

## **Children and family talk and Messy Church celebration , Pentecost for 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Hello everybody! We join together today with our messy church families and Sunday families to celebrate Pentecost and our 8<sup>th</sup> Messy Church birthday!

Pentecost marks the beginning of the church, it's birth, so it's really the church's birthday! I think we should sing happy birthday!

Happy birthday to you

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Happy Birthday to the church and Messy Church at Christ Church Rayleigh,

Happy Birthday to you!

If you've had one of our Messy Church bags of crafts then you've probably been busy making lots of crafts, such as the spinner, the paper birds and decorating the Pentecost cakes. I have enjoyed making all the crafts this week, I hope you have too!

All these things tie in with Pentecost, which is when the Holy Spirit came to the disciples.

From Acts 2: 1-18

On the day when the church began, all Jesus' friends were gathered together waiting for the present that Jesus had promised. Suddenly they heard a noise like a great whooshing wind that filled the house.

Then they saw what looked like flames of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them, but didn't burn them.

The spirit of God had come and was filling each one, all the women, men and children. They all began to celebrate and praise God, but in a very surprising way. The Spirit helped them to do something they'd never done before – to praise God in lots of different languages that they'd never learnt.

God still gives his Holy Spirit today to everyone who believes in Jesus, so we can praise God and do things for God that we'd never be able to do on our own.

Let's praise God and celebrate the birthday of the Church and Messy Church and the gift of God's Holy Spirit, which helps us to be bold and strong when we tell others about God's love.

### **Be bold, be strong**

Be bold, be strong, for the Lord your God is with you.

Be Bold, Be strong, for the Lord your God is with you.

I am not afraid, no, no, no,

I am not dismayed, not me!

For I'm walking in faith and victory,

come on and walk in faith and victory,

For the Lord, your God, is with you.

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### **Praying together**

Lord, thankyou that we too can have your Holy Spirit with us, protecting us, giving us strength and courage to go out into the world and tell others about you.

**Amen.**

Let's all do the Grace together, follow me for the actions

**Messy Grace:** May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *(Hold out hands as if expecting a present)* And the love of God *(Put your hands on your heart)*

And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit *(Hold hands)*

Be with us all now and for ever. Amen! *(raise hands together on the Amen)*