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PENTECOST

24th May 2026

Welcome Song (see below)

Entrance

591 Spirit divine attend our prayers

Before the Gospel

387 Let Your living water flow over my soul

Offertory

97 Colours of day

Communion

549 Praise him, praise him, praise him

272 Holy, holy, holy is the Lord

Final

238 Great is thy faithfulness

WELCOME SONG

Happy to share, happy to share,
Our blessings with one another.
That's why we are here.

COLLECT

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.



FOR OUR PRAYERS:

Janet & Jason & Violet, Don, Trevor; all who are unwell; for those who have recently died, including Morag B, and for her husband Chris, daughter Nicola, niece Liz and all who mourn her during this difficult time.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY MEETING

The next meeting is **Friday 29 May** at 19:00-19:30 on Whatsapp. To know more and how to join (you would be welcome!) please ask Denisha for details!



PRAYER & OUTREACH GROUP

The next meeting will be **Wednesday 3 June 2026** at 10:00.



SUMMER FAIR! SATURDAY 20 JUNE

We are collecting items for the various stalls so please bring them in on Sundays!



CHILDREN IN CHURCH

We're so grateful for the presence of children in our worship. Our hybrid Lady Chapel is available as a sensory space for children with additional needs and can also be used by parents / carers with babies & toddlers. For school age children, a colouring table is provided at the back of church. They can also use the chapel before and after the service. To work well for everyone, parents/carers are asked to stay with their children in the chapel after the collect and return after intercessions, or keep an eye on their child at the colouring table, ensuring noise is a minimum especially during the sermon and intercessions. Thank you for your care and cooperation.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 25 May

Hall: 09:30-11:30 - Toddler Group

Tuesday 26 May

Hall: 18:30 – 20:00 – Pilates

Wednesday 27 May

Church: 09:30-11:30 - Toddler Group

Hall: 12:00 - 1:30 - Food bank

Online: 18:00 - Bible study

**New Testament Church of God
Rehoboth SE23 2QU: 19:30 –
Prayer for Christian Unity service**

Friday 29 May

Hall 18:30 - 20:00 - Learning & Physical
Disabilities Club

**Whatsapp: 19:00 – Women's
Ministry Meeting**

Saturday 30 May

Hall: 09:00-17:00 - 7th Day Adventists

Sunday 31 May

Church: 10:00 - Holy Communion

Hall: 11:30 -15:00 - Apostolic Church

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 3 June

**Church: 10:00 - Prayer & Outreach
group**

Hall: 12:00 - 1:30 - Food bank

Wednesday 24 June

Hall: 12:00 - 1:30 - Food bank

Friday 26 June

Whatsapp: 19:00 – Women's Ministry
Meeting

The New Testament reading is from: **Acts 2: 1 - 21**

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!”

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.’

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*The Gospel reading is from **John 20: 19 - 23.***

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John.***

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹ That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! “Peace be with you,” he said. ²⁰ As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! ²¹ Again he said, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.” ²² Then he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone’s sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.