

Pentecost Challenge

Inspired by all the wonderful crosses we saw during Holy Week and your general creativity, we would like to challenge you to flood the diocese with symbols of the power of the Holy Spirit in the week before and day of Pentecost on Sunday 31 May.

BIBLE VERSES

When the day of Pentecost came, all the believers were gathered together in one place. Suddenly there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

You can find this in the Bible in the book of Acts, Chapter 2, verses 2-4.

WEEKLY PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you that you sent the Holy Spirit at Pentecost in wind and flame to lead us into love, joy, peace and truth. Fill each one of us we pray by the power of the Holy Spirit with all those things so we can make a difference in the world wherever we may be. Amen.

Activities

We made each of these things using old magazines or newspapers, a bit of sticky tape and bits of string - you can use whatever you have.

A windsock

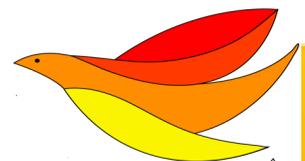
Take a piece of thick paper or thin card. It should be about A4 size. From other pieces of paper, tear or cut long strips and stick them to a long edge of the paper leaving a small gap in between. Bend the piece of card or paper around and stick or staple it together. Make a hang fro string of folded up pieces of paper. Attach it then hang by a window or somewhere it will catch the breeze.



Flame doves

You might like this idea too from https://www.strandz.org.nz/uploads/4/6/5/9/46590535/dove_flame_prayers.pdf

Follow the template to cut out flame shapes then attach them together in a dove shape.



A string of doves

Make a dove template from a piece of card—you can always find a dove shape online. Take some newspaper and draw around the template until you have lots of doves. Cut them out and attach them with some tape to long pieces of string or wall. Make as many as you like using different colours. They look great hanging in a window!



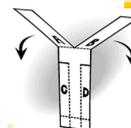
Kite bunting

Make a kite template from a piece of card. On thick paper or thin card draw around the template and cut out the shapes (we folded ours in half to give them a bit of structure). Take a thin strip of paper and wrap it around a pen or pencil so it curls a little then stick it to the bottom point of the kite shape. Then, you can string them up however you like using some thread or string.



A whirligig

Take a piece of paper—not too thin—and cut or tear an oblong about 11cm by 3.5cm. If you are using plain paper you can decorate it. Then make it like the picture with dotted and solid lines. Cut along the solid lines then fold the dotted lines. So, fold C and D over each other so they overlap; fold A toward you; fold B away from you; fold the bottom up and if you have one, put a paper clip on it. Hold the whirligig at the bottom and throw it as high as you can and watch it whirl to the ground. You can experiment with different sizes. Lots of them being thrown together looks great and you might want to say the daily prayer as you watch them fly.



Bubbles

If you don't have any bubble mixture, you can make some by using one part washing up liquid to six parts water. So if you use 50ml washing-up liquid then you need 300ml of water. Mix it together.

Pictures

Squeeze a bit of paint into a bowl, cup or whatever you have. Add a little bubble mixture and a bit more water. Mix it together with a spoon. Put a straw into the mixture and blow lots of bubbles so they come to the top. Take a piece of paper and gently place it on top of the bubbles. When you take it off you'll have a bubble picture! You can try different colours in different bowls or cups and do it several times with the same piece of paper. Then place it in the window.

Prayers

If you don't have a bubble wand be creative with things you can blow shapes through like a biscuit cutter, bend a paper clip into a shape or even use a fly swatter!

Think of someone you want to bring to God in prayer. Then as you blow the bubbles think about the things that person needs and ask God to help them. Watch the bubbles rise on the breeze as a symbol of your prayers being carried to God by the Holy Spirit.