

Pentecost, by Gabrielle Wright

In John chapters 13 to 17 Jesus was speaking to His disciples, preparing them for His coming crucifixion, resurrection and ascension.

They had enjoyed walking with Jesus in their midst, but the time had come to prepare them for the years that lay ahead in which He would no longer live among them as a human.

Jesus spoke very plainly to the disciples about the Holy Spirit who would come upon them once He had ascended into heaven. He left them no doubt that they would not be separated from God, from Jesus.

This week we look forward to celebrating Pentecost on Sunday!

Below is a list (from the book of John) of what Jesus said about the Holy Spirit to His disciples.

Reading these will help us to understand why Pentecost is such an important day in the Christian calendar.

Jesus said:

“I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you forever - the Spirit of truth.” (John 14:16)

“The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. **But** you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.” (John 14:17)

“The Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.” (John 14:26)

“It is good for you that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counsellor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.” (John 16:7)

“When He comes He will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgement.” (John 16:8)

“When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on His own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you.

All that belongs to the Father is mine.” (John 16:13-15)

How wonderful that we have the Holy Spirit who helps us to understand the most important things in life!

Come on Sunday with joy!

As we celebrate Holy Communion, enjoy the fact that we are in fellowship with the living God who has sent the Holy Spirit and with whom we are united through Christ.

Don't forget to wear something red to church to represent the pouring out of the Holy Spirit on all believers!