

# Parish Magazine

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**Pentecost -Acts 2**

**St. John's Parish Church**

Rufford Road, Crossens  
(A member of the North Meols Team Ministry)

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#### Sunday (10am)

Holy Communion 5<sup>th</sup> May, 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Morning Prayer 12<sup>th</sup> May, 19<sup>th</sup> May

#### Wednesday (10am)

Holy Communion 8<sup>th</sup> May, 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Morning Prayer 1<sup>st</sup> May, 15<sup>th</sup> May, 29<sup>th</sup> May

## *A Letter from the Jacqueline Ascroft*

We remain in the season of Easter until Whitsun or Pentecost Sunday which will be on the 19<sup>th</sup> May. We celebrate Easter with great joy as we remember the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, knowing His resurrection was the confirmation of the sacrifice being accepted, the fulfilment of the requirement of the law and so now the way to peace with God is open, through forgiveness of sins and is accessible to all who will repent and believe in the Saviour, Jesus Christ.

From the time of His resurrection to His ascension, forty days later, Jesus appeared to His disciples on many occasions and in many different places. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians Ch. 15 v 6 'Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep'.

Jesus ministry began with His baptism by John and forty days spent in the wilderness where He was tempted. His ministry on earth is ended with another forty days, this time being spent showing Himself to His disciples, so that they would know beyond a shadow of a doubt that He really was alive, not just raised to life with His mortal body, only to have to die again. No, His resurrection body was an eternal body, that will never die again and that Jesus was going to take with Him when He returned to heaven. Others before Jesus had been called back into their mortal bodies only to face death again later. Jesus had raised at least three people from the dead during His earthly ministry. But no one had ever been resurrected with a new eternal body. This is why Paul in Corinthians Ch. 15 v 12-23 discussing the resurrection from the dead, says in v 20 'in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep'.

Jesus is the first of many who will be resurrected with an eternal body to dwell on the new earth, in The Kingdom of God forever.

This is not wishful thinking or a vague, hoping things will be alright. Hope, in the Bible is firm, sure, dependable, something we can rely on.

So just as Jesus wanted His disciples to be sure that he had indeed risen from the dead and was alive forever more, He spent time showing them that He could be found throughout the Scriptures, (just the Old Testament, as the New Testament hadn't been written then.) So that when they faced persecution, distress, illness and death, which all followers of Jesus will, they would be able to find Him in the Word. So too, He wants us, His disciple now, to be just as sure that He is alive and to be able to find Him in the Bible as we read and study it.

Jesus speaking to Martha just before He raised Lazarus from the dead, tells her 'I Am the resurrection and the life, whoever believes in Me though he die, yet shall he live and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?'

Jesus asks us that same question today, we must believe it if we are to follow Him, trust Him and know Him to be Our Savior, the Son of God and the King of Kings.



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This edition includes:

*Two Hidden Windows - Persecuted Christians - Personal Poems -  
Living by Faith - St. Stephen's CE School - St. John's Brass Band Evening*

## Sanctuary Flowers



May 5<sup>th</sup> In memory of Mrs Audrey Stanley

May 12<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

May 19<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

May 26<sup>th</sup> In memory of Mrs Betty Empson

Thank you to all who support our Flower Fund. ECB.  
Sent from my iPad

# ROTAS

## SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA

5TH May	Kath & Jane
12th May	Nicola & Andrew
19th May	Brenda & Mavis
26th May	Chris D & Bill
2nd June	Bill & Chris J
9th June	Kath & Jane



Help is urgently needed to maintain a weekly rota. If you are willing to volunteer, please see me. Chris Jowett

## WEDNESDAY COFFEE ROTA

1 <sup>st</sup> May	Jean & Mavis
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Brenda & June
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Chris & Janet
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Eileen & Trish
29 <sup>th</sup> May	Jean & Mavis
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Brenda & June

## Readings rota

May 5th	Simon	6th Sunday of Easter	1 John 5.1-6
May 12th	Andrew	7th Sunday of Easter	1 John 5.9-13
May 19th	Joey	Pentecost	Acts 2.1-21
May 26th	Eileen	Trinity Sunday	Romans 8.12-17

# PUZZLES - SUDOKU

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*Medium*

## "SCHOOL - RESCUE ME!"

As part of their work to support charities, school are supporting an animal rescue centre called "Rescue Me". The children have been asked to collect postage stamps from envelopes, unwanted foreign currency and any pre-decimal or pre-euro currency people may have hidden in old socks!!!

If you have any such items, please can you pass them to Karen Corbett and she will take them into school.

## NEXUS – what is it?

About 25 years ago, the local clergy in the North of Southport initiated a meeting of lay people from the churches, with the objective of promoting a better understanding of our shared faith in Jesus Christ and working together to promote the Gospel to our shared community at this end of the town. The group was to be led by the laity.

“Nexus,” which in Greek means “a coming together” was suggested as the name for this group.

Since then, the Group has met monthly, on the evening of the second Tuesday of each month. The venue has been hosted by a different church each year.

Over the years, great friendships have been formed across the denominations and much has been learned of each other’s traditions and practices. Also, we have learned that we have so much more in common, and very little divides us.

Every year, the international Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity has been celebrated with a special Service, accompanied until recently with ecumenical prayers through the week.

Nexus is an effective instrument to enable us to work better together, showing the community how our shared faith in Jesus can bring God’s love and joy to our hurting world.

As Nexus members, we are now very few in number, but convinced of the need of our group, and invite each of you to come along to our meetings on May 14<sup>th</sup> and June 11<sup>th</sup> at Cornerstone Methodist Church, starting at 7.30 pm.

Why not give it a try?



Nexus  
**Churches  
Together**

*(in North Meols)*

***Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
7.30 p.m.  
at Cornerstone Methodist Church***

**Everyone is very  
welcome!**

***The meeting will be led by:***

***Cornerstone Methodist Church***

***"Be completely united, with only one thought and one purpose."  
[1 Corinthians 1: 106]***

# WORDSEARCH

## St George of the Golden Legend

St George is Patron Saint of England, but he never actually came here. He was a Christian officer in the Roman army under Diocletian, who refused to abandon his faith during the Terror. George was therefore martyred in Palestine about 300 AD. His courage became legendary, and St George became the example of a Christian fighting-man, a powerful helper against evil powers affecting individual lives. He was the soldier-hero of the Middle Ages. In the Golden Legend of the 13th century, Jacobus de Voragine tells the story of how St George helped rescue the people of Sylene in Lybia from a dragon, especially the princess, who had been offered to the dragon as a sacrifice. With the dragon dead, and the princess returned to her father the King, the people of Sylene converted to Christianity.

George  
Patron  
Saint  
England  
Officer

Roman  
Army  
Diocletian  
Terror  
Martyred

Palestine  
Courage  
Example  
Helper  
Evil

Soldier  
Hero  
Golden  
Legend  
Dragon

Princess  
Converted



## Prayer for May 2024 (By Daphne Kitching)

Dear Lord,

May, the loveliest of months – and this year, as we welcome the blossom and the beauty of late Spring, we also welcome Your Holy Spirit afresh, as we celebrate Pentecost.

May we open our hearts to receive Your Spirit, as Your people did on that first Day of Pentecost. May we be filled and empowered and emboldened to witness to Your goodness and love.

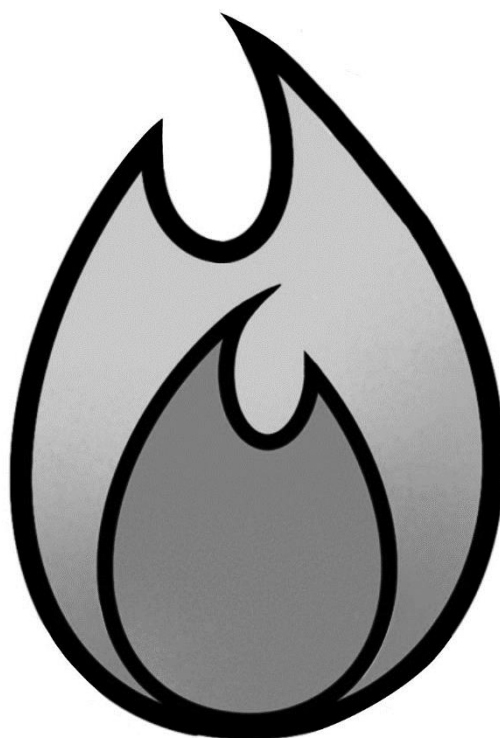
May we be transformed by Him and reflect Your transforming grace to the broken world in which we live. May people who meet us ask, “What does this mean?” May they turn to You and hear You speaking in ways they can understand.

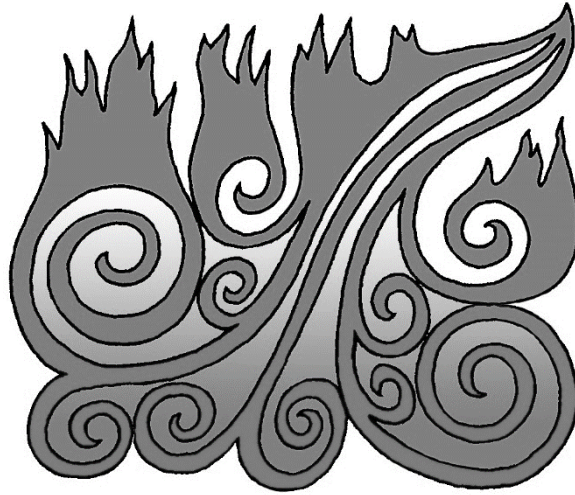
Without Your Holy Spirit we can do nothing. With Him living in us, we can do all things.

Come Holy Spirit, come to us, we pray,

In Jesus' name.

Amen.





### **A poetic prayer for Pentecost**

Happy Birthday to all Christians,  
This is where it all began;  
Out from here went the apostles,  
Taking Christ to everyone.

Able now to speak to nations,  
With the good news to proclaim;  
Crucified for our salvation,  
Hear His message, learn His name.

Out they went to every corner,  
Fearless as they spread the word;  
Bringing light to those in darkness,  
Giving hope to all that heard.

So must we with every blessing,  
Follow in the steps they trod;  
Showing love and help and kindness,  
All come from the breath of God.

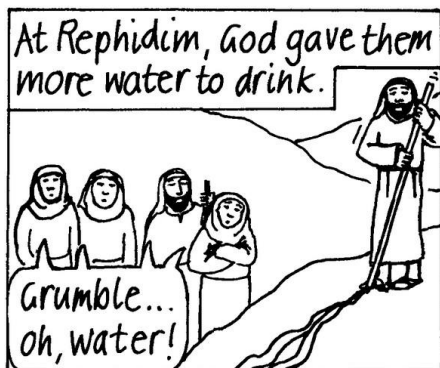
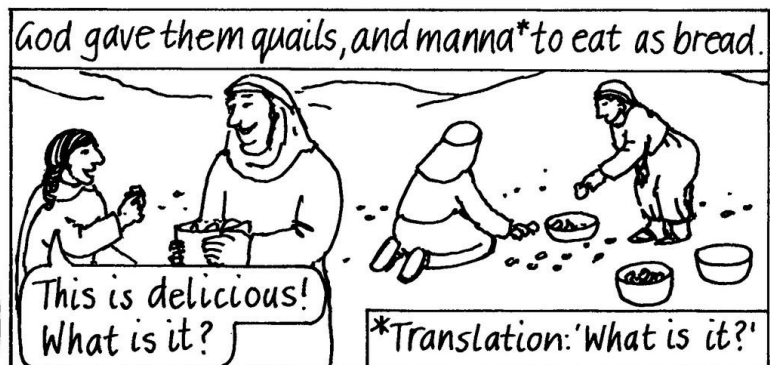
*By Alan Millichip*

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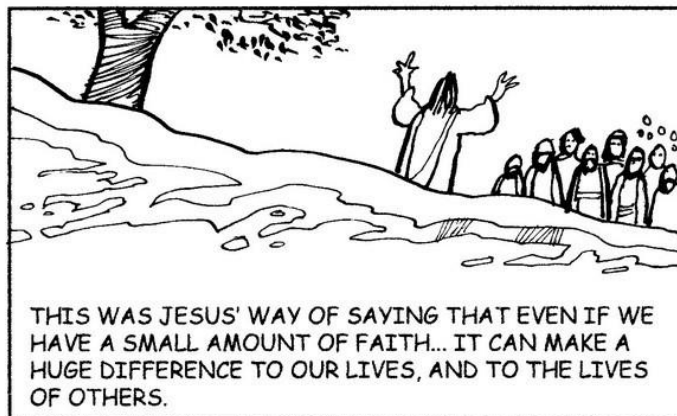
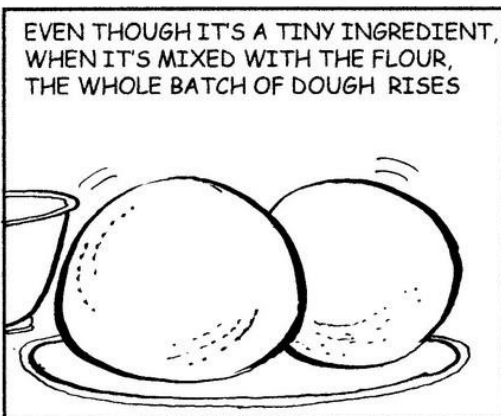
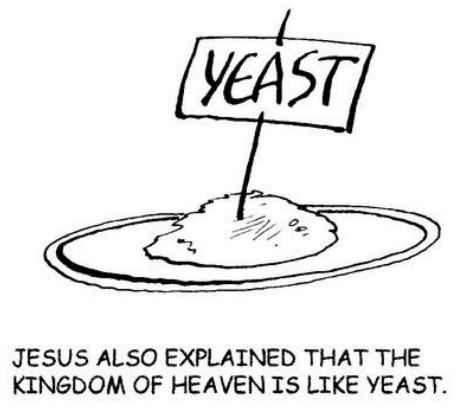
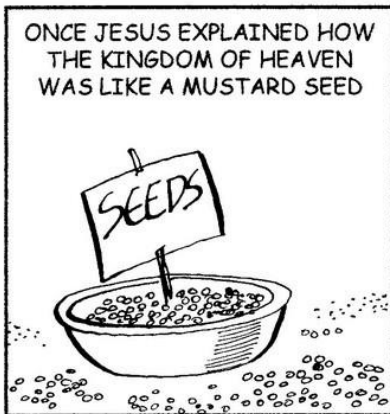
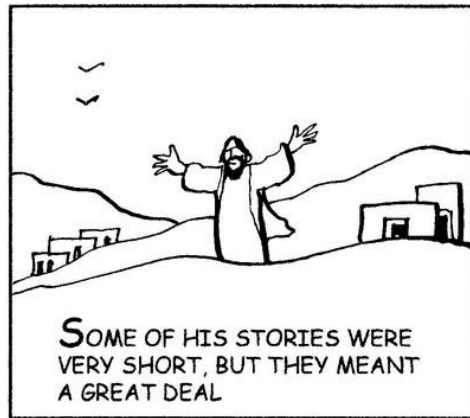
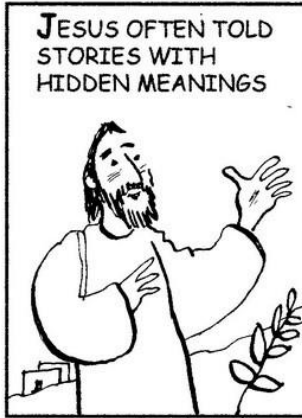
A short story from the Bible

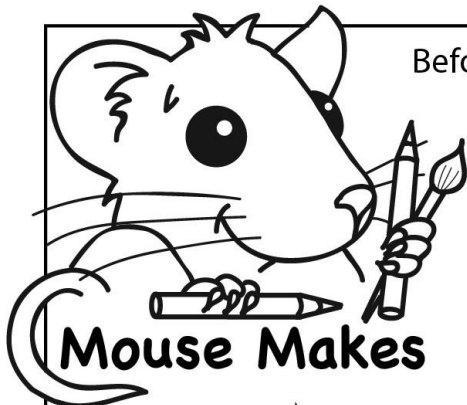
It can be read in the Bible in Exodus chapters 15:22 to 19:2

God had rescued the Hebrews from Egypt, and was leading them to their new land. But after 3 days....



# The tale of the Mustard Seed & the tale of the Yeast





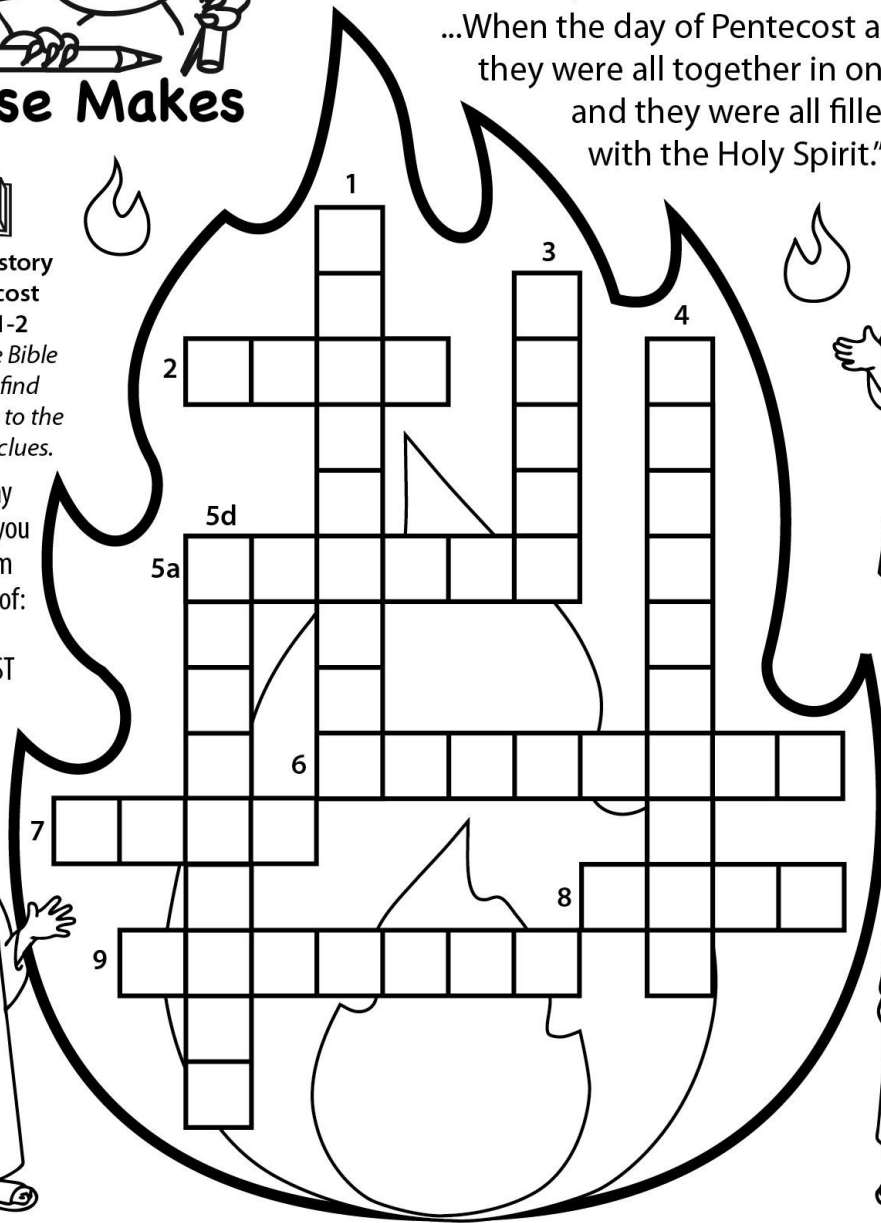
Before Jesus ascended to heaven he told his disciples  
 "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit  
 has come upon you, and you will be my  
 witness in Jerusalem and in all Judea  
 and Samaria, and to the end of the earth"...

...When the day of Pentecost arrived,  
 they were all together in one place,  
 and they were all filled  
 with the Holy Spirit."



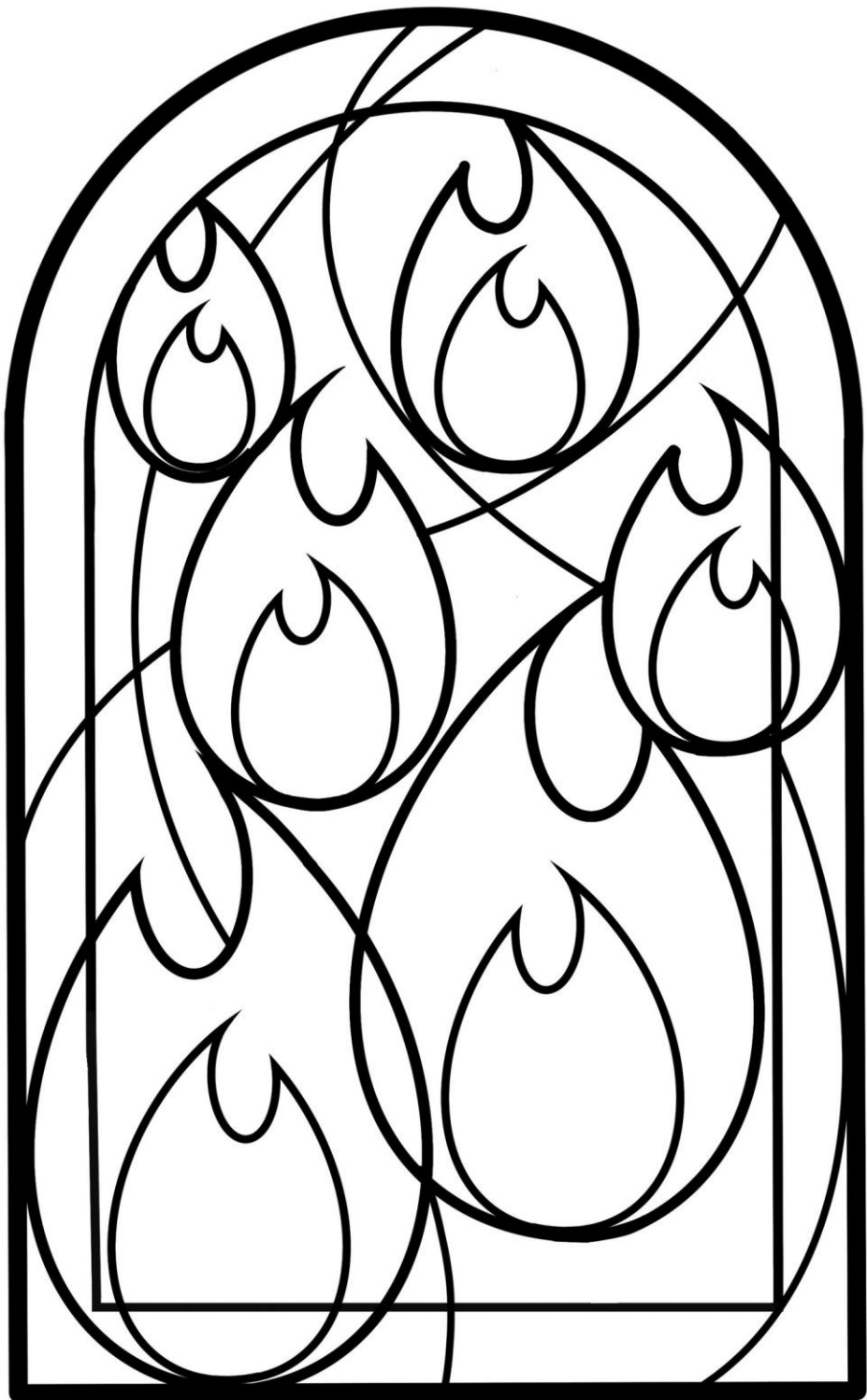
**READ** the story  
 of Pentecost  
 in Acts 1-2  
 Look up the Bible  
 verses to find  
 the answers to the  
 crossword clues.

How many  
 words can you  
 make from  
 the letters of:  
 DAY OF  
 PENTECOST



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| 1 After Jesus ascended into heaven, which city did the Apostles return to? <i>Acts 1:12</i> | 8 What rushing sound came from heaven? <i>Acts 2:2</i>          |
| 2 What appeared? Tongues of ...? <i>Acts 2:3</i>  | 9 What did they start speaking in? <i>Acts 2:4</i>              |
| 3 Who spoke to the crowd? <i>Acts 2:14</i>  | 4 What were the disciples filled with? <i>Acts 2:4</i>          |
| 4 What were the disciples filled with? <i>Acts 2:4</i>                                      | 5a What did the Apostles devote themselves to? <i>Acts 1:14</i> |
| 5a What did the Apostles devote themselves to? <i>Acts 1:14</i>                             | 5d Which special day was it? <i>Acts 2:1</i>                    |
| 6 Who was chosen to replace Judas? <i>Acts 1:26</i>   | 6 Who was chosen to replace Judas? <i>Acts 1:26</i>             |
| 7 Who had prophesied this? <i>Acts 2:16</i>   | 7 Who had prophesied this? <i>Acts 2:16</i>                     |
| 8 What rushing sound came from heaven? <i>Acts 2:2</i>                                      | 8 What rushing sound came from heaven? <i>Acts 2:2</i>          |

Some colouring for all ages....



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