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Whitsun

Today we celebrate Pentecost. It marks the 7th Sunday after Easter and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the disciples. In the UK, this festival also bears the name Whitsun, although no one knows for sure why. There are certainly written references to Whitsun dating back to the 1300's, but even then, the derivation of the word was being debated. There are a number of theories – some think that the title is a contraction of White Sunday, because it was traditional for girls and women to wear new white dresses on this day. It is also a traditional day for christenings, baptisms and confirmations to be performed, where white garments are also often worn. My preferred explanation, though, is that it comes from the Anglo-Saxon word “wit” meaning understanding or wisdom, because on this day the Holy Spirit gave a measure of God’s wisdom to the disciples.

We will tell the story of those miraculous events of 2000 years ago during today. We will marvel at the accounts of the tongues of fire touching the early believers, of their sudden ability to speak different languages and perform miracles in Jesus’ name. We will probably pray for a new Pentecost for our own church. But perhaps it is actually wisdom that we need more than anything else – wisdom to really and truly know God’s will in our lives.

Paul Heath

PEOPLE:

- Our thoughts continue to be with Francis and his family as they mourn the loss of Ruth. As we receive more information of Ruth's funeral, we will let you know. Please pray for all our friends who have experienced bereavement and those who are living with health concerns.
- Thanks to Linda and Kelvin for leading worship last Sunday, for their preparation, presentation and prayer, it was really appreciated.
- Congratulations to Ben and Ellie, Steve's son and daughter-in-law, on the safe arrival of baby Frederick on Sunday, 29th May
- Paul and Tracey have moved house this week. If you would like details of their new address, please ask.

PROPERTY:

Whilst we were away last week, the shutter to the backdoor broke and requires a new motor. This will take a while to fix, but while we are trying to resolve this problem, please ensure the security of the building by making sure that the backdoor is locked.

If anyone is free next Friday between 12 noon and 3pm and would be willing to help with the cleaning of the hall, that would be really helpful. If you can't come at this time, but would like to take on a task, then please let me (Colin) know. If you can't clean, but would like to help, we normally stop for refreshments at about 1.30pm, if you can come and make some tea and coffee!

JUBILEE COFFEE MORNING:

We had a really enjoyable time on Thursday morning at our Jubilee Coffee Morning. Our community hall was full with both people from the community and people from the corps. Thanks to everyone who helped, baked, supported, but a special word of thanks to Lilian for planning, organising and leading the event. You will be pleased to learn that over £500 was raised for the big collection.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Sunday 26th June** Page Park Praise (at 3pm)
- Friday 15th July** Jubilee Concert with Rachel Milestone & Josh Dickens
- Sunday 17th July** Summer Family Crafts (at 4pm)
- Sunday 24th July** Corps BBQ (lunchtime) – everyone welcome
- 31st July – 5th August** Severn & Somerset Junior Camp
(Application forms available from Laura)
- 6th – 12th August** Severn & Somerset Summer Camp
(Application forms available from Tash)
- Sunday 4th September** Page Park Praise (at 3pm)
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THE WEEK AHEAD:

Sunday 5th June: *Pentecost*

- 10am All Age Worship
- 11.30am-12:15pm Children & Youth Activities
- 6:30pm Pentecost Celebration Event on College Green
(Ecumenical event open to all)

Tuesday 7th June:

- 11am Extra Slice Group at the hall with Kelvin
- 6:30pm-7:10pm YP Band Practice
- 7:20pm-8pm Singing Company Practice
- 8pm Songster Practice

Wednesday 8th June:

- 9.30am & 11am Tots on the Hill - *booking required*
- 3.30pm Online Extra Slice group with Gerry
- 7.45pm Extra Slice Group at Linda's
- 8.15pm Online Extra Slice Group with Beth

Thursday 9th June:

- 12.30pm Lunch Club
- 7.45pm Extra Slice Group at Colin & Nicola's
- 8pm Senior Band Practice
- 8.15pm Online Extra Slice Group with Rachel & Ian

Friday 10th June:

- 7pm-9-30pm Divisional Youth rehearsals in our hall

Sunday 12th June:

- 10am All Age Worship
To include dedication of Arthur Fortt-Brewer
- 11.30am-12:15pm Children & Youth Activities
- 12noon Falklands 40th Anniversary Service at Page Park