

North Bedford Church Partnership

Putnoe Heights Church



St. Mark's and Putnoe Heights Church are both shared Partnerships between The Church of England and the Methodist Church.

A Service of Morning Worship for

Pentecost

Opening Sentence

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. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy *Acts Chapter 2 verses 17-18*

Opening Statement

God has given us His Spirit He has poured out his love.

Great is the Lord and worthy of all praise:

Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honour,

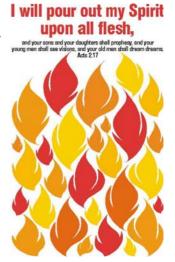
power and might, be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.

Hymn

Come Down O Love Divine - Mission Praise 89

Confession

The Spirit of truth will convict the world of guilt about sin, righteousness, and judgement. We have grieved the Holy Spirit. We confess our sins in penitence and faith. (John 16:8). (We sit for the confession) Words and responses.....



God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins:

For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives:

Father forgive us: save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you:

Father forgive us: save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do, and think and say:

Father forgive us: save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you by temptations in the world:

Father forgive us: save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son:

Father forgive us: save us and help us.

God who is both power and love, forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We remain seated seated and sing as a prayer

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; break me, melt me, mould me, fill me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; (Repeat)

Offering

Yours Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

This is an ancient collect prayer which you may like to keep and use at home

O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being, we humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit that in

all the cares and occupations of our daily life we may never forget you,

Hymn

Spirit of God, unseen as the wind, gentle as is the dove; teach us the truth and help us believe, show us the Saviour's love

You spoke to us, long, long ago, gave us the written word; we read it still, needing its truth, through it God's voice is heard.

Without your help we fail our Lord, we cannot live his way; we need your power, we need your strength, following Christ each day

Readings

Collect God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Acts Chapter 2 Verses 1-11 John Chapter 14 Verses 15-27

After each reading

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Hymn

Sermon

The Reverend Peter Littleford

Hymn

Spirit of Holiness - Mission Praise 611

Creed

We believe in God the Father; from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers

Hymn

Final Prayer & Blessing