



# Stoke Poges Church

St Giles' and St Andrew's



## Welcome to this Family Service

Led by Revd Natasha Brady

On the day of Pentecost, as God's Spirit filled the hearts of Jesus' followers, they miraculously started praising God in every possible language, languages they could not previously speak. And the crowd, who were from all around the region and spoke many languages said:

**"We hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own languages!"**

Opening Prayer

**Come Holy Spirit,**

**Fill us a fresh, with God's love**

**so that we can see his power working in our lives.**

**We make this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**Amen**

Song      To God be the glory

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Great things He has done

So loved He the world that He gave us His Son

Who yielded His life an atonement for sin

And opened the life-gate that all may go in

*Chorus*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord*

*Let the earth hear His voice*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord  
Let the people rejoice  
Come to the Father  
Through Jesus the Son  
And give Him the glory  
Great things He has done*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood  
To every believer the promise of God  
The vilest offender who truly believes  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives

*Chorus*

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see

*Chorus*

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Performed by Lindsey Mackie

Prayer of penitence - A time to say sorry to God

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

*A short time of silence*

**Lord have mercy upon us, forgive us where we have gone wrong and sinned and help us to walk from now on in your way.**

**Amen.**

May the God of love and power bring you back to himself, forgive you and free you from your sins, and restore you to newness of life by his Spirit.

Reading Psalm 51.1-3,7-13 read to us by Pam Blewett

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. 3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

7 Cleanse me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.  
9 Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. 10 Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. 11 Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. 13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you.

Sermon. Natasha is opening God's Word for us today

Prayer for release

**Lord, you are the God of freedom, mercy and compassion.  
We praise you.**

**Your love brings light to a darkened world.  
We praise you.**

**Your word guides us and challenges us to bring light to others.  
We praise you.**

**Thank you for all your blessings. May they help us in turn to bless and free others.  
We praise you.  
Amen.**

Creed Song [This I Believe \(The Creed\)](#)

Our Father everlasting  
The all creating One  
God Almighty

Through Your Holy Spirit  
Conceiving Christ the Son  
Jesus our Savior

*Chorus*

I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in one  
I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again

For I believe in the name of Jesus

Our Judge and our Defender  
Suffered and crucified  
Forgiveness is in You

Descended into darkness  
You rose in glorious life  
Forever seated high

*Chorus*

I believe in You  
I believe You rose again  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord  
[x2]

*Chorus [x2]*

For I believe in the name of Jesus  
For I believe in the name of Jesus

I believe in life eternal  
I believe in the virgin birth  
I believe in the saints' communion  
And in Your holy Church  
I believe in the resurrection  
When Jesus comes again  
For I believe, in the name of Jesus

*Chorus [x2]*

For I believe in the name of Jesus

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Intercession .... prepared and read to us by Deb Whittaker

Lord's Prayer

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

#### 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.

**Amen**

#### Song 10,000 Reasons

*Chorus:*

*Bless the Lord oh my soul*

*Oh my soul*

*Worship His Holy name*

*Sing like never before*

*Oh my soul*

*I'll worship Your Holy name*

The sun comes up  
It's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass  
And whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

*Chorus*

You're rich in love  
And You're slow to anger  
Your name is great  
And Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness  
I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

*Chorus*

And on that day  
When my strength is failing  
The end draws near  
And my time has come  
Still my soul will  
Sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

*Chorus x 2*

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Final Prayer

Holy Spirit, send us out.  
Gentle Spirit, calm our fears.  
Spirit of truth, lead us to a broader vision of your work.  
Spirit of strength, in our weaknesses, make us strong.  
Spirit of power, show us when and how to act for you.  
Holy Spirit, send us out.  
Amen.

Take away song

Soul Sanctuary Gospel Choir 'Rise Within Us' lyrics and music by Aaron Lindsay and Israel Houghton. This recording is created for and is dedicated to the prisoners and staff of Wandsworth Prison, London.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WBV5dOZP7NQ>

Thank you for joining us today

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## Filled to overflowing

### Acts 2.1-21

The Holy Spirit fills the disciples as they are gathered in an upper room in Jerusalem on the day of Jewish Pentecost festival. The Spirit empowers the disciples to proclaim the gospel for all those assembled in Jerusalem to hear, even though they spoke many languages. Peter assures the crowd that this is a fulfilment of a prophecy from Joel.

Now read Acts 2.1-21 see p.2 for text.

### A note on the passage

The writer of Acts paints a vivid picture of this outpouring of God's Spirit, with echoes of the Sinai story where God is seen and heard as wind and fire. There is a clear indication of both diversity and unity as the Spirit rests on 'each of them' who are there to celebrate the feast of Pentecost together, and those from many nations hear the message in their own language. Peter's reference to Joel's prophecy also reminds his hearers that the Spirit is for all people.



**Ask yourself:** What do you see in this picture? When have you experienced the power of the Holy Spirit?

## FIND OUT



Investigate the power of the wind and how it makes wind turbines work by watching a YouTube video such as [https://youtu.be/US\\_cZ3IRUkU](https://youtu.be/US_cZ3IRUkU).

The wind generates the power to turn the blades, which in turn generates electricity, which powers our homes. If you can, watch it with others and discuss how this might represent the Holy Spirit – often described as a wind – working in our lives.

## Breathing Prayer



Take 10 minutes every day this week for some quiet breathing prayers. If time is limited, set an alarm so that you don't keep checking the time! Find a quiet place to sit comfortably. Breathe slowly in and out, as deeply as you can. At first, focus purely on your breathing. Once you have a rhythm going, pray in silence as you breathe in: 'Spirit of the living God'; and as you breathe out: 'Fall afresh on me' (or other suitable words).



**You will need:** a paper plate, crayons, scissors and string.

Make a wind spinner. Make a small hole in the exact centre. Draw a spiral pattern on your plate, starting about 2cm from the edge. Decorate your plate in any way you choose. Cut out the spiral shape so that you have one long spiral strip of decorated card. Attach string at the marked centre, then hang the spinner somewhere (e.g. near a window, or in a porch) where the breeze will stir it. Watch how it spins and dances. Think about how the Holy Spirit makes us move and 'dance' in tune with God's breath.



## PLAY

As we celebrate the Spirit pouring out to the whole of creation, have fun pouring some water! Fill a jug with water; pour it onto a dry patch of ground and watch it spread – how far does it go? Fill the jug to overflowing, and watch it pour over the sides. Watch some water run down a window pane. Or watch the water falling in a bathroom shower when you stand under it. Reflect on the different ways that God's Spirit refreshes, renews, cleanses and travels through the world.

## WALK

Think about God's Spirit pouring out to the whole creation by making a 'creation collage' – ideally with other people (family or friends). Look in the garden, or go for a walk, to find as many natural flame-coloured objects as you can. How many different objects can you find? Who found the most? Arrange the objects on a table, or stick them onto a large sheet of card or paper. Challenge each other to say how each item might reflect the nature of God.