

St Andrew's Church Woodside
Sunday 24th May
Today's service is Pentecost Praise

Collect for Pentecost

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 us in power and action, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Message from Richard

Our reading today is Acts 2vv1-21

Happy birthday Church!

The Church was born in the day of Pentecost. Pentecost was actually a Jewish festival celebrating the giving of the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai. Under the old Covenant it signified the coming of the Law. Under the new Covenant it signified the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Before the coming of the Holy Spirit the disciples had known spiritual fellowship with Jesus and had experienced the illumination and power of the Spirit on a variety of occasions. The Holy Spirit had been with them before Pentecost but he had not been abiding in them. Jesus had promised, "You will be baptised with the Holy Spirit. You will receive power when the Holy has come upon you." That word 'power' is significant. It comes from the Greek word 'dynamis,' from which we get our word dynamite. In other words 'You will receive dynamite when the Holy Spirit comes upon you!' Now it was happening as Jesus said it would.

Back in the Old Testament the prophet Joel had prophesied, "and it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh". That prophecy was fulfilled at Pentecost.

The questions are, was the promise of the Holy Spirit in power, in the way Joel describes and Jesus promised, only for the embryo church? Was that something God gave to the early church to get it going? Or is that promise relevant for the Church today? Let me remind you of the words given by Peter on that day, "The promise is to you, to your children and to all that are afar off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." The promise of the Holy Spirit in power is for here and now, for you and me and for the Church today.

*We are here as God's family to draw closer to God,
to live out our faith and welcome all into the love of God.*

May



Sun 24th 10:30 Pentecost Praise

*We conclude the
Global Wave of Prayer
between Ascension & Pentecost*

Tuesday 26th	12-2	Good Neighbour Scheme Picnic at the Village Hall
Thursday 28th	9:30	Bible Study on Zoom



Saturday 30th St. Andrew's Community Coffee Morning
10 - Noon Drop in for Tea, Coffee & Good Company!



Sunday 31st	10:30	Morning Praise: 'The Great Commission'
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June

Wednesday 3rd	10:30 7:00	Little Stars, doors open at 10 Evening Prayer in the Family Room
Thursday 4th	9:30	Bible Study on Zoom
Sunday 7th	10:30	Informal Communion

Access St Andrew's Sunday Services on Zoom

Enter the number 878 5926 2657 passcode 664663 or by linking to
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87859262657?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87859262657?pwd=dTdad291VDk2anA5aGtmdnFCN3kzQT09)
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The link will remain open after Sunday services so those on Zoom can chat!

Thursday Bible Studies may be accessed on Zoom too!

Enter the number 589 233 412 passcode 090636 or link to
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/589233412?pwd=d1lLL0E2Y0w4dDdpUXlTR0pHcGdSQTO9>

Practical help for the Community



Azalea thanks us for food, toiletries, cash, gift aided donations, etc. They regularly collect our items, gratefully received particularly the warm gloves and mittens we have given them in the chilly times!

We drop off food to the Foodbank monthly.

Before you leave home for church Grabbatin 'n' bringi'tin!

They express gratitude for our deliveries, our financial & Gift Aided donations: next drop off May 27th. **Needs are greater than ever!**

Pick up a Food Bank 'Advent Calendar' from the back of church.

This lists items to donate throughout the year.



Recycle it!

**Please drop your Medication Blister Packs
at the back of church for Sue Lyons to take for recycling.**

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This week Lindsey will be in the Parish on Tuesday morning, all day Friday & next Sunday morning