



FREEMANTLE BAPTIST CHURCH
Testwood Road, Southampton

In focus

June 2025



THIS JUNE we will celebrate the birthday of the worldwide church. After Jesus returned to heaven, He sent the Holy Spirit to be God with us, and the church was born from that time on. The Holy Spirit remains with churches all across the world and of course, right here in Freemantle!

Over the centuries since the church came into being it has seen so many ups and downs, times when God seemed to be doing a lot and other times when he seemed quiet. The same is true of every individual church too.

Here at Freemantle, we celebrate with great thanks all that God is doing for us at this time. Our church, though small in numbers, remains mighty in faith.

On 8th June, Pentecost Sunday, we will praise God for the coming of the Holy Spirit and remind ourselves how precious He is to us all, how He connects with us and touches our very souls. He is the Spirit of Jesus, who is very real to us and who works with us to shine God's light.

So party, we shall, with music and birthday cake. We will revel in being together, united by the Holy Spirit in love.

Please, do come and join us to find out more about God and how He is at work in the church today, and how you can connect with Him too, through His Holy Spirit.

Rev. Linda Hayes



Welcome

to our **SERVICES** 10.30am

We continue with the series on **PRAYER**

These will be led by Revd Linda Hayes unless otherwise stated

Sun 1st June

Ascension

Les and Anita Pike

Subject: **Prayer in practice**

Reading: *Jeremiah 29:12*

Sun 8th

Pentecost

Subject: **Prayer - Anointing with oil**

Reading: *Acts 2: 1-13*

Sun 15th to include Communion

Every month we remember Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. The symbolism of the bread and wine represent Jesus' body and blood, signifying his sacrifice for humanity. It is also an expression of our faith in Him.



Sun 22nd tbc

Sun 29th Jess Marchant - Jess is an intern at Eastleigh Baptist

Whether this is your first visit or you have been a regular for years, we're **PLEASED TO SEE YOU!**



Light refreshments are served after the Sunday Services

Previous sermons are on our Facebook page

Weekly Meetings

TUESDAYS

Turkish language school 5.00pm - 6.30pm
in the church.

Belong 7.00pm - 9.00pm
Fortnightly discipleship group exploring aspects of faith.
10th and 24th June

WEDNESDAYS

Sunflower Café

12.30pm - 3.00pm



Livewires

3.30pm - 4.30pm
 For Key stage 1 children with parents +carers; older and younger siblings welcome.

FRIDAYS

Flowerpots

10am - noon
Baby and toddler group.



SATURDAYS

Impact Church

Polish church

6.00pm

SUNDAYS

Bethel Prayer House

3.00pm



Mon to Fri



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Coming up . . .

Sun 1st June

Prayer Breakfast

9.00am - 10.00am

Sat 7th

Repair Cafe

10.30am - 1.00pm

Sun 8th

Bring-and-share Lunch

Approx 12.30pm

Mon 9th

Leaders' Meeting

7.30pm

5th July

Community Afternoon

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MIGHTY GOD,

We remember the events of that day of Pentecost with awe and wonder.

We remember the lives of the apostles and how their lives were transformed.

In the space of a few moments their experience was revolutionised, their expectations turned upside down, their attitudes forever changed.

One moment 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;

one moment hiding behind locked doors, the next preaching boldly to the crowds.

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Thank You, Lord,



for putting
the gold into the sunshine,
the sparkle in the stars,
the silver in the moonlight,
and making Earth and Mars.

For putting
scent into the roses,
teaching the honeybee to dance,
putting the tree inside the acorn,
It surely can't be chance!

And for making
seas and leaves and trees,
and snow and winds blowing,
and streams and rivers flowing.

*Yes, thank You Lord
for all of these!*

Mighty God, you came through your Spirit, and life was never the same again. Come to us, breathing new fire into *our* hearts, new energy into *our* lives, new life into *our* souls. Transform *our* fear, anxiety and doubt, filling us with confidence and faith.

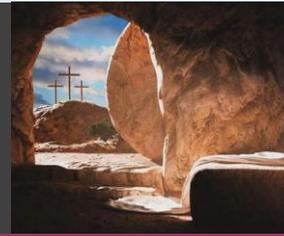
Open our minds to new horizons, new experiences and a new way of looking at life, and so may we live by the Spirit, bearing rich fruit to your glory. Lord, move in us, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Source: A Common Worship Year B Miscellany, Nick Fawcett

From the cross . . .



to the grave . . .



From the grave
to the sky . . .



Lord, I lift your name on high

From the song *Lord I lift your name on high*, Rick Founds

. . . and OUR EASTER JOURNEY concludes with the coming of THE

The Jewish festival of Pentecost

LONG before the time of Jesus, the Jewish people had celebrated the feast of Pentecost, as they still do today. It is a celebration of the first picking from the harvest fields – rather like the harvest festival we have later in the year.

It is also closely linked to the Passover. After Passover they counted fifty days and on the fiftieth celebrated Pentecost. It was on that day that the Jewish people particularly remembered the Covenant God had made with Moses. It was the spirit of the Covenant, their loyalty to God, that united them.

Jesus promised his disciples that the Holy spirit would come. And when He did, they came alive! Pentecost is the completion or fulfilment of Easter. It is always thought of as the birthday of the Church.

The special message of Pentecost

At Pentecost the Holy Spirit came as a source of great energy and power and in that power the apostles immediately went out to proclaim Christ.

Pentecost is a reminder of our Christian call to be missionaries. The Apostles were transformed by the coming of the Spirit. Suddenly they understood who their friend Jesus really was and what they must do – and out they went to do it.

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And for us today

Let the Spirit of God, as individuals, and as a body of Christian people

-  fill us with His presence and peace.
-  make us spiritually bold and courageous and on fire for God.
-  empower us
-  be all that God desires, in our thoughts, words and actions.



Why not try making some Pentecost
Tongues of Fire cupcakes



If you're not already an expert in making cupcakes, a good recipe to follow is:

www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/cupcakes

Top your cupcake using yellow frosting. Then cut a strawberry into four shallow slices, keeping it in one piece, and place the fruity flame on top.



THANK YOU to everyone who attended the church AGM last month. It's an occasion when we look back over the last year and also look to the future.

The overall feeling, after Linda, Anita and Les had given their reports, was that the church is in good shape and is focussed on our mission to share God's love effectively in our neighbourhood. Our community events have been especially encouraging this last year, not least the recent Easter Party. Sunflowers Café on a Wednesday afternoon is an area we would like to develop and the Renew Wellbeing training will be run again later in the summer to help us.

It was a time when each individual was thanked for their contributions whether up front or behind the scenes. It's not that folk do these tasks for recognition, because they're done in the Lord's name, but the church family does appreciate and value everyone's efforts from topping up the loo rolls to preaching the sermon - thank you one and all!

Denise Ward and Caroline Villeneuve were voted in as new deacons and warmly welcomed. The present team look forward to their company and insight, to discern together the mind of Christ in making plans for the direction the church will take, and prayerfully supporting the flock here at Freemantle.

What are your favourite church traditions?

LINDA asked the congregation this question one Sunday morning and here is the result from our group discussions . . .

Freemantle's Favourite Traditions which all happen to begin with 'F' are:

TO THE LIVEWIRES FAMILIES

Thank you for planting up the summer troughs in the church front garden. They look lovely!



Pray around the clock

FOR those of a certain age, *Rock Around the Clock* by *Bill Haley and the Comets* was a popular song back in 1955 and some of our more senior members may have fond memories of jiving to it in their younger days.

In 2014 Anita Pike penned these alternative 'Pray around the clock' lyrics and as our Sunday mornings have concentrated on prayer recently, we got out the old folder, blew off the cobwebs and sang it once again. Here are the words so you can have a go at singing along, and possibly jiving along too!

*One, two, three o'clock, four o'clock, PRAY!
Five, six, seven o'clock, eight o'clock, PRAY!
Nine, ten, eleven o'clock, twelve o'clock, PRAY!
We're gonna pray, around, the clock all day!*

1. Father God, Jesus too,
Holy Spirit, we thank You
that we can pray throughout the day,
talk to You along the way,
we're gonna pray, we're gonna pray
around the clock today.
2. When it's dark and when it's light,
in the day and in the night,
we can talk to You in prayer
'cause we can pray just anywhere
we're gonna pray, we're gonna pray
around the clock today
One, two, three o'clock, . . .
3. In the car or on the bus
You are always there with us,
at home, at school, at work, at play,
any place! That's where we pray!
We're gonna pray, we're gonna pray
around the clock today.
4. 'Thank You God' and 'Praise You' too,
'Sorry, Lord' and 'Please will You?'
These are things we often say
when we talk to You each day,
we're gonna pray, we're gonna pray
around the clock today.
One, two, three o'clock, . . .

Sunflower Baptist

NOTICE BOARD

At our church barbecue later this month our health expert Dr Eatwell will give a talk on

Why birthdays are good for your health

and will include studies that show people who have more birthdays live longer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to Ian Ward
on 21st

Thank you!

... for your financial giving towards the work and witness of this church during May which totalled £1,494.51
... Les for 20 years of producing *In Focus*.

DAVID WOODS

It is with sadness we have learnt that David Woods, who attended this church several years ago, died before Easter.

His funeral took place on 21st May.

Freemantle Baptist Church

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COMMUNITY

AFTERNOON

Saturday 5th July 2.00pm - 4.00pm



SWAP SWOP

Books, puzzles,
clothes - bring
some / take some
or make a donation!



Children's
games and
crafts



 **SCM Basics Bank**



Collection Point -
Bring along your
donations of tins
and packets.



Cream teas, home-made
cakes and Indian snacks



Please come along - it will be great to see you!

Donations will be welcome for our chosen charities