# Holy Innocents Fallowfield

## Pentecost
## *Sunday, May 24th 2026*

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*Welcome to Holy Innocents on the Feast of Pentecost.*

*The president today is the Revd Canon Alma Servant and the preacher is the Revd Jane Walker . This leaflet contains all you need to join in the service. Words **in bold print** are spoken or sung by all. Hymns are not announced. For visitors, Gift Aid envelopes are available. Please be still and quiet before the service as we prepare together to celebrate the Eucharist.*

*When the bell rings, please stand to join in:*

**Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,**
**and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;**
**O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;**
**and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,**
**and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**Let holy charity my outward vesture be, and lowliness become my inner clothing:**
**true lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,**
**and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.**

**And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,**
**shall far outpass the power of human telling; for none can guess its grace,**
**till they become the place wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
**And also with you.**

*The president introduces the service:*

Jesus Christ is our crucified, risen and ascended Lord,
and we have walked with him through his journey of love.
We have faced the agony of his suffering and death on a cross.
We have rejoiced at his bursting free from the bonds of death.
We have enjoyed his risen presence with us
and his revelation of himself through the breaking of bread.
We have seen his return to the throne before which every knee shall bow
and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord.
And now, as did his followers in his own time, we await the coming of the promised Holy Spirit, his gift to his people, through whom we make Christ known to the world.

*A time of silence is kept, then the president leads this short act of penitence:*

Be with us, Spirit of God: **nothing can separate us from your love.**
Breathe on us, breath of God; **fill us with your saving power.**
Speak in us, wisdom of God; **bring strength, forgiveness, healing, and peace.**

May almighty God, whose Spirit has the power to heal and save,
free us from all sin, perfect us in grace, and bring us to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,**
**you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;**
**you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**
**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**THE COLLECT** *The prayer for the feast of Pentecost.*

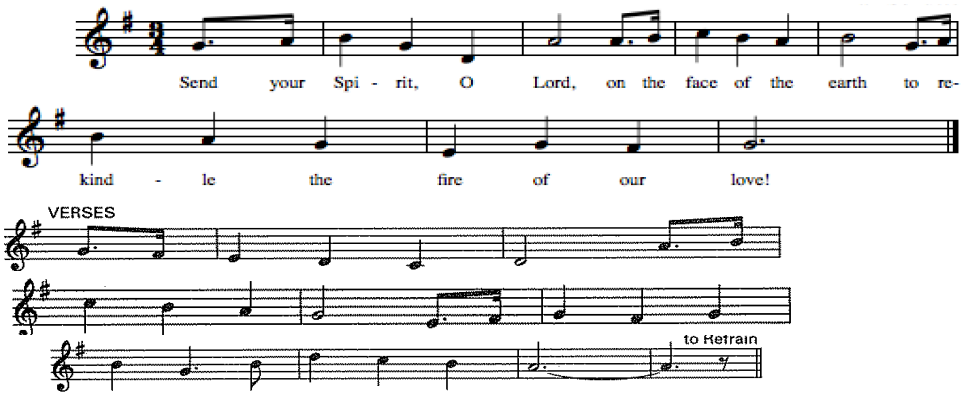
Let us pray.
*After a moment of silent prayer the president says the Collect. At the end:* **Amen.**

*Please sit down for the Ministry of the Word.*

**FIRST READING:** Acts 2.1-21

*At the end:* This is the word of the Lord
**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 104** *Please remain seated and join in the refrain and verses*




We will bless you, O God, with the song of our hearts:
how amazing and countless the works of your hand. /R

When you silence our breath we will perish and die,
but the fire of your Spirit renews all the earth. /R

May your glory endure till the end of all time.
May the sound of our music delight you, O God**.** /R

**SECOND READING** Romans 8.22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

*At the end:* This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*PLEASE STAND for the Gospel Acclamation:*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia:

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord.

Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

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**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

**GOSPEL READING** John 20.19-23

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end:* This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit for the sermon. After the sermon there will be a time of silence.*
*Then the baptism candidates come forward to the sanctuary steps and are introduced.*
*The candidates are then asked:*

Do you wish to be baptised?

**I DO**

*The congregation is asked two questions:*

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome these people and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

**With the help of God, we will.**

Dear friends in Christ, the Church receives our friends with joy.
Today we are trusting God for their growth in faith.
Will you pray for them, draw them by your example into the community of faith and walk with them in the way of Christ?

**With the help of God, we will.**

*The candidates are asked:*
Do you turn away from sin? **I DO.**
Do you reject evil? **I DO.**
Do you turn to Christ as Saviour? **I DO.**
Do you trust in him as Lord? **I DO.**

*The sign of the cross is made on each person's forehead, in holy oil:*
Christ claims you for his own.
Receive the sign of his cross.
Do not be ashamed of Christ.
You are his for ever.
**Stand bravely with him against all the powers of evil**
**and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

*Water is poured into the font and blessed:*
We praise you, loving Father, for the gift of your Son Jesus.
He was baptised in the River Jordan, where your Spirit came upon him
and revealed him as the Son you love.
He sent his followers to baptise all who turn to him.
And so, Father, we ask you to bless this water,
that those who are baptised in it may be cleansed in the water of life,
filled with your Spirit
and know they are loved as your children, safe in Christ for ever.
**Amen.**

*The candidates lead the profession of faith:*
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.**

*Water is poured on the candidates..*
….I baptise you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit**. Amen.**

*When all the candidates have been baptised:*
May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church,
pour upon you the riches of his grace. **Amen.**

*We join in the welcome:*
Would that all the Lord's people were prophets,
and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"
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**We welcome you into the household of faith;**
**we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.**

*The president introduces the Peace:*
God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and,
as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.
May the peace of the Lord be always with you:
a**nd also with you.**
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.
*All exchange a sign of peace and then join in:*

***Hail thee, festival day! Blest day that art hallowed for ever.***
***Day when the Lord from heav'n, shone on the world with his grace.***

**Bright and in likeness of fire, on those who await your appearing,**
**You whom the Lord foretold suddenly, swiftly descend.**

**Forth from the Father you come with sevenfold mystical offering,**
**Pouring on all human souls, infinite riches of God.**

**Hark! In hundreds of tongues, Christ's own, his chosen apostles**
**Preach to myriad tribes, Christ and his wonderful works.**

**Spirit of life and of power, now flow in us, fount of our being,**
**Light that enlightens us all, life that in all may abide.**

*The bread and wine are brought to the altar.*
*The president says a prayer over the gifts to which we all respond:*
**Blessed be God for ever.**
*THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER follows.*
The Lord be with you.
**And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts.
**We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*THE PRESIDENT continues the prayer, thanking God for his saving works, and then invites the people to join their praises with the whole company of heaven:*
....we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**
**heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**
**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**
*The president asks the Father to send the Holy Spirit to sanctify the bread and wine, and then repeats the Lord's own words over the bread and cup. .....*
Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

*The president continues, joining our offering with Christ's sacrifice of himself. At the end of the prayer the president says:*
.....all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever:
**Amen.**

*The president introduces the LORD'S PRAYER and all say the prayer together in their own chosen or first language:*

In the power of the spirit, let us say together the prayer that Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name,**
**your kingdom come,**
**your will be done in earth as it is in heaven.**
**Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins,**
**as we forgive those who sin against us.**
**Do not let us enter into temptation, but deliver us from evil,**
**for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours for ever and ever. Amen**

*We sit or kneel as the president breaks the consecrated bread in pieces for all to share:*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

*The president addresses those who wish to come to Holy Communion:*

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*Those who wish to receive Holy Communion or a blessing approach the altar.*
*During communion we hear O breath of Life. When all have received Holy Communion there will be a time of stillness and quiet. Then please stand with the president.*

Let us pray,
*After a moment of silent prayer*
Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal:
**open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory;**
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Please join in:*

**Come Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire, let us thine influence prove;**
**source of the old prophetic fire, fountain of life and love.**

**Come, Holy Ghost, for, moved by thee, thy prophets wrote and spoke:**
**unlock the truth, thyself the key, unseal the sacred book.**

**Expand thy wings, celestial Dove, brood o'er our nature's night;**
**on our disordered spirits move and let there now be light.**

**God, through himself, we then shall know, if thou within us shine;**
**and sound, with all thy saints below, the depths of love divine.**

*Charles Wesley*

*Please sit for the notices and announcements.*
*Then we mark the day of Pentecost by a short ceremony to put out the Easter Candle.*
*For the rest of the year, it will only be lit for baptisms and funerals.*
*The president and other ministers move to stand by the Easter Candle.*
*Different voices lead the prayer:*

Blessed are you, sovereign God, overflowing in love.
With Pentecost dawns the age of the Spirit.
Now the flame of heaven rests on every believer.
Let all your people tell out your word and walk in your light.
The young receive visions, the old receive dreams.
With the new wine of the Spirit, they proclaim your reign of love.
Source of freedom, giver of life, blessed are you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
**Blessed be God for ever.**

*The baptism candidates come forward and receive candles lit from the Easter Candle.*
Receive this light.
This is to show that you have passed from darkness to light.
**Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.**

For fifty days we have celebrated the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over sin and death.
We have proclaimed God's mighty acts and we have prayed that the power that was at work when God raised Jesus from the dead might be at work in us.

*The Easter Candle is put out.*
*Then the president leads the blessing and dismissal.*
May the Spirit, who hovered over the waters when the world was created,
breathe into you the life he gives.
**Amen.**
May the Spirit, who overshadowed the Blessed Virgin Mary
when the eternal Son came among us,
make you joyful in the service of the Lord.
**Amen.**
May the Spirit, whose fire inspired the Church on the Day of Pentecost,
bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.
**Amen.**
And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
**Amen.**
Filled with the Spirit's power, go in the light and peace of Christ.
Alleluia, alleluia.
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Come Holy Spirit, Lord of all, O hear your people when they call
With grace and perfect holiness come down with joy our hearts to bless.

Our comforter, to you we cry – the heavenly gift of God most high:
A fount of life and fire of love – and endless blessing from above.

Your promised power on all bestow, to speak the truth to earth below:
Revealed in sacrament and sign: God's presence manifest, divine.

May light and joy from heav'n above ignite our hearts with endless love;
That human weakness strength may find: sustain each patient, searching mind.

Drive far from us each foe or fear, that we may live in peace and cheer
So guided by you on our way, our hearts may rise at break of day.

From age to age your endless grace shall let us see the Father's face;
The Son whose triumph hosts adore, dwells with the Spirit, evermore.

Inspiring Spirit, Risen Son, Creator God, the three in one;
So, through the ages ever long this may be our endless song:
Praise to your eternal merit. Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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*This week:*

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| MONDAY 25th | **1930 Eucharist** The Venerable Bede (followed by Bellringers) |
| TUESDAY 28th | **1030 Eucharist** St Augustine (followed by coffee….) |
| SATURDAY 30th | **1000 Foodbank** |
| NEXT SUNDAY 31st | **Trinity Sunday** |

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*Thanks to some hard work during the week we now have a new planting bed and a new compost bin for branches and twigs. The bed will suit acid loving/tolerating plants: any spare azaleas, rhododendrons, hydrangeas…*