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METHODIST CHURCH



Notices

Sunday 23rd May 2021 - Pentecost Sunday
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Foundation Module Safeguarding Training Online

A new Course is now available and places can be booked via the Bolton & Rochdale District Website on www.barmd.org.uk

The event will take place on Tuesday 6th July from 7pm to 10pm via Zoom. Places are limited to 20.

Further dates are being arranged and will be communicated out via the Circuit Safeguarding Officer in due course.

Please check with [Agnes Houghton](#) if you are unsure of whether, or not, you need to attend a Course.

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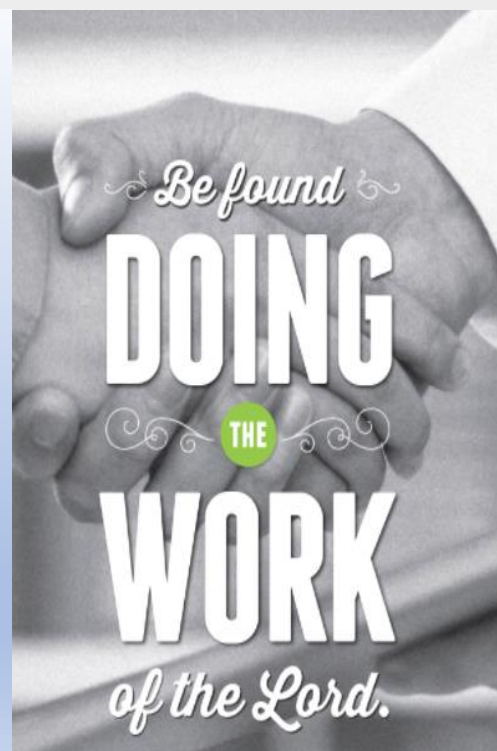


If you know of anyone who is looking for part-time work, there is a vacancy for the role of Cleaner / Caretaker of the Church. We are looking for a reliable person to work approximately 5-6 hours per week, keeping the Church building clean and tidy and opening / closing the premises for any groups that use the building.

A fee is payable to the postholder.

If you would like a Role Description or are interested, please speak to Lisa Brabrook on 07933 399900 or via

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A Prayerful Reflection

Take time to sit quietly and ask Jesus to be present with you in a new way this week. On this Pentecost Sunday, when the Holy Spirit was poured out, give thanks and praise to God for His Spirit.

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The Spirit lives to set us free, walk, walk in the light.

He binds us all in unity, walk, walk in the light.

Walk in the light, walk in the light,

walk in the light, walk in the light of the Lord.

A WORD FROM SCRIPTURE - Acts 2:1-21

¹ When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from Heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. ⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under Heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine." ¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ " 'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹ I will show wonders in the Heavens above and signs on the Earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. ²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. ²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

From our scripture this morning we are reminded of the festival at Pentecost in the book of Acts. The book was written by Luke,... a physician who wrote as a historian, to tell what happened after the resurrection of Jesus. The book provides a condensed history of the early church. It begins and speaks about the festival of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit,.. and details the spread of the gospel,... how the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and empowered to be Jesus' witnesses throughout the world.

The Pentecost event is one of the most important events in the life of the Church . It signifies the birth of the Church and also shows that God works in and through communities and the Spirit works to unify communities. Another important aspect is that the Spirit empowers us for speech. The silenced, the confused, the marginalised and the broken find power through the Spirit to speak up as did the disciples. The Spirit also empowers others to raise a voice for the voiceless and the oppressed,..... on His Sunday of Pentecost we pray,..... **Holy Spirit fill us and renew us.**

Prayer - In this season of Pentecost, Spirit of the living God come amongst us and dwell in our hearts. Holy Spirit help us to understand Peter's words proclaimed on the day of Pentecost. May his courage,.. encourage and inspire us in our hearing of the gospel and in our doing of the gospel. In our churches let faith increase, in our families let hope abound and in our fellowship circles let love abide.

Prayer of Intercession

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, fill us with the Holy Spirit, the power of the living God. Guide us by the Holy Spirit, the giver of light and life. Strengthen us through the Holy Spirit, the fire of love. Let Your Spirit come upon us and change us and all Your faithful people, that we may live and work to Your praise and glory.

- ❖ We pray that You would grant wisdom of judgment and of decision, to those who govern locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. May we see a world of peace, of fair-trade and shared resources.

Breathe on us breath of God – **and fill us with life anew**

- ❖ We pray that You would give wisdom and insight to those who work in search of medicines and treatments, that fullness of life may be the possession of those who are ill.

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- ❖ We pray for people in the world, for those living in the shadow of war, violence and hostilities, for leaders of nations, for those with power to influence the hearts and minds of millions. We pray for the people of the Middle East where violence has erupted. Lord God, may the coming of Your Spirit bring the fire of cleansing and the wind that renews.

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- ❖ Loving God, we ask for the assurance of Your Spirit to know Your presence with us in our daily lives,..in all our relationships,.. in our work, in our service and in our leisure,..in our worship,..in our times of joy and pain.

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Loving God, we ask for the gift of Your Holy Spirit to help us pray as we ought.

Holy Spirit: Help Us.

Pray the LORD'S Prayer

Peace

- ❖ *The Spirit of the Lord comes upon us to renew us and the face of the whole earth, and to bring us into His peace.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

A prayer of blessing

- ❖ *The Spirit of the living God give fire to your faith, breathe new life into worship and give new power to your witness.*

AMEN