



Holy Trinity Church and Leverstock Green CE Primary School

May 2024

Pentecost

We started our Worship by sharing with each other the things we look forward to, and how waiting for them seems to take forever! Things like Christmas, sporting seasons – and the summer holidays! Then we listened to our Bible story, **Wind and Fire**, which described how Jesus' disciples had to wait 50 days – that's seven weeks, a whole half term – for the gift that Jesus had promised them before going back to heaven.

The story starts with the disciples waiting in Jerusalem, scared and hidden, waiting and waiting for the promised gift. Suddenly they heard a noise like a strong wind, and saw what looked like little tongues of fire resting on them. God's Holy Spirit had shown up! This was the gift they'd been promised and it miraculously changed them from frightened men into courageous witnesses to the life of Jesus.

To help us remember how the Holy Spirit was compared to the wind, we each decorated a kite with symbols of the Holy Spirit. And did the rain stop us flying them? Certainly not!

On reflection, we decided that kite flying is rather similar to the Holy Spirit...

- It's hard work! It can often feel as though we don't have God's Holy Spirit inside us when life is tough.
- Getting them off the ground is the hardest part. Do we feel we are on that first step with God?
- The children were delighted with their kites, just like the Holy Spirit can bring joy to our lives and fill us and those around us with love.
- It wasn't easy to keep it in the air! Similarly, it can be difficult to always follow Jesus, but just as we talk to our friends to keep in touch, chatting to Jesus helps us stay close to him too.

There was a special end to our Pentecost Woodland Worship when we lit a candle and sang a special *Pentecost, birthday of the church* song with the lyrics:

Thank God for his love,
Thank God for his love,
For sending his Spirit,
Thank God for his love.

