

Chaplaincy Newsletter

Week Beginning 22th May



Scripture Acts 2:1-4 (Pentecost)

When the day of Pentecost came, all the believers were gathered together in one place. Suddenly there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.



Faith in Action

After Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection, the disciples were gathered together. The Holy Spirit came upon them and empowered them to begin the Christian mission. So, Pentecost is sometimes described as the birthday of the Church.

The Holy Spirit is described as being like fire and wind; elsewhere he is said to be like a dove. Fire emphasises the holiness of God; wind, the power of God; and the dove, the peace of God.

We encourage our students this week to explore the gifts of the Holy Spirit and how these can help Christians in their everyday life:

The gifts are:

Awe and Wonder: Helps us to experience the power and love of God.

Knowledge: Helps us to know what God wants for his creations.

Right Judgment: Helps us to do what is right so that God will be happy with us.

Courage: Gives us the courage to do what God wants

Understanding: Enables us to understand the mysteries of faith

Wisdom: Helps us to make good decisions so that we do what is right

Reverence: Helps us to direct our whole life and all our actions to God's honour and glory.

Prayer

Breathe into me, Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.

Move in me, Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.

Attract my heart, Holy Spirit, that I may love only what is holy.

Strengthen me, Holy Spirit, that I may defend all that is holy.

Protect me, Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy.

Amen