

# Junior Pews News Extra

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### Pentecost

#### What do Christians celebrate at Pentecost?

Before Jesus returned back to heaven he set out for the disciples the work he now expected them to do:

*'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'* (Matthew 28:18-20).

This was a tough job and there was no way that the disciples could do it on their own. So, Jesus had promised to send the Holy Spirit to help them.

As the disciples were gathered together for the festival of Pentecost, the Spirit came like a violent wind from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what looked like tongues of fire coming to rest on each of them; and all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit; and began to speak in different languages.

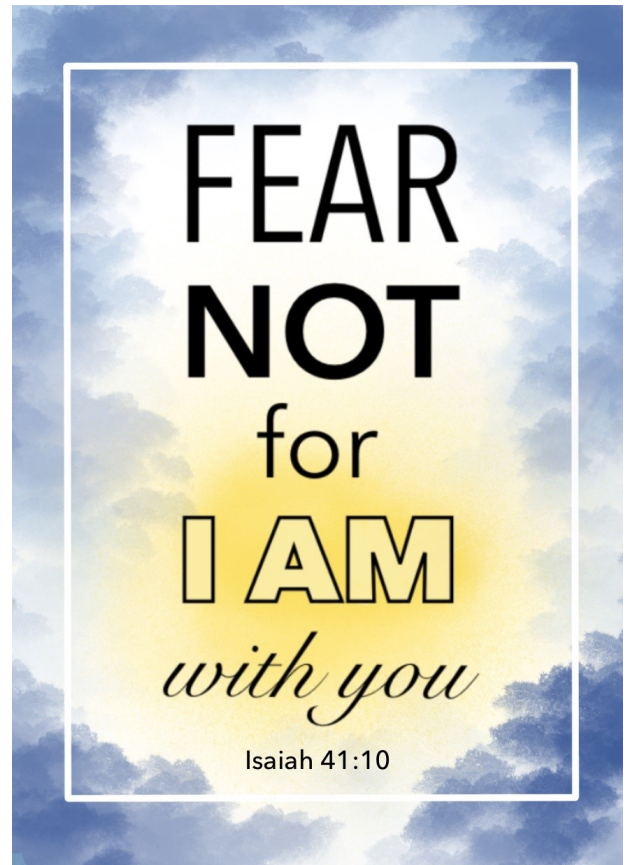
The Holy Spirit made the disciples feel brave and they went into the centre of Jerusalem, where they talked boldly about the good news of Jesus' life, his death on the cross and how he came back to life.

The central square was full of people from many different countries, who had all come to celebrate the festival of Pentecost. As the disciples spoke, each person was amazed to hear the words spoken in their own language. Some thought it was a miracle but others thought the disciples were drunk, even though it was only nine o'clock in the morning.

Peter, the disciple who had denied even knowing Jesus just a few short weeks before, explained to the people what had happened. He explained that the gift of the Holy Spirit was the fulfilment of the prophecy given to Joel, as recorded in the Old Testament of the Bible.

Peter went on to explain how Jesus was even more important than King David, who the Jews believed was an image of what the Messiah (the special leader sent from God) should be like. Peter believed that Jesus fulfilled the promises God had made.

You can read more about what happened in Acts 2.



### Celebrating Pentecost Today



Today Christians celebrate Pentecost as the birthday of the Christian Church and remember especially the gift of the Holy Spirit. Many churches will be decorated in red and special banners will be hung up.

Christians will often join together to celebrate perhaps with a march of witness, or fun events like a party in a local park with Christian bands and special speakers.

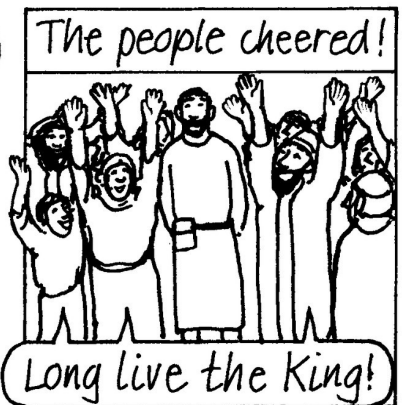
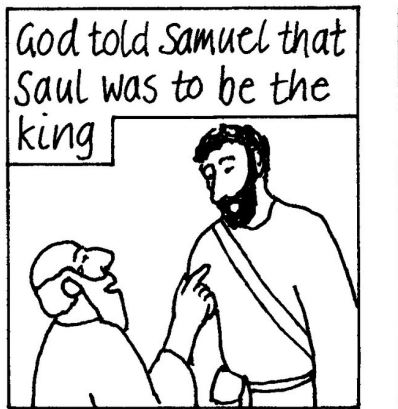
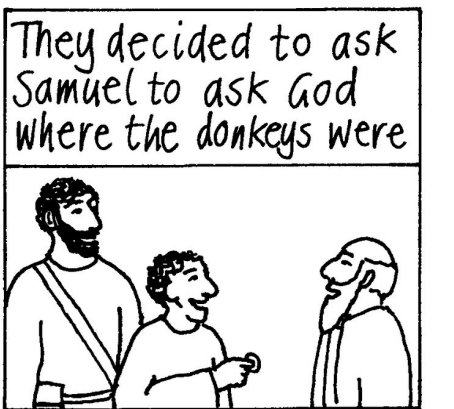
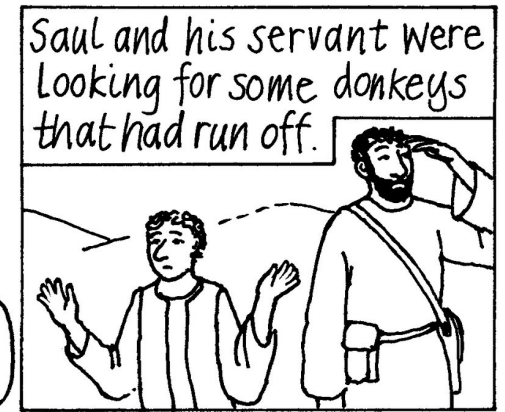
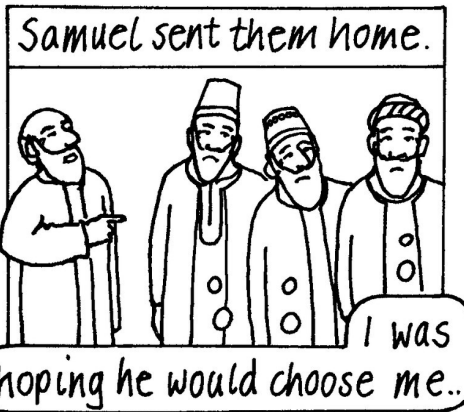
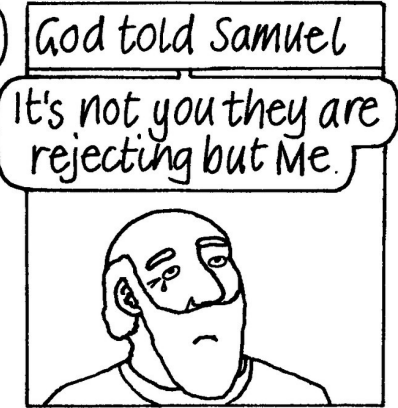
For the last few years, all the local Churches in Ansdell, Fairhaven, Lytham and St. Annes have met together for a special service by Fairhaven Lake.

# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Samuel 8:1-10:1, 17-24

Samuel had been a good leader of Israel  
but he was now old. The leaders of the  
twelve tribes came to talk to him...



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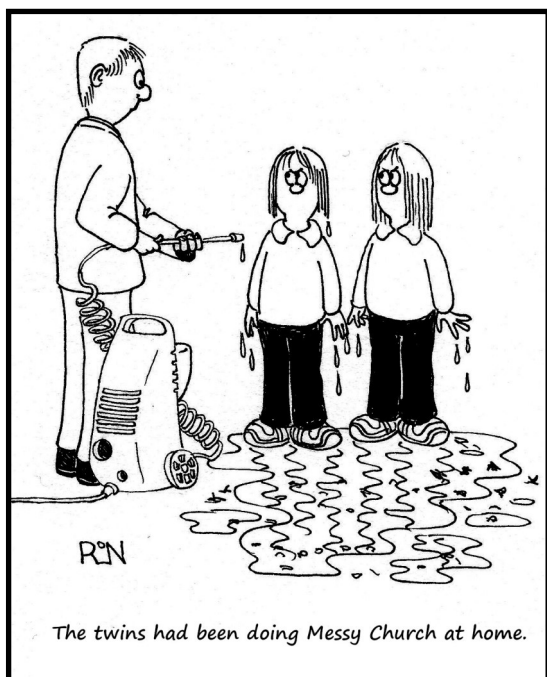
## WORDSEARCH ~ A King for Israel

(You can read this story on page 2.)

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| everyone  | Israel    | king    |
| countries | cheered   | hiding  |
| leader    | servant   | found   |
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| palace    | Samuel    | Saul    |
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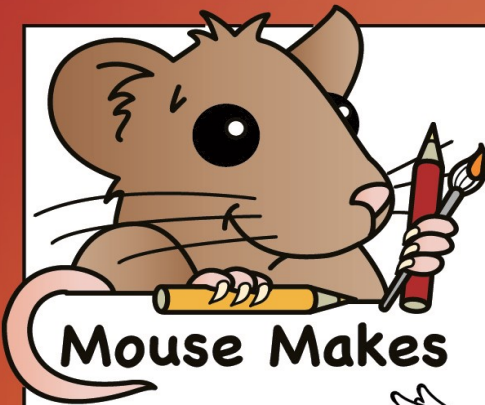
A picture to colour in.



### Letters from Lockdown

Join us from **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April** for fun videos, activities and resources to help families with children or young people to look at the Bible together – this time looking at lessons from the Apostle Paul from his lockdown – in prison!

Go to <https://stpaulsfairhaven.weebly.com/letters-from-lockdown.html> for more...



# Mouse Makes



"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control."



If we live by the Spirit, let us also behave in accordance with the Spirit"



Read Galatians 5:13-26

How many other words can you find using the letters from:

## FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT?



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A M E N  
G C H H  
R R H E O D

Which symbol goes with which fruit?



- LOVE • CARE • CHERISH • JOY • DELIGHT • PEACE • ACCORD
- AGREEMENT • UNITY • CALM • CONTENTMENT • REST
- PATIENCE • TOLERANCE • KINDNESS • COMPASSION • HELP
- GOODWILL • GENEROSTITY • GOODNESS • HONESTY • INTEGRITY
- FAITHFULNESS • LOYALTY • TRUST • GENTLENESS • CONSIDERATE
- SELF CONTROL • RESTRAINT • FRUIT • SPIRIT • LIVE • SERVE

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