



When the Spirit comes... Pentecost Weekend 19th and 20th May 2018

A Saturday and Sunday morning of teaching, celebration and prayer about the person and work of the Holy Spirit.
Something for everyone:

- ✓ Learn about the God who always invites us to go deeper with him, wherever you are on your Christian journey
- ✓ Come with your children and young people – there will be activities and teaching sessions for all
- ✓ Come to as many as you can of three teaching sessions
- ✓ Enjoy an early evening special celebration service on Saturday
- ✓ Bring your lunch to watch the Royal Wedding on the big screen
- ✓ Sunday morning services and children's groups as usual but with visiting speakers Kevin and Anne Roberts
- ✓ Full programme on the reverse of this leaflet

The weekend is led by Archdeacon Kevin Roberts, and Revd Anne Roberts from 'Resource'.

Kevin and Anne led a large church in Shropshire before Kevin became Archdeacon of Carlisle. He now is the Director of Resource. John Beckett worked with Kevin on two short mission trips to Zambia.

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Acts 10

At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment. ² He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly. ³ One day at about three in the afternoon he had a vision. He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said, 'Cornelius!'

⁴ Cornelius stared at him in fear. 'What is it, Lord?' he asked.

The angel answered, 'Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God. ⁵ Now send men to Joppa to bring back a man named Simon who is called Peter. ⁶ He is staying with Simon the tanner, whose house is by the sea.'

⁷ When the angel who spoke to him had gone, Cornelius called two of his servants and a devout soldier who was one of his attendants. ⁸ He told them everything that had happened and sent them to Joppa.

⁹ About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. ¹⁰ He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance. ¹¹ He saw heaven opened and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners. ¹² It contained all kinds of four-footed animals, as well as reptiles and birds. ¹³ Then a voice told him, 'Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.'

¹⁴ 'Surely not, Lord!' Peter replied. 'I have never eaten anything impure or unclean.'

¹⁵ The voice spoke to him a second time, 'Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.'

¹⁶ This happened three times, and immediately the sheet was taken back to heaven.

¹⁷ While Peter was wondering about the meaning of the vision, the men sent by Cornelius found out where Simon's house was and stopped at the gate. ¹⁸ They called out, asking if Simon who was known as Peter was staying there.

¹⁹ While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, 'Simon, three men are looking for you. ²⁰ So get up and go downstairs. Do not hesitate to go with them, for I have sent them.'

²¹ Peter went down and said to the men, 'I'm the one you're looking for. Why have you come?'

²² The men replied, 'We have come from Cornelius the centurion. He is a righteous and God-fearing man, who is respected by all the Jewish people. A holy angel told him to ask you to come to his house so that he could hear what you have to say.' ²³ Then Peter invited the men into the house to be his guests.

The next day Peter started out with them, and some of the believers from Joppa went along. ²⁴ The following day he arrived in Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. ²⁵ As Peter entered the

house, Cornelius met him and fell at his feet in reverence. ²⁶ But Peter made him get up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man myself.'

²⁷ While talking with him, Peter went inside and found a large gathering of people. ²⁸ He said to them: 'You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile. But God has shown me that I should not call anyone impure or unclean. ²⁹ So when I was sent for, I came without raising any objection. May I ask why you sent for me?'

³⁰ Cornelius answered: 'Three days ago I was in my house praying at this hour, at three in the afternoon. Suddenly a man in shining clothes stood before me ³¹ and said, "Cornelius, God has heard your prayer and remembered your gifts to the poor. ³² Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. He is a guest in the home of Simon the tanner, who lives by the sea." ³³ So I sent for you immediately, and it was good of you to come. Now we are all here in the presence of God to listen to everything the Lord has commanded you to tell us.'

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak: 'I now realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism ³⁵ but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. ³⁶ You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷ You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached – ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

³⁹ 'We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, ⁴⁰ but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. ⁴¹ He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen – by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. ⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. ⁴⁶ For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Then Peter said, ⁴⁷ 'Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptised with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.' ⁴⁸ So he ordered that they be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.



IF YOU
ABIDE IN ME
YOU WILL BEAR
MUCH FRUIT ____

Welcome!

We are delighted to see you, especially if this is your first visit.

Please do join us for refreshments at 10.30am today.

Today	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Breakfastzone <i>with breakfast at 9.15am</i>
10.30am	Coffee <i>in the hall</i>
11am	Holy Communion (CW)
During the Week	
Tues	9am Morning Prayer <i>in church</i>
	9-11.30am 'Open House' Parents and toddlers group <i>in the Lounge</i>
	7.30pm St Matt's Cats
Wed	<i>No Holy Communion today</i>
Thurs	Ascension Day 9am Holy Communion <i>followed by coffee in the Lounge</i>
Fri	6.30pm TGIF
Sat	<i>9am Men's Breakfast at Kent's Cafe</i>
13 May	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Coffee and birthday cake for Mike Blunsum in the hall – all welcome!
11am	United Family Service with baptism
5.30pm	Evening Service

Collect

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your
call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your
command
and draw the nations to the fire of
your love,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen

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Readings

Psalm 98

¹ Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvellous things;
his right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.

² The LORD has made his salvation
known
and revealed his righteousness to the
nations.

³ He has remembered his love
and his faithfulness to Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

⁴ Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with music;

⁵ make music to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of singing,
⁶ with trumpets and the blast of the
ram's horn –

shout for joy before the LORD, the King.

⁷ Let the sea resound, and everything
in it,

the world, and all who live in it.

⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands,
let the mountains sing together for joy;

⁹ let them sing before the LORD,
for he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

John 15: 9-17

⁹ 'As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit – fruit that will last – and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷ This is my command: love each other.

For our prayers and praise this week

Sunday	Pray for Breakfastzone, Holy Communion and all who are leading today.
Mon	Please go on praying for Pentecost Weekend. Remember the speakers Kevin and Anne Roberts, praying that through their ministry there may be a great outpouring of God's Holy Spirit.
Tues	Christian Aid week is next week and we desperately need Collectors for this very good cause. If you need any information please see John Hart.
Wed	Praise God for Ben Cowdry's marathon and for raising such a good amount for the Teenage Cancer Trust. Pray for all teenagers who suffer with cancer.

Thurs	With the above in mind pray for all who suffer in some way or another, that they may feel the touch of Jesus on their lives.
Fri	We pray for peace in our distracted world, may there be greater trust and understanding between the leaders of the nations, thinking especially of Theresa May our Prime Minister, also for Kevin Foster our M. P.
Sat	Pray for our staff team led by John our Rector and all who help in the life of the church. May we all realise however small or mundane the job is, it is still a ministry so we pray we may do it to the glory of God.
Sun	Pray for today's services. May we all realise that we come to worship a Holy God and are on holy ground. Let us pray that we may hear what He is saying to us and give us the strength to do His work.

What's on and notices

An Evening of Entertainment with Jane Wibberley at the piano, on Thursday 17th May in Hall, St Matthias, 7.00 for 7.30pm. Wine, Artisan Breads and a selection of cheeses served during the interval break. For tickets and further information contact 01803 291033. Tickets are £10 or £8 for Friends Members.

Wed 16th May **Girls Allowed** meeting in the lounge at church, 7.30pm to 9.30pm. A picture quiz, time to chat and some poetry to ponder. £3 donation on the night. Please sign up on the list in the Larkin Hall or email Ruth on jrmp@btinternet.com.

Good news: we're going to be able to welcome children to the Lord's Table at St Matthias' soon... Please take a leaflet which explains how and why.

If you are a parent of a child of any age please can you also **add your name to the list** on this clip board since we want to ensure every parent has the opportunity to consider whether this is a step they want for their children. For many people, this will be a welcome step, for others they may have some concerns. Please read the leaflet carefully and come to the Sunday teaching from 27th May onwards to find out more.

Management Apprentice Job Opportunity at Brunel Manor... please see noticeboard for more information or www.brunelmanor.com

Church Family Lunch on 24 June – we need helpers to organise this please! See Pere, Sylvia or Ruth.

Coffee Rota Please pick up your rota from the pigeon hole or see your emails.

Men's Breakfast Saturday 12 May at 8.45 for 9am with speaker Rick Hillard – to book contact Charlie Allansen on 07917 005406.

Christian Aid Week Sunday 13 – Saturday 19 May We will be doing our usual house to house collections and need many helpers for this task. If you are able to help please sign the list in church or phone 297656 to speak to John or Sheila Hart. Christian Aid packs will be available to collect after 11am services on Sun 13 May.

Christian Aid Lunch Wed 16 May 12-1.30pm – come for some food and fellowship!
Ben Cowdry completed the London Marathon on Sunday in 4 hours 47 mins and has raised over £5000 for the Teenage Cancer Trust. Many thanks for all those who have supported him. Ian & Jenny

The young people would like to say a **big thank you** to all of you who supported our recent cake stall - through your generosity we were able to raise over £280 which will go towards supporting Mugisha, our sponsored child.

Choir and cream tea! Saturday 16 June @2.30pm, Tickets £7, further details from Anya or look out for posters around the church anyajones@yahoo.com Tickets available on Sundays and from the office.

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**Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?  
Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer  
in you and you in me?  
Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free  
and never be the same?**

**Will you kiss the leper clean  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?  
Will you love the 'you' you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?  
Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.**

## Program for Saturday



|                                                               | Adults                                               | Young People                                                                                    | Children                                                |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 9.30am                                                        | <i>Coffee and refreshments</i>                       |                                                                                                 |                                                         |
| <b>Session 1</b><br>10 – 11.15                                | <b>Welcoming the Holy Spirit...Who?</b>              | Watch a film, or go to Forest School activities, or young people may like to join adult seminar |                                                         |
| 11.15                                                         | <i>Coffee and refreshments</i>                       |                                                                                                 |                                                         |
| 11.30 – 14.00                                                 | Watch the Royal Wedding – bring along a packed lunch |                                                                                                 |                                                         |
| <b>Session 2</b><br>14.00 – 15.00                             | <b>Welcoming the Holy Spirit...What?</b>             | Teaching sessions, some with Anne Roberts                                                       | Forest School with two short teaching sessions included |
| 15.00 – 15.30                                                 | <i>Tea and squash</i>                                |                                                                                                 |                                                         |
| <b>Session 3</b><br>15.30 – 17.00                             | <b>Welcoming the Holy Spirit...How?</b>              | Teaching session                                                                                |                                                         |
| 17.00 – 19.00                                                 | <i>Home for supper</i>                               |                                                                                                 |                                                         |
| <b>19.00 Celebration Service</b> in Church (children welcome) |                                                      |                                                                                                 |                                                         |

## Program for Sunday

Kevin and Anne will be speaking at our usual services with children and young people's Sunday groups as part of the 9.30am Growzone.

### How do I book my place?

There is no charge for attending any of the weekend sessions, though we will be asking for contributions towards the costs. However we do need to know how many people will be coming! We especially need to know **how many children** will take up the offer of activities in the Pine Room and Forest school.

**Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the Church Family noticeboard in the Larkin Hall or at the back of church.**