

Lord, send out  
your Spirit, and  
renew the face  
of the earth,  
Psalms 104

PENTECOST



## MAY 2018 Newsletter

### Sarah's message

I wonder what things come to mind as you think about May? Some nice things – maypole dancing, May blossom, even ‘gathering nuts in May’? Perhaps, some less nice – May bugs and May flies... Maybe your mind turns to political matters and the celebration of workers and workers rights on May Day? It could be you celebrate a month with two Bank Holidays!

However, May is also the month of two important dates in the Christian Calendar; Ascension Day and Pentecost (or Whitsun). Jesus spent 40 days after the resurrection meeting with his followers, reassuring them he was alive and giving them final instructions. The day he returned to the heavens and his Father is remembered each year on Ascension Day. As Jesus rose on a Sunday, Ascension Day is always on a Thursday. Some churches hold special services, but generally, most Baptist churches in the UK do not.

Ten days after that (Pentecost means 50 in Greek) the church celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the early disciples and the renewed power with which they spoke and acted. Jesus had told them he would ask the Father to send the Spirit and that they were to wait in Jerusalem until that happened. On the first day of Pentecost, they poured out into the street and miraculously, the whole crowd heard the disciples speaking in their own language. Peter got up and preached and though some mocked what was happening, that day, about 3000 people in Jerusalem came to faith in Jesus as the promised Messiah and as God incarnate. You can read all about this in Acts 2.

How amazing it is that the same Spirit who equipped and enabled the early disciples is still at work in the world and the church through us! Who might you gossip the gospel to as the Spirit enables you?

Rev.Sarah Bingham

### Jessica Timmis

On Sunday 22nd April 2018, Jessica Timmis was Baptised here at Green Lane Baptist Church. Jess would like to say; thank you to my church family for all their support and encouragement on my journey to baptism. Thank you to everyone for all the kind messages, cards and gifts and a special thank you to those who helped out and joined in the celebrations on my special day.

Jess Timmis



### Pop Up Restaurant

We are very excited to invite you to come and experience a cultural explosion of food and entertainment over the next two months. Three of our fantastic home grown cooks featured on Culture Cooking, have decided to launch out with the support of Mend-It, to showcase their talents and food, with a Pop Up Restaurant on;

Friday 18th May 5pm – 830pm Delicious Indian and Vegan food.

Friday 15th June 5pm – 830pm Experience the vibrant taste of Jamaican Caribbean food.

All meals are priced at £6 per person and reservation bookings are required before each event. Log onto,

[www.eventbrite.com/popuprestaurantwalsall](http://www.eventbrite.com/popuprestaurantwalsall)

### **Friday 1st June 730pm :**

Church Annual General Meeting (AGM)  
all invited .

### **Saturday 2nd June 1030AM**

Coffee Morning and Plant Sale  
All invited

### **Snack Time!!**

We love our biscuits and so do our visitors. So if anyone would like to help keep the tin stocked up with treats, please see Jess Selenic





