

Dear God, I pray that you will bless me and my church. Send people into our fellowship, and protect us all. In Jesus' name. Amen

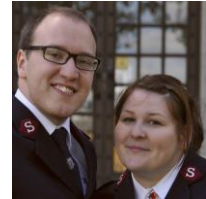
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Sunday 4th June 2017

“Elements of Pentecost: Earth, Wind and Fire”

Acts 1:1-8 and 2:1-4



During this coming week Callum & Berri are on holiday and next weekend will be conducting meetings in Northern Ireland. During their absence if there is any urgent matter please phone Anne & Richard 01303 268354 or 07951 000089.

Good morning & welcome to worship...

When I was studying G.C.S.E. Drama (please...don't call me a drama queen!) I came across the work of twentieth century playwright Samuel Beckett. One of his plays, 'Waiting for Godot' fascinated me because whilst Godot is the title character, whilst Godot is the one who keeps the plot moving along, whilst Godot is the one who the whole play is really about, the audience never actually see Godot... Godot isn't in the play that's written about him!

That's a similar thing to the book of Acts, which recounts the events of Pentecost that we are celebrating today. Other than a brief CAMEO at the start, Jesus himself doesn't appear in the book of Acts and yet the whole book of Acts is really about Jesus. Jesus is the one at the centre of it all. We mustn't confuse his seeming absence as his lack of involvement. The book of Acts tells us what happens when Jesus 'left' the earth but when the disciples, filled with the Holy Spirit, continued the mission which Jesus began. There is healing, restoration, deliverance, justice, salvation and thousands upon thousands of others join in the Jesus movement which we are part of today- nearly 2000 years later.

Today, Jesus may not be seen physically but, by the Holy Spirit at work in our lives he is very present in the world.

May each of us experience a fresh outpouring of God's Spirit on our lives this Pentecost.

God bless you
Callum

Prayer Requests Please... please let Richard know of anyone in our church family who needs our prayers please 07951 000089...

Please remember those of our corps family who are unwell or recovering from surgery including:-
Lynne Love who has had her Hip Replacement and everything has been successful.



The gift of flowers greatly enhances our worship environment. Today we thank Carol.

This Week-

TONIGHT – 6pm Shepway Community Choir

Monday & Tuesday – Parent & Toddlers

Tuesday – 7.30 Band Practice (Advance warning!!! All being well next Tuesday will be Songster practice)

Wednesday- CAMEO 2.30pm

Sunday June 11th – Richard will be leading our worship. – We need another Pentecost! William Booth.

Help Needed...Trip to Kenya!

As many will be aware, 13 members of the youth group (and a few others!) are heading on a mission trip to Kenya next Easter. This will be an incredible opportunity for them to widen their understanding of the Church, to see what God is doing in a completely different context and to join in! Everyone who is going is paying a significant (if not all) portion of the expense but between now and then there is a lot of fundraising to be done- both to cover the remaining balance and, perhaps more importantly, to be able to resource the projects that we will be joining in with in Kenya.

We are always incredibly grateful for the support of the Church family in nurturing and caring for our young people and we would ask you, primarily, to take an interest in the young people and what they are doing to achieve this goal- encourage them and pray for them! There will, over the coming months, be several other ways to participate through a variety of events but we don't want this to become burdensome or pressurised for anyone.

The first way that you can help, with regards to fundraising, is to support the car boot fair stalls which some of the youth are planning to hold. Karen and Alex Bridges are taking the lead on this, and are keen to have donations of good quality items to sell! Karen will be here next Sunday and able to arrange the best way to get your goods from you.

Coming events

Hastings Temple Salvation Army- Saturday 17th June - 10am-4:45pm 'Walk Through The Bible'. This is a great opportunity to learn about the Old Testament in a creative and memorable way. It costs £14 and should be prebooked on 07976981480

Sunday 18th June- Garden Party at Callum and Berri's House 3:00pm

Saturday 24th June- Coffee Morning and Car Wash at the Hall- Organised by the youth group

Saturday 8th July- Summer Concert in our hall with the Shepway Community Choir and Special Guest Soloists.

Saturday 7th October- Harvest Weekend (Supper on the Saturday Night)

Sunday 5th November- Special Guests leading worship- Majors Graham and Helene Carey (Previously the Corps Officers at Folkestone Salvation Army)

THANK YOU

Last weekend was a wonderful time of sharing ministry and worship, with our friends from Australia. The weekend didn't just happen! It took a lot of hard work and I am very grateful to the whole team for their support and willingness to go the extra mile, in fact several extra miles. I won't attempt to name names because if I do I'll forget someone, but you all know who you are.

Grateful thanks to Wes for "Live streaming" the march through the High Street and the Civic Welcome. By yesterday afternoon, this has reached 23,422 and 11,664 have viewed the march – quite amazing!