



New Creation Churches

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June Prayer Diary

Peter said, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2: 38

Walking In The Spirit

We’ve just celebrated Pentecost, albeit probably in a rather different way than usual this year! At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was given, and we too have received this precious gift, but the Holy Spirit is not the sort of decorative gift we might receive at a birthday or anniversary, to put on display on the mantelpiece, it’s far more than that. The Holy Spirit is the very presence of God in our lives and the power of God to change us and enable us to produce fruit.

So, what difference is the Holy Spirit making in my life and in your life? In the Apostle Peter’s life, the Holy Spirit changed him from the betraying coward who ran away when challenged, to the bold and challenging preacher who played a major part in the start of Christianity. And as Paul wrote to Timothy in 2 Timothy 1:7 “For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.” The Holy Spirit enables and empowers us to be and to do way beyond what we are capable of on our own.

God expects us to work with the Holy Spirit to produce fruit, which we read of in Galatians 5:22-23: “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.” We need the Holy Spirit to grow daily and produce this fruit. Trying to live an active Christian life in today’s world without the power of God at work in our lives isn’t just difficult . . . it’s impossible. Let’s listen for the Spirit’s leading and be fully empowered by His presence, so we can indeed grow daily in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, and be the blessing God made us to be.

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Bible Verses

Galatians 5:22-23:- ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

2 Timothy 1:6-7:- ⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷ For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

2 Peter 3:18:- But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

ANSWERS TO PRAYER FROM PREVIOUS MONTH'S DIARIES:

- We continue to give thanks for the way the local communities have responded to the current situation looking after the most vulnerable.
- Generosity in donations to the Foodbank.

A reminder of what the Prayer Diary is about:

The prayer diary reminds us to pray each day for a person in the church, a street or organisation, and a diary event, and informs and directs our prayers, underpinning and supporting the day-to-day work of the churches in Banwell and Congresbury. The Diary is circulated to St Andrew's electoral roll in both Anglican churches and Congresbury Methodist members.

Please keep it in a handy place to use each day - it is designed to stick on the fridge with a magnet, or to fold to go in a book or bag etc.

The aim is that once every five months every person in the churches, each village & church organisation / group & each village street will be prayed for. **If you have not yet been included (and wish to be) please contact Congresbury Church Office (01934 833126).**

YOUR FEEDBACK IS WANTED

We would welcome any feedback and news of prayer answers / requests. Please contact the Congresbury Church Office (01934 833126) with your suggestions, answers to prayer, and any specific prayer requests. *Please could you get these to the Church Office by 20th June. Thank you.*

New Creation churches -Prayer During the Day

O Lord, open our lips and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.
This is the day that the Lord has made
Let us rejoice and be glad in it. *(Psalm 51.15, Ps 118.24)*

As we recall God's faithfulness we pray:

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. *(Lam 3:22-23)*

The Word of God

*the psalm for today is in this month's Prayer Diary.
The Bible readings for today are in this month's Prayer Diary.*

Response *silence and a time for individual reflection*

Prayers

please use today's entry in the prayer diary to guide your intercessions

The New Creation Prayer:

Loving God, you are one-
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, united in peace.
Unite our two traditions and village communities into one body- your body, and sustain our rich diversity we pray.
We give you thanks for your commitment to your people of every age and place.
We ask for your help to fulfil our commitment to you and each other.
Grant us your peace, that we might grow in patience and humility,
and help us to leave behind all that might hinder our unity as we walk with you.
Enable us, by your Spirit, to work together in peace in a new way,
to love our neighbours as ourselves and to honour Christ as Lord. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer is said

The Conclusion

Bind unto yourself the name,
the strong name of the Trinity;
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One and One in Three.
Of whom all nature hath creation,
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:
praise the Lord of your salvation,
salvation is of Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

*(St Patricks breastplate prayer)
If you would like to join with others in saying daily prayer, please see Pew News for details for the coming month.*