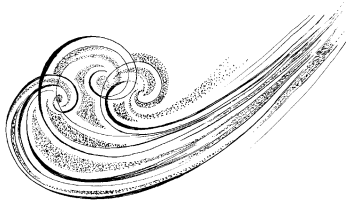


Sunday 24th May 2026

Pentecost

St Andrew's church, Folkingham
South Lafford and Billingborough Group of Parishes

Guest Minister - Revd. David Oxtoby



Collect

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Numbers 11.24-30

²⁴ So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵ Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶ Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷ And a young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' ²⁸ And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, 'My lord Moses, stop them!' ²⁹ But Moses said to him, 'Are you

jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!' ³⁰ And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Psalm 104.26-36,37b

26 O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

**27 There is the sea, spread far and wide,
and there move creatures beyond number, both
small and great.**

28 There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan
which you have made to play in the deep.

**29 All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season.**

30 When you give it them, they gather it;
you open your hand and they are filled with
good.

**31 When you hide your face they are troubled;
when you take away their breath,
they die and return again to the dust.**

32 When you send forth your spirit, they are
created,
and you renew the face of the earth.

**33 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works;**

34 He looks on the earth and it trembles;
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

**35 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will make music to my God while I have my
being.**

36 So shall my song please him
while I rejoice in the Lord.

**37 Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Alleluia.**

Acts 2.1-21

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were
all together in one place. ² And suddenly from

heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent
wind, and it filled the entire house where they were
sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among
them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of

them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to
speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them
ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation
under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound
the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because
each one heard them speaking in the native
language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they
asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking
Galileans?' ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in
our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes,
Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and
Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and
Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to
Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and
proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own
languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds
of power.' ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying
to one another, 'What does this mean?' ¹³ But others
sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his
voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all
who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and
listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as
you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the
morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the
prophet Joel:

¹⁷ "In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and
glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord
shall be saved."

1 Corinthians 12, 3b-13

12 ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one
speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be
cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by
the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same
Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the
same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but
it is the same God who activates all of them in
everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the
Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given
through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to
another the utterance of knowledge according to the
same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to
another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to
another the working of miracles, to another
prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to
another various kinds of tongues, to another the
interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated
by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one
individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members,
and all the members of the body, though many, are
one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit
we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks,
slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one
Spirit.

John 20:19-23

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of
the week, and the doors of the house where the
disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews,
Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace
be with you.' ²⁰After he said this, he showed them
his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced
when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again,
'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I
send you.' ²²When he had said this, he breathed on
them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If
you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if
you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

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