

New Life Christian Fellowship

Whitsun, Pentecost, what's it all about? Is its meaning disappearing? Even the government relocated its bank holiday!

Here's how it began: Jesus died, many panicked; deserting him. But he came back; spoke to them, even cooked fish on the beach, like old times.

He said he had to go. It was for their own good, as someone was coming in his place. Someone who could be in more than one place at a time; not contained by humanity, like him. A counsellor, a guide, who gives power, challenges your conscience, keeping us on track. He told them to wait.

So they waited, together, 120 of them.

Then the day arrived. Flames like fires landed on them, they spoke in foreign languages, people thought they were drunk! Peter, who was so afraid he denied Jesus three times, suddenly became bold!

He spoke out: "People of Israel, listen! God publicly endorsed Jesus by doing powerful miracles, wonders, and signs through him... But God knew what would happen, and his prearranged plan was carried out when Jesus was betrayed. With the help of lawless Gentiles, you nailed him to a cross and killed him. But God released him from the horrors of death and raised him back to life, for death could not keep him in its grip... Now he's exalted to the place of highest honour in heaven, at God's right hand... the Father, as he had promised, gave him the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us, just as you see and hear today."

Peter's words pierced their hearts. They asked "what should we do?"

Peter said to turn to God, away from things that pollute their souls. Be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ to be cleansed. Then they would receive the gift of the Holy Spirit too. The person sent by Jesus is his Holy Spirit; giving guidance, strength, hope and peace in life's chaos.

This is Pentecost, the birth of The Church. The Church is all people who believe in Jesus and receive His Spirit. 3,000 became part of The Church that day.

This promise is for today too.

We believers, The Church, are still live today and we must stick together! We're not perfect, but we are loved by Jesus. We are here to be hopeful, hope givers. You are very welcome to join us today!

New Life Christian Fellowship Kilgetty Community Centre, 10.45am Sundays, all welcome. Call 01834 831533/07827293781 if you want to talk or would like us to pray.

