good, such as God's Word
5. To say words, to use the voice

LANGUAGE SPIRIT	FIRE HEAVEN	HOLY SOUND	WIND SPEAK
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T Q B F F P E N T E C O S T U
L P I Q H C I D Q I E S T R G
H R J C I W D F B E Q V C O G
H E A R O S T F I L L E D A R
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SPEAK SOUND FILLED	LANGUAGE OTHER WIND	PENTECOST HOLY FIRE	HEAVEN SPIRIT TONGUES	BLOWING HEAR AMAZED
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~ Sermons 4 Kids

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