



Newsheet

THE SPIRITUAL RAILWAY

The Line to heaven by Christ was made
With heavenly truth the Rails are laid,
From Earth to Heaven the Line extends,
To Life Eternal where it ends.

Repentance is the Station then
Where Passengers are taken in,
No Fee for them is there to pay,
For Jesus is Himself the way.

God's Word is the first Engineer,
It points the way to Heaven so dear.
Through tunnels dark and dreary here,
It does the way to Glory steer.

God's Love the Fire, his Truth the Steam,
Which drives the Engine and the Train,
All you who would to Glory ride,
Must come to Christ, in him abide.

In First and Second, and Third Class,
Repentance, Faith and Holiness.
You must the way to Glory gain,
Or you with Christ will not remain.

Come then poor Sinners, now's the time,
At any Station on the Line.
If you'll repent and turn from sin,
The Train will stop and take you in.

Found on a tombstone in the South Porch in Ely Cathedral, in memory of William Pickering, aged 30, and Richard Edger, aged 24, who were both killed in a railway accident on 24th December 1845.



Isaac Watts Memorial Church
Wednesday 16th May

Solent Accordions & Bishops Bells

Admission on the door: £.7. £.5 concessions



Full moon
6th May

ASCENSION and PENTECOST

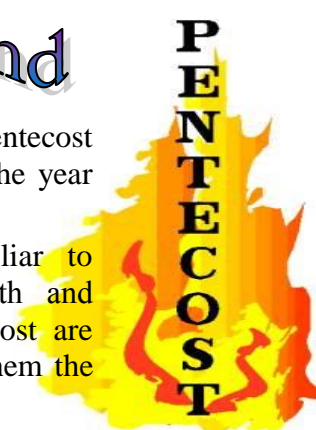
CHRISTMAS, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost – the Christian festivals punctuate the year and tell the story of our faith.

Christmas and Easter are familiar to many, marking Jesus' birth, death and resurrection. Ascension and Pentecost are not so widely known but without them the story is incomplete.

Jesus told His disciples before He died – *'Now I am going to Him who sent me . . . it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away the Counsellor [that is the Holy Spirit] will not come to you.'* (John 16:5,7)

And so it happened that after the resurrection Jesus returned to His Father; that is what we recall on Ascension Day, this year on Thursday 17th May. The following Sunday week, this year 27th May, at the time of the Jewish feast of Pentecost, the promised Holy Spirit came! The disciples were *'clothed with power from on high'* (Luke 24:49) power which transformed them.

It is the Holy Spirit who first convicts of us of our sin and brings us to Jesus in repentance; it is the Spirit who speaks into our hearts as we read the Bible, and it is the Spirit who daily fills us, giving us strength, hope, joy and peace.



We welcome you to our
SERVICES 10.30am



Sun 6th MAY

Morning Worship Linda Hayes
Subject: Reconciliation – Mat 5 : 21-26

Sun 13th

Morning Worship tbc
Subject: Adultery and oaths – Mat 5:27-37

Evening Communion 6.00pm Anita Pike

Sun 20th

Morning Worship Linda Hayes
Subject: Loving our enemies – Mat 5:38-48
Includes Communion

Sun 27th

PENTECOST (Whit Sunday) Leadership

Sun 3rd JUNE

Jubilee Celebrations in the Car Park
(weather permitting) followed by **The Big Lunch**

Light refreshments are served after the Services

If you are visiting, we extend a very warm welcome to you

Every Sunday – Come between 9.30am -10.10am and relax in good company before morning worship with **SUNDAY BREAKFAST**

Thurs 3rd May 7.00am-10.00pm
Hall used for **LOCAL ELECTIONS**

Sat 19th 8.30am

PRAYER BREAKFAST

Sun 27th 12.15pm (approx)

PICNIC in Lakelands Park

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Weekly Meetings

TUESDAYS

Freemantle Oasis
2.00pm – 4.00pm
For tea/coffee and a chat
All welcome.

WEDNESDAYS

Prayer 12 noon – 1.00pm
Bubbles 1.00pm – 3.00pm
For babies and toddlers with parents and carers.

Livewires
3.30pm - 5pm

For Key Stage 1 children with their parents and carers; older and younger siblings welcome.

THURSDAYS

Home Group
7.30pm - All welcome

FRIDAYS

Sure Start – ‘Stay & Play’
10.00am-12 noon

	Alison McNeil 14th		Joanne McNeil 22nd
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	Happy Birthday		Philip Elson 23rd
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THANK YOU
for your financial giving during April, a weekly average of £81

Prayer Focus



LORD, we remember the events when your Holy Spirit transformed the lives of the apostles: one moment they were consumed by fear, the next radiating confidence; one moment uncertain of the future, the next sure of their calling; one moment wrestling with doubt, the next full of faith.

Lord, come to us, breathe new fire into our hearts, new energy into our lives, new life into our souls. Open our minds to new horizons, new experiences and a new way of looking at life, and so may we live by the Spirit, bearing rich fruit to your glory. *Nick Fawcett*

and pray for . . .

- for the candidates standing in local elections on 3rd May
- Malcolm Green as he conducts the Morning Service at Southampton General Hospital on 13th May
- the Police: 17th May is the National Day of Prayer for the Police
- for God’s protection on the Queen’s Jubilee and the Olympics

also please pray for friends and neighbours who live and work in:

- 6th Hardy Close and Bangor Road
- 13th Waterhouse Lane
- 20th Blighmont Crescent and Ave.
- 27nd Victory Road, Sq. and Cres.

NEIGHBOURHOOD ‘WATCH & PRAY’
Mon 30th Apr, 14th & 28th May
5.30-6.15pm
3 Testwood Road



Illustration by Tony Hulse

And God said to Noah, “...I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life.”

Read the story of Noah from Genesis 6:9 to 9:17