

St Mary's Church Knowsley Village

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ

Pentecost and the Future!

Firstly this comes as we join you in saying: **'Happy Birth-Day Church!'**
Tomorrow marks the day when we celebrate God's greatest gift, in remembrance of His Spirit poured out on the apostles in Jerusalem. And also as we look to him afresh and say again: **'Come, Holy Spirit** – fill us afresh and make us more like Jesus – ready to worship him and equipped to serve him'. May it be a truly special day for you.

We remember different ways the Holy Spirit was described by Jesus – as our Counsellor, our Advocate, Helper and Comforter. May you indeed know him as **Counsellor** – guiding you in any big decisions ahead; as **Advocate** – standing for you if you feel oppressed or cast down; **Helper** – understanding your needs because he was with Jesus in his humanity and suffering; and **Comforter** – drawing alongside and lifting you to face the future in hope.

And secondly can I offer my apologies for not being in touch since Easter. No excuses – but I hope you can trust me that I haven't been twiddling my thumbs or been on a long vacation. I also trust that you're well, and my hope is that you will now have had your second jab too!

As you know we have been worshipping back in the building since Easter Day at 10.45am in a single joint service, as Covid protocols have meant that we can't hold 2 successive services straight after one another. We held a 'Vision Evening' on April 26th, acknowledging that everyone, old and young, has felt a bit on the side-lines as no-one has been able to worship in their preferred way. But at the same time we have had good numbers joining us, and many have commented on how they have enjoyed worshipping together as one church, with the benefit of the screens installed last year. We are still wearing masks and operating in a Covid-secure manner, so trust you will now feel confident enough to rejoin us. Do let me or anyone else know if you would benefit from a lift.

In the meantime, I attach a copy of our Reports for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held last Sunday (full Annual Reports in church), which will bring you more up to date!

Wishing you God's peace, good health, and the gift of his Spirit. And see you soon!

in His Spirit

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Our Vision: "To be an **'Open Door Church'** to share God's love for the world and be a community growing in the love of Jesus Christ"
together with our partner churches in the **'4Saints Team'**:
St Jude's Stockbridge Village, St George's Huyton and St Luke's West Derby