

Thanksgiving for 70 years of service

I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service... But I shall not have strength to carry out this resolution alone unless you join in it with me, as I now invite you to do: I know that your support will be unfailingly given. God help me to make good my vow, and God bless all of you who are willing to share in it.

Princess Elizabeth, 21 April 1947

When I spoke to you last... I asked you all, whatever your religion, to pray for me on the day of my Coronation - to pray that God would give me wisdom and strength to carry out the promises that I should then be making... I have been uplifted and sustained by the knowledge that your thoughts and prayers were with me.

Her Majesty the Queen, Coronation Day, 2 June 1953



Abundant God, source of all blessings, we thank you for the many years of dedicated and faithful service of Elizabeth our Queen.

Thankyou that she looks to her deep Christian faith to guide her along the way.

Strengthen her to meet every demand which her office may make, and in all things may she be nourished by your word and example.

Bless our nation, and give wisdom and humility to all in authority.

May we ever work together for peace, justice and tolerance among all people and may our Land always be a place of welcome and acceptance.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Tuesday 7th	10:00am – 12:00noon	CAFÉ IN THE PARK
Tuesday 7th	8:00pm	CHOIR PRACTICE in the church
Sunday 12 th	10:30am	FAMILY SERVICE Revd Harriet Orridge

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Churches of: St. John Baptist, STONE; Ss Peter & Paul, DINTON; Assumption of St. Mary the Virgin, HARTWELL

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St. John the Baptist STONE
Sunday 5th June
10:30am

Pentecost Sunday
A service of Holy Communion for all the family



Come Light of Our Hearts
Come, Holy Spirit Come

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ACTS 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. 7 Utterly amazed, they asked: 'aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? 9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs – we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!' 12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, 'What does this mean?'

13 Some, however, made fun of them and said, 'They have had too much wine.'

14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. 15 These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! 16 No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

17 "In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,

your young men will see visions,

your old men will dream dreams.

18 Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,

and they will prophesy.

19 I will show wonders in the heavens above

and signs on the earth below,

blood and fire and billows of smoke.

20 The sun will be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood

before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

21 And everyone who calls

on the name of the Lord will be saved."

A Pentecost reflection from Christian Aid

So very often we think of Pentecost as being the day the Holy Spirit came. The reality is that the Holy Spirit came on Pentecost. Pentecost was actually the Jewish 'Spring Harvest'. A time to look forward and pray for God's provision for the rest of the year. It was a day to celebrate and to pray. A day to look forward to the rich harvest that God willing, was in store.

This explains why Acts chapter two tells us that 'there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven'. They were there for the festival and it was on that very day that God chose to send the Holy Spirit on the disciples.

The day that was set aside to celebrate the forthcoming harvest, was the day the harvest of souls for Gods kingdom began in earnest. God certainly knows how to time things. That very day about 3000 people were brought home. No wonder Jesus had earlier said to the disciples:

'The Harvest is plentiful.... Pray the Lord of the Harvest to send workers in the harvest field'.

On the day of Pentecost those workers were equipped by the Spirit, went out into the field and reaped an incredible harvest.

Today nothing has changed. The harvest is **still** plentiful, the labourers are **still** too few, and the **same Holy Spirit** is **still** ours! All we need to do is to allow the Holy Spirit to fill us, then to go out into the field and who knows what the result will be for the Kingdom of God.

We may not be able to literally 'go out into the field', but we can still pray, we can still be generous with our time and money, we can still speak out for justice.



Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me

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Break me, melt me, mould me, fill me.....

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Stone Jubilee Fete

The Stone Jubilee Fete went very well - hundreds and hundreds of people, a variety of stalls, bbq, bar, pizza oven, live music, etc.

SJB ran a children's free craft activity making ribbon wands - red, white and blue ribbons attached to a wooden stick - quick and simple for all ages. We had enough supplies for 200 and after 2 hours we had nearly run out. Each time we finished helping one child another one had sat down to make one. It was lovely to see the ribbon wands being waved around the Fete. We also gave out fliers about SJB and Cafe in the Park.

Big thanks to those who helped - Elizabet, Liz, Jo and the two Sues!

Naomi

.....and a BIG thanks to you as well Naomi for organising it!