

The gift of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is part of the Godhead – co-equal with the Father and the Son and so has the same beautiful characteristics.

In the beginning, before creation when the earth was without form and void, the Spirit of God hovered over its surface. Gen 1 v2

Jesus was conceived in a virgin's womb by the Holy Spirit. Matt 1 v20

By the power of the Holy Spirit Jesus was raised from the dead.

God poured out his Spirit on his disciples, and He sends his Spirit into all who repent and believe – sons of God Acts 2 v1-4 Galatians 4 v6

❖ Jesus told us the Holy Spirit would:

Convict us of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgement
John 16 v8-11

He, the Spirit of Truth, will guide us into everything that's true John 16 v13

He will bring glory to Jesus for the Spirit will draw on the truth of the Son and reveal it to us. John 16 v14

The Holy Spirit will empower us, and we will be good witnesses of the Gospel. Acts 1 v8

❖ The reality of the Spirit of God in us today

The Spirit of God comes to live in the body of any who repent and believe. (Romans 8 v9 1Corinthians 3 v16(, for He is the evidence that we are sons of God (Romans 8 v14), as well as the proof and guarantee of our salvation. (1John 4 v13 Ephesians 1 v13-14)

Through his mighty power in us we are able to:

- Be good witnesses of the gospel Acts 1 v8
- Endure great difficulties with patience and even joy. Colossians 1 v11
- Say 'No' to sin and Yes' to righteousness. Romans 6 v12-14

The work of the Spirit in us at Bryn today:

- He directs us as Church and individuals into God's will.
(Many examples in Acts - e.g. Acts 8v29: 9v19: 15 v28: 20v22)
- He helps us when we pray Romans 8 v26
- He patiently works in each of us, slowly transforming us to be like Jesus. 2 Thessalonians 2 v13: 1 Peter 1 v2
- He grows the fruit of God's beautiful character in us. Gal 5 v22-24
- He gives us spiritual gifts to strengthen the church. 1 Corinthians 12 v7
- He enables true worship and effective prayer. John 4 v23-24: Jude v20



Bryn Independent Methodist Church

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“Welcome” 😊

**Pentecost Sunday
24th May**

11.00 am Our speaker is
Nolan Bradshaw

6.00 pm The Church meets to pray

The Lord and the Spirit are one and the same, and the Lord's Spirit sets us free.

So our faces are not covered.

They show the bright glory of the Lord,
as the Lord's Spirit makes us
more and more like our glorious Lord.

2 Corinthians 3 v17-18

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days,’*

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*Spirit on
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and women,*

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and
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prophesy.”*

Acts 2 v17-18

Next week at Bryn I.M.

Day	Time	Occasion
Tuesday 26 th		No Toddlers – half term break
Tuesdays	2.00 pm	Men's coffee and chat.
Tuesday	7.00 pm	Church members' meeting
Sunday 31 st May	11 00 am	Our speaker is Alan Bridge

May praise and prayer for the Berbers

Please see Printed Notice Sheet

For your information and prayer

❖ Church Members' Meeting at 7 pm on Tuesday 26th May

Please pray that:

- our discussions and our decisions will be pleasing to God,
- the elders elected will be just what we need at this time.

Do come if you can.

❖ House/Prayer groups – dates, times and venues

Friday 29 th May at 1.30 pm	At Jackie's in Ashton
Monday 8 th June at 10 am	At Margaret's in Orrell
Thursday 18 th June at 7 pm	At Simon and Cherith's, Garswood
Friday 26 th June at 1.30 pm	At Jackie's in Ashton

If you want to attend any of our prayer groups but don't know where the people hosting them live, just ask someone at church.

❖ **Lights for Christ** – a day of worship, reflection and fellowship
This gathering for women has been organised by the Northwest Baptist Association and is entitled 'In Him we are chosen.' Ephesians 1 v11.

The date is Saturday 20th June from 9.30am till 4pm.

Lunch will be included – donations will be welcome.

The speaker is Chrissy Remsburg - Pastor of a Baptist church in Stafford.

The venue is Latchford Baptist Church,
Loushers Lane. Warrington WA4 2RP

There is no charge, but you need to register at

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lights-for-christ-tickets>

Daily Prayer Guide

*“In the last days’, God says, ‘I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.
Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.”*
Acts 2 v17-18

Sunday - thanksgiving

Acts 2:17-18, Romans 8:14

Give thanks to God for we are now living the fulfilment of His promise as the Holy Spirit equips us to prophesy, see visions, win souls and edify the body of Christ.

Monday – praise

Acts 2:17-18, Galatians 5:22-23, Ephesians 1:14

Praise the Lord, for we are His children! the Holy Spirit is in us, the Guarantee of all that Christ has promised us. As we live in one accord with one another, the fruit and the gifts of the Holy Spirit become evident in our gatherings and in our lives and conversations.

Tuesday – pray for the nations – Nigeria

Psalms 102:13, Psalms 61:1

Nigeria continues to be the most violent place to live for believers! Much of this comes from Islamist militant groups, such as Boko Haram. They target and attack Christians and church buildings. Converts from Islam are especially mistreated.

Communities are attacked by the militant Fulani People Group who target schools and churches, kidnapping believers and holding them for ransom. Others are killed. All this violence brings fear and uncertainty into communities.

Please pray for:

- comfort and solace for the grieving, renewal of hope and healings for victims of sexual violence.
- the kidnapped to be freed and reconciled with their families, and for God’s healing inside and out.
- God to intervene and change the hearts of the attackers so a season of righteousness will dawn.

Wednesday – pray for our nation from World Prayer Centre

Psalms 33 v12

The UK continues to navigate political division, economic pressure and social uncertainty.

Pray for wisdom, humility and integrity for national and local leaders. Ask God to raise up leaders who seek justice, protect the vulnerable and lead with compassion.

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.” Please pray:

- for unity across communities despite differing political opinions,
- for wisdom for Parliament, local councils and public services,
- for peace and stability in areas facing social tension,
- for integrity and accountability in leadership.

Thursday – blessing our neighbourhood

From World Prayer Centre

Many families are struggling with financial pressures, isolation and anxiety. Communities are facing increased loneliness, especially among young people and the elderly.

- Pray for stronger families and healthy relationships.
- Pray for our churches are places of healing and belonging
- Pray for young people facing mental health challenges.
- Pray for hope to replace fear and despair.

Friday – pray for the Church at Bryn

Acts 2 v17-18: Ephesians 4 v1-7

‘You have filled us with the same Spirit, we have the same Lord and Saviour, You are the God and Father of us all, so we ask, that we will function as one body, under your authority.’

Saturday – pray for one another

Acts 2 v17-18: Ephesians 5 v 18-21: Ephesians 4 v30

Without the Spirit of God within, no-one can follow Jesus Please pray for each other to be continuously filled with the Spirit of God and so live for Jesus by his mighty power.

Pray that when we grieve Him, and we will, as soon as we are aware we have done so that we will repent and restore our relationship with Him and make Him smile.