



**ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS — Parish Church of Amersham on the Hill**

**NEWSLETTER** MAY '26

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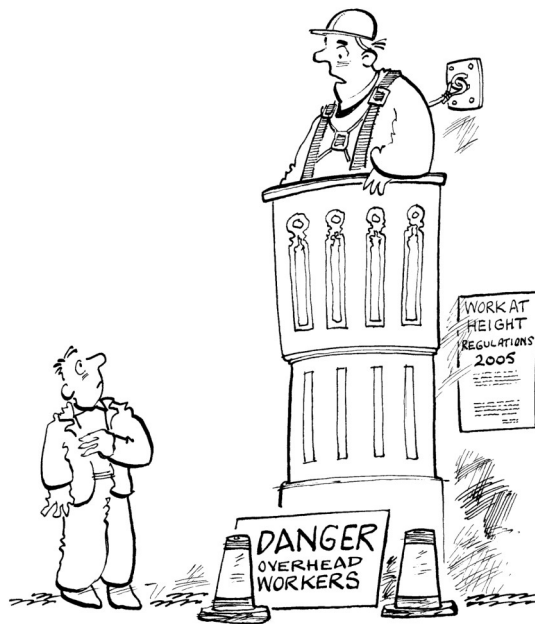


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*One of my churchwardens is a stickler for 'Health and Safety'...*

## GREEN CORNER

*Recycling is an act of care for the planet.*

## St. Michael's Vision Statement

*As a Christian community, we seek to engage with the world around us and to be a place of welcome and acceptance for all on a journey to God – believers, doubters and those who are seeking.*

The opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Vicar, PCC or the official policy of St. Michael's Church.

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## From the Editor...

1 Corinthians 13

### The Gift of Love

*13 If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.*

Once again Pentecost is on the horizon and the Holy Spirit is in focus, with the wonderful gifts He offers. But perhaps some may feel they have been left out by the Holy Spirit for some reason, like their party came and went and nobody brought the gifts they hoped for. If this is you, remember the paragraph above, which puts love in the spotlight - the gift we all already possess and can choose to use daily in our interactions with ourselves, others and with God.

Page 4 and 5 invite you to connect with your whole body with love for God, in the Lord's Prayer.

Ten reflections on 'Thy Kingdom Come' will be available on the St. Michael's Facebook page during Ascensiontide, to help you deepen your connection with all aspects of the Holy Trinity. More details about this will be in the notices.

As we have quite a lot of celebratory events taking place this year please make sure to note and action the following:

#### DATES TO REMEMBER:

**Sunday, 7 June —VICARAGE GARDEN PARTY** – to celebrate Revd. Debbie's 10th year of being here at St. Michael's and her 20th year of ordination. *Please let the office know if you will be attending.*

**Saturday, 20 June— ST. MICHAEL'S COMMUNITY DAY**

**Sunday, 28 June—FR. PETER'S 50th YEAR OF ORDINATION** – We will celebrate this on with special refreshments after the 10a.m. service. *Please let the office know if you will be attending.*

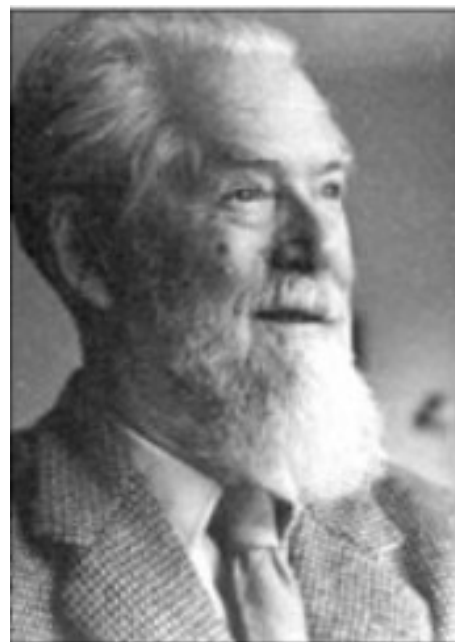
**Friday, 9 October—FISH & CHIPS SUPPER AND QUIZ**

**NATIVITY PLAY COTHA OUTING** — This will take place on one of the following dates and times, as yet to be confirmed. There will also be a cost for transport. Please let the office know if you are interested in attending together with your preferred date and time:

17<sup>th</sup> December at 11 am and 5pm – Adult £27, Child £15 and Family £75 OR 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> December at 1pm and 5pm – Adult £35, Child £18 and Family £98.

## 'Friendship is the fundamental religious fact in human life'

**Kenneth Prideaux-Brune**



John MacMurray

Trinity is one of my favourite seasons of the Christian year. You may find that rather strange. After all, it lacks the profound drama of Good Friday and Easter. It lacks the magical stories of Christmas, the stable, the shepherds, the wise men, stories that seem to transport us straight back to our childhood. And it even lacks the rushing mighty wind and tongues of fire of Pentecost. We claim to believe in one God but it looks as though we believe in three. Or in the mathematical absurdity of three in one and one in three. So, why Trinity?

The answer lies in the 20th century philosopher, John MacMurray. "Friendship," he believed, "is the fundamental religious fact in human life." He believed that "the mutuality of the personal is the basic fact of religion". Religion is about our relationship with other people – those with whom we worship Sunday by Sunday, our family and friends, our work colleagues and those we encounter as we go about our business. MacMurray believed that "communion is the key word of religion". Religion is, in another of his phrases, "persons in relation."

And Trinity tells us that God is "persons in relation" – three persons in such a close relationship that they become one person. That's why Trinity is, for me, a very special season.

# The Lord's Prayer (Body prayer)

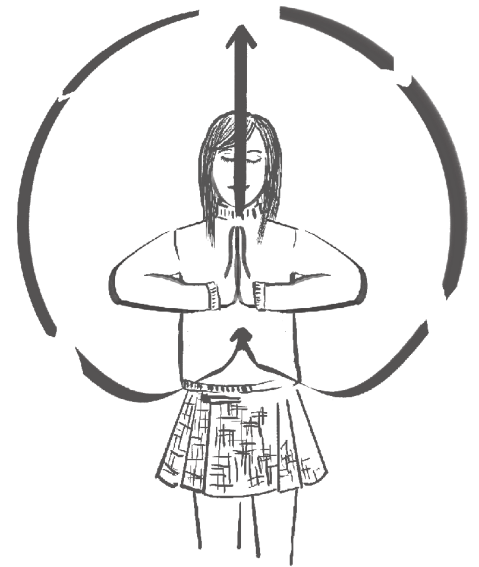
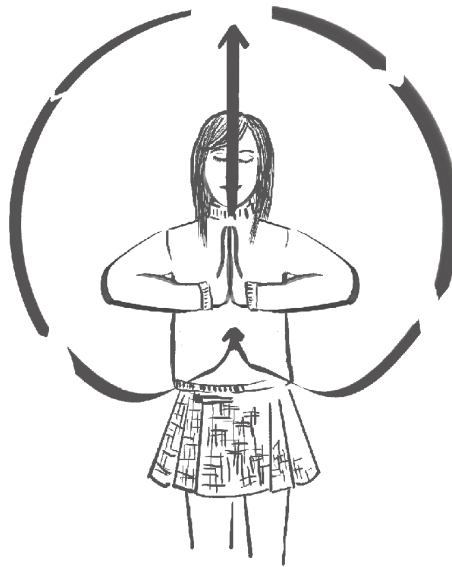
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Philip Roderick

Speak the words at the  
beginning of each action.

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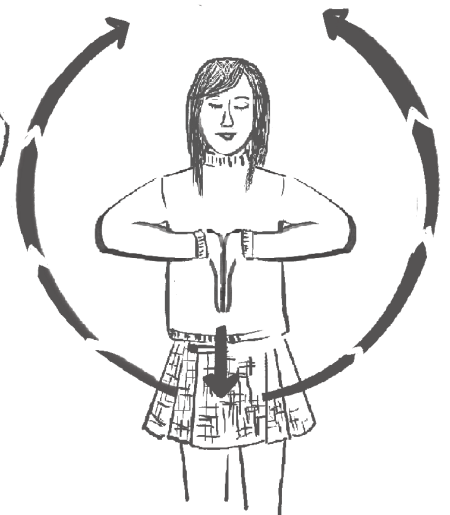
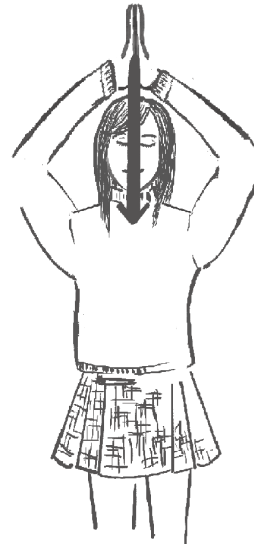
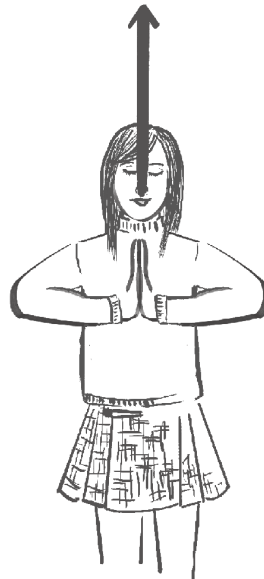
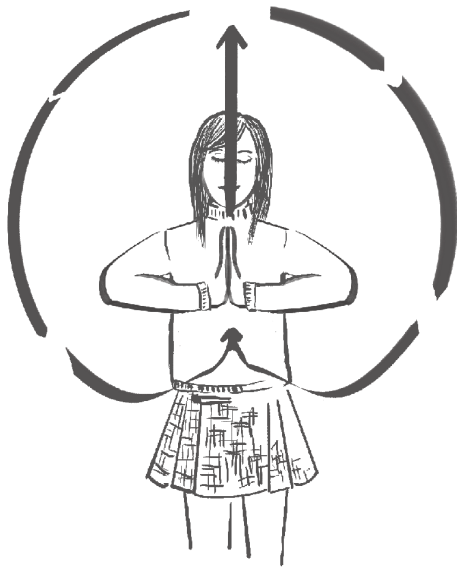
Our Father

in heaven



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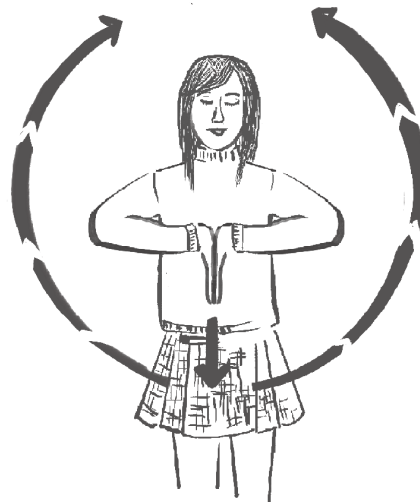
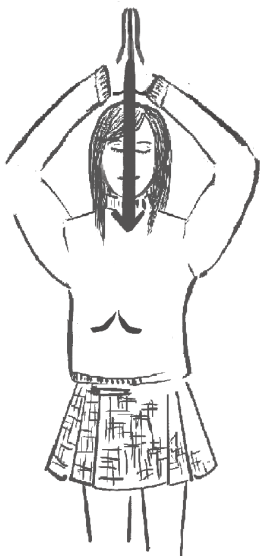
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your will be done,

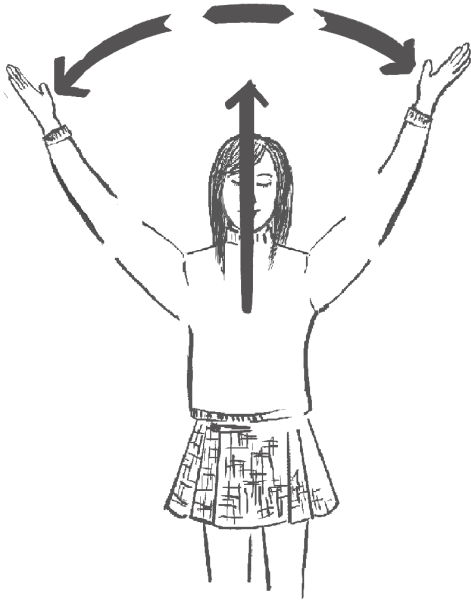
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Give us today

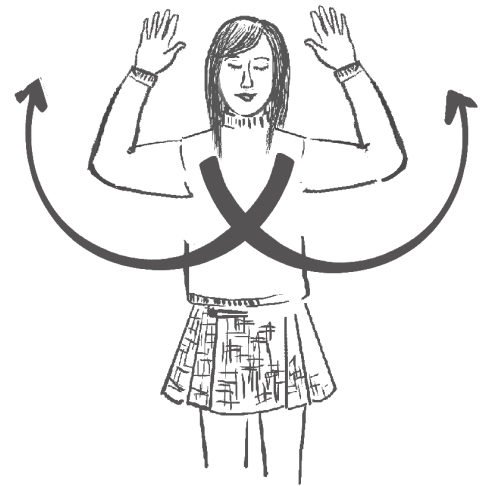
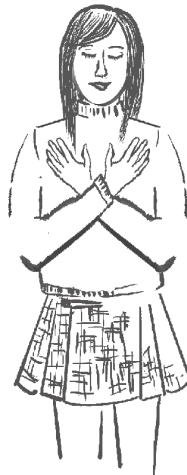
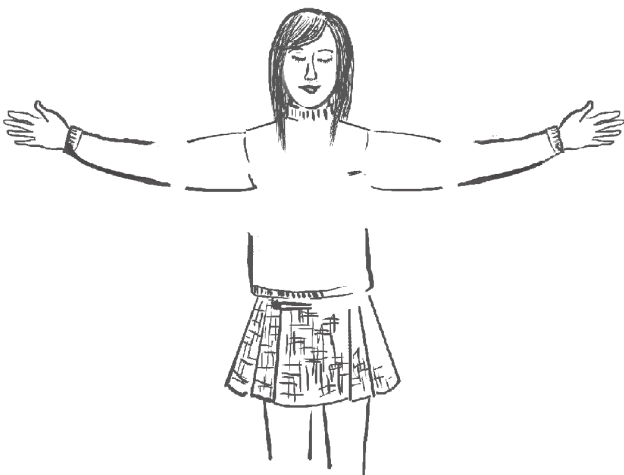
our daily bread.



Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

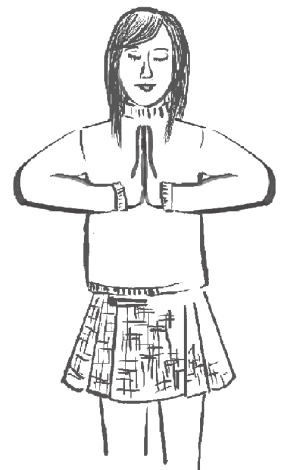
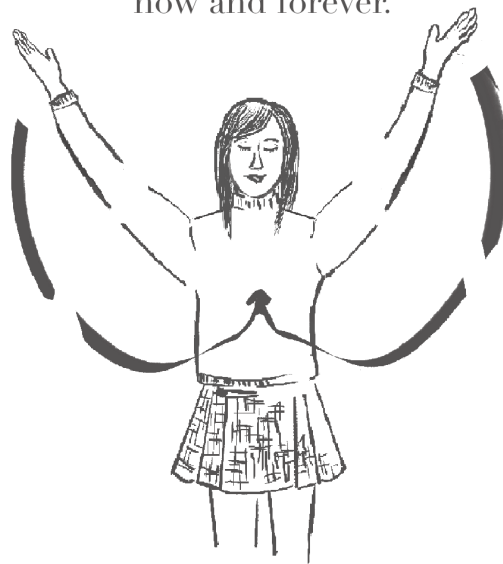
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.



for the kingdom,

the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.

Amen.



# I haven't forgotten you!

by Paul Clayton  
(Uncle of Rebecca your editor.)

Psalm 141:1

"A Psalm of David.

LORD I Cry out to You;

Make haste to me!

Give ear to my voice when I cry out to You"

A month ago I began having pain in the right side of the tummy that persisted to the degree that my proactive beloved wife wanted to go to the doctor to get checked out... which we did.

To cut a long story short we ended up in Palmerston North hospital, me with a burst appendix, my faithful wife by my side assisting me, now tetraplegic with Multiple Sclerosis completely unable to do anything. My only ability is to move my head from side to side. I cannot even feed myself! Try lying on a bed and not moving... For an hour... Imagine that for 24/7. You can imagine how grateful I am that she willingly helps me with every detail of life.

One afternoon in the middle of the time in hospital it felt particularly overwhelming. Unable to do anything. Stuck in one place. Unable to move. Not wanting to ask Diane to do anything as she was having some well deserved sleep... In desperation I cried out to God saying something like "It feels as though You have forgotten me" and similar. I closed my eyes in frustration and guess what? Within 5 minutes a nurse came to the bed and asked "What can I do to help?" I asked her to move the bed for me which she readily did. I said "One more thing" she said "It doesn't have to be one more thing, whatever you need." I suppose she wondered why my eyes filled up with tears. It felt as though God Himself had reached down and said "I haven't forgotten you!"

Psalm 22.24

For he did not despise or abhor  
the affliction of the afflicted;  
he did not hide his face from me,  
but heard when I cried to him.

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## RED KITE CRAFT MARKET

The **Red Kite Craft Market** is a vibrant community hub where creativity, craftsmanship, and local talent come together. For over a decade, the market has welcomed visitors of all ages to explore a colourful mix of handmade treasures and meet the makers behind them.

Held every other month at **St. Michael's Church**, the market runs from **9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**, aligning with the popular Repair Café to create a lively, community focused morning out. Originally based at the Little Chalfont Village Hall, the market has grown steadily, now offering an even wider range of stalls and artisans.

Visitors can browse an ever changing selection of handcrafted goods, including:

- Hand knitted and crocheted items
- Unique handmade cards
- Jewellery crafted from gemstones, beads, and pressed flowers
- Wooden creations and home décor
- Beautifully sewn goods
- Scented items and seasonal gifts

New crafters join regularly, bringing fresh ideas and expanding the variety on offer. Whether you're searching for a thoughtful gift, a one of a kind piece, or simply a pleasant morning out, the Red Kite Craft Market offers something special.

Upcoming market dates at St. Michael's:

**2nd May • 4th July • 5th September • 7th November**

Come along, support local makers, and discover the beautiful crafts waiting for you.



## Eucharists:

Sundays 8.30am and 10am

(Gathered Round on the second Sunday of each month is especially designed for families)

Tuesdays 10.30am

## Morning Prayer:

Tuesdays 9am in the Lady Chapel.

**Special Services:** Ascension Day, Thursday, 14 May 10am in the Lady Chapel. Pentecost, Sunday, 24 May. Trinity Sunday, 31 May.

**Messy Church:** 16 May '26

(The third Saturday each month 11.30am—1pm, EXCEPT AUGUST)

**St. Michael's** is usually open to ALL for private prayer from 10am—4pm— Mon– Fri.

# WORSHIP

## WARDENS

3 May — Alan Bacon

10 May — Roger Leslie

17 May — Andy Connor

24 May — Claire O'Beirne

31 May — Roland Gillott

Please see:  
stmichaelsamersham.org.uk  
for more details

## ACTIVITIES AT ST. MICHAEL'S & BEYOND

**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP— Thursday, 7 May — 10am-12 noon—St. Michael's, Wheeler Room**  
Tea, Coffee and Support.

**POP IN & PAINT— Friday, 1 May —10.30am-12.15pm, St. Michael's, Main Church**

Join Jenny Thompson and Liz Grammenos from Simpatico. No experience needed. Materials provided.

**WISE CHOICES FILM CLUB—Friday, 1 May—2pm-4pm, St. Michael's, Wheeler Room—MR. BURTON** Richard Jenkins lives as a wayward school boy, until his teacher Philip Burton spots his talent for drama. Running Time: 2hrs.

**A CRAFTY CUPPA— Friday, 8 & 22 May— 10.30am-12 noon—St. Michael's, Wheeler Room**

A drop-in session for everyone who wants a cuppa and some company. Feel free to bring a craft with you.

**LUNCHBREAK – Amersham Free Church Every Tuesday – 12noon-2pm**

Tea, coffee and soup available 1.10pm-1.30pm Music, a talk, or a short service.

**FRIDAY LUNCH FORUM – Friday, 15 May – from 12.15p.m. – Amersham Free Church.**

Bring a packed lunch. The talk starts at 1p.m. Tea/coffee/water provided. Peter Healy will be giving a talk on 'The life of Edward Watkin, a great Victorian.' Suggested donation £3-£5 to cover the cost of speakers.

**REPAIR CAFÉ – Saturday, 2 May – 10.a.m.-1p.m.—St Michael's Church**

Come to Sustainable Amersham's pop-up Repair Café. Volunteer repairers will help you fix stuff for free.

**RED KITE CRAFT MARKET – Saturday, 2 May – 9a.m.-1p.m. – St. Michael's Church Hall.**

Handmade crafts, including, cards, woodwork, knitting, jewellery and much more.

**Mondays Stay Steady, Stay Strong** 3pm-4pm (Tel: 07951 294178)

**Amersham Dance Studio** Children from 3+. 4pm-10pm  
(email: emma@amershamdancestudio.co.uk)

**Tuesdays Tuffney Performing Arts Academy** 5pm-6pm

(Email: office@tuffney.com)

**Yoga with Shiv** 5pm-7pm (Glover Rm) (Science based approach, open to all. Tel: 07815132157)

**Amersham A Capella** 7pm-11pm (<https://www.amershamacappella.com/>)

**Wednesdays Karate Club** 6.30pm-8pm (Tel: 07951 024 397)

**Badminton Club** 8.15pm-10.15 pm (Tel: 01923 264791)

**Thursdays Badminton** 1.30pm-3.30pm

**Amersham Dance Studio** Children from 3+. 4pm-7pm  
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**Fridays Stay Steady, Stay Strong** 1.30pm-3.45pm (Tel: 07951 294178)

**Saturdays Dabble Art** 9a.m-10.30am

Please see [stmichaelsamersham.org.uk](http://stmichaelsamersham.org.uk) if you would like to book the hall.

For information about **Little Learners Nursery** please see <https://littlelearnersamersham.co.uk>

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN THE HALL

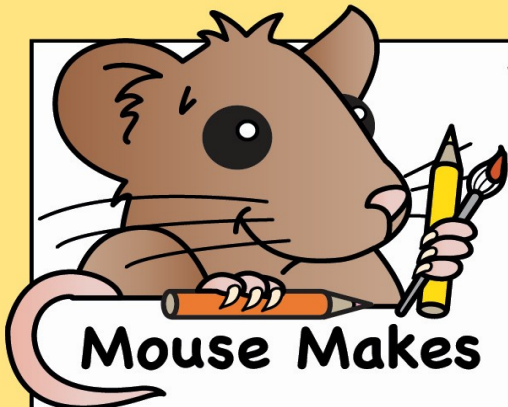


**Saturday, 16 May, Messy Church** will be on in St. Michael's from 11.30am to 1pm. Fun activities followed by a short interactive session about the story behind the activities, and lunch, which is provided for all. No need to book, just turn up. All welcome. This activity is free but donations are welcome to cover costs.

**Weddings,  
Births & Deaths  
RIP**

Ann Appelboom

DIARY MAY '26



## Mouse Makes

### WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

The Spirit of  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Genesis 1:2

The  
\_\_\_\_\_  
of the Father.  
Acts 1:4

The Spirit of  
A \_\_\_\_\_  
Romans 8:15

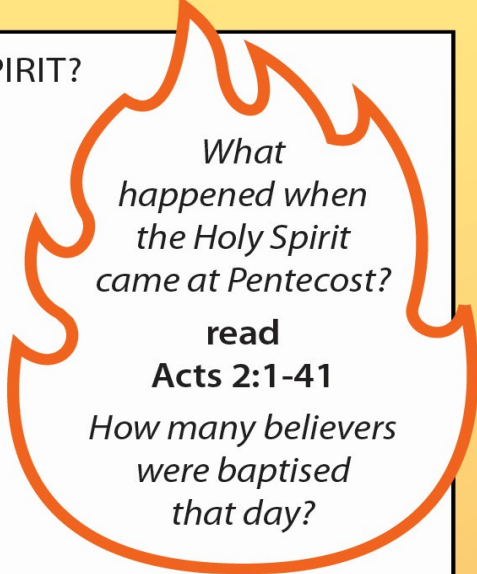
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John 14:26

The Spirit of  
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John 16:13

The Spirit of  
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Acts 16:7

The Fruit of the Spirit  
Galatians 5:22-23

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Look up the Bible verses and fill in the missing words. Look for them in the word search then look for these words below.

HOLY • SPIRIT • COUNSELLOR • COMFORTER  
ADVOCATE • TEACHER • LORD • PROMISE  
GLORY • GRACE • FAITH • DOVE • FIRE • WIND