



Sunday 23rd May is Pentecost Sunday, the day we celebrate the Holy Spirit being sent by Jesus to his friends & followers, as he had promised. On that day, all the close friends of Jesus were gathered together in a room in Jerusalem praying, when suddenly the room was filled with what sounded like a really strong wind. At the same time what looked like small flames appeared over everyone's head. They were all filled with God's Holy Spirit. Because of the Holy Spirit they were all able to speak lots of different languages, languages that they had never learned and never spoken before!!

The Spirit also filled them with great joy and with courage. Suddenly, Jesus' friends felt brave enough to go out into the city of Jerusalem to tell people all about God and about Jesus. And because they could now speak different languages, when they started to tell about God and his love, lots of people who had come from all over the world to visit Jerusalem, were able to understand them, much to their amazement! The Spirit brought them other gifts too – they were able to place their hands on sick and injured people and make them better!

On that very first day of going out to spread the good news about God and Jesus, more than 3,000 people were baptised and so the Christian Church was born!!! SO this Sunday is the BIRTHDAY of the CHURCH.

Happy birthday!





COME HOLY SPIRIT!

That same Holy Spirit which came to the friends of Jesus came to us in Baptism and comes to us again at Confirmation with lots of gifts!

Here are some of the gifts the Holy Spirit brings:

- **WISDOM**
- **COURAGE**
- **UNDERSTANDING**
- **KNOWLEDGE**
- **RIGHT JUDGEMENT**
- **REVERENCE**
- **WONDER & AWE IN GOD'S PRESENCE**



When the Holy Spirit is at work in our lives we can see that he is there because of the way we behave – we call this the ‘fruits’ of the Spirit:

