

Pentecost

The Holy Spirit with us





Welcome



We are thrilled to introduce this next set of worship resources from our Worship & Faith Journey Core Group. Cults Connections became a replacement for our Evening Services, which have run during the winter months for a number of years. The last few years has seen a marked fall in the number of people attending these services. Therefore we thought we would try something different. There is still a gathering on the first Sunday of the month, except July and August. Instead of a 'live' church service we watch a prerecorded worship video. This is followed by a short time of discussion/exploration of the theme of the video, along with a cuppa. For May and June we are looking at the story of the first Pentecost and how that impacts on our lives.

The videos will be available on the Cults Parish Church YouTube Channel, and this booklet can also be used at home. Because the videos will be online, they can be accessed at any time. You could for example invite a friend (or friends) to join you and then use this book together to explore the themes over a cuppa. You may wish to obtain a copy of the book 'Life Balance' mentioned above.

We hope you find this a helpful resource.

The Worship & Faith Journey Core Group

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Episode 1

Acts 2:1-13

In this episode we will hear the first part of the story of the first Pentecost in the Book of Acts. The Holy Spirit is part of The Trinity, the three persons of God. The helper that Jesus promised to his disciples. And the helper that remains with us today.

Pentecost is a time for us to reflect on the sheer vivacity of God as Holy Spirit and remember the indefatigable energy made known in the depth and breadth and variety of Creation, and in the plethora of life opportunities that touch our souls in our human experience.

Encounter



A short worship service for this session will be available on our YouTube Channel. You can find the channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/@cultsparishchurch>

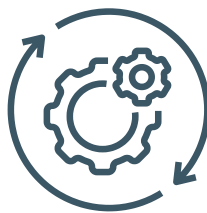
Talk about it



Where do you see the Spirit at work:

- In the world?
- In our church?
- in your life?

Get Real!



Start keeping a note of where you see the Holy Spirit at work, particularly in your own life. What are those Spirit filled moments? When and where do they happen?

Go deep...



Light a candle, get comfortable and listen to this track:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LaRHOltRfZg>

Holy Spirit by Bryan and Katie Torwalt

Come Holy Spirit, come!

Episode 2

Acts 2:14-24

In this episode we continue to explore how the Holy Spirit impacts our lives and our church community.

What makes church, church? How do we let the Holy Spirit guide us as a church? What do we as individuals have to offer?

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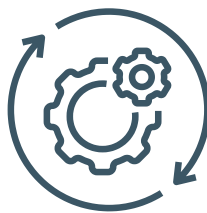
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1. If you were starting a new church, what ingredients do you think you would need for it to succeed?
2. What do you feel you bring to our church community? What are your gifts of the Spirit?

Get Real!



Over the next few weeks take a note of any Holy Spirit moments you experience in Church. Consider what made them special, who was involved, how were you involved?

Go deep...



Create a still atmosphere. Re-read Acts 2:1-14. Think about what in the story sticks out? Read it again, do you notice anything different this time? Try a third time.

Come Holy Spirit, come!