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# Ascension day & Pentecost

#### **ASCENSION DAY**

Ascension day is the 40th day of Easter and falls on Thursday 25th May, which commemorates the ascension of Jesus into heaven 39 days after resurrection on Easter Sunday. It may also be known as The Feast of The Ascension., Ascension Thursday or Holy Thursday.

The Ascension of Jesus is the departure of Christ from earth into the presence of God, into the highest heavens and he is now seated at the right hand of God the Father. Amen..

#### **Pentecost**

Pentecost Sunday falls this year on Sunday, 4 June, 2017.

Representing the fiftieth day after Easter, or seven weeks after Easter Sunday - therefore it always occurs on a Sunday. It is celebrated as Pentecost Sunday. It is also the tenth day after Ascension Thursday, which itself is forty days from Easter. (Some Churches, signify Pentecost with the colour red, which symbolizes the imagery of the Holy Spirit as 'cloven tongues of fire' on this day).

The Christian Pentecost is based on the New Testament, where it refers to the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ as described in the Acts of the Apostles 2:1–31. Pentecost fulfills Jesus' promise to send the "Counselor" and "Spirit of Truth", the Comforter, who will give us power to live out our Christian Faith.

Large-scale spreading of the Gospel occurred after the giving of the Holy Spirit, after Peter spoke to the crowd after receiving the Holy Spirit, some 3,000 people were baptized and added to the early Church.

As we endeavor to commit ourselves to God over the coming days leading to Pentecost, wait upon God, giving yourself to constant prayer for the outpouring and strength of the Holy Spirit to fill your life. It is a promise to every believer, that you be witnesses to those of your family and friends by the infilling power and authority of the Holy Spirit to live victoriously and strong before others. You too are chosen to be a witness of Gods redeeming love and power by the gift of the Holy Spirit in your life.

Every blessing,

Maxine Chamberlain

#### Flowers Rota for May

Sunday 7 May Miss Jenny Hill Sunday 14 May Mrs Ann Jordan Sunday 21 May Mir & Mrs J Archer Sunday 28 May Mr & Mrs R White

### **Church Annual General Meeting**

This years AGM will be on: Friday 19th May at 7:30pm

#### **Coffee Morning**

On Saturday 20th May, 10:30am to 12noon, Coffee Morning and Plant Sale Invite your friends and family.

### Christian Aid Week 14-20 May 2017



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