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Newsletter

Sunday 5th February

Jesus walks on Water

John 6 v 16 - 21

Morning service and family communion 10.30am -
led by Warren Howes

All are invited to attend at Bearfield.
Alternatively everyone is welcome to join on Zoom
(link available from secretary@bearfield.org)

Next week - Sunday 12th February

Jesus Heals Blind Man

John 9 v 1 - 34

Morning service 10.30am -

led by David Jewell and Sue Glanville, with David preaching
Including the dedication of Harry and Martha Good

WORSHIP THE LORD
IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS.

Weekly wonderings ...

In Tuesday house group discussions this week, the question came up about why it was that Jesus had to ascend to His Father before the Holy Spirit could come. I have been pondering on this and studied afresh the verses, John 16 v 5-7, where Jesus is recorded as saying: "Now I am going away to the one who sent me, and not one of you is asking where I am going. Instead, you grieve because of what I've told you. But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don't, the Advocate (the Holy Spirit) won't come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you."

Jesus says that the Holy Spirit will not come unless He departs; Jesus it is who will send Him. The work of the Holy Spirit can only start once Jesus had ascended to Heaven and commissioned Him to come to earth. There are examples of the Holy Spirit at work in the Old Testament writing. For instance, King Saul and Samson were both said to be filled with the Holy Spirit. However, the Holy Spirit wasn't present in the same 'common' way, available to all, as He has been post-Christ's ascension. It appears that Jesus has to send the Holy Spirit and he has to send him from another place.

Going back to Kathryn's reading of Philippians 2 last Sunday: with great authority and with perfect timing she read the words which are foundational to a believer's understanding of the character and power of Jesus Christ in His life on earth...

"You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

Though he was God,

he did not think of equality with God

as something to cling to.

Instead, he gave up his divine privileges

he took the humble position of a slave

and was born as a human being.

When he appeared in human form,

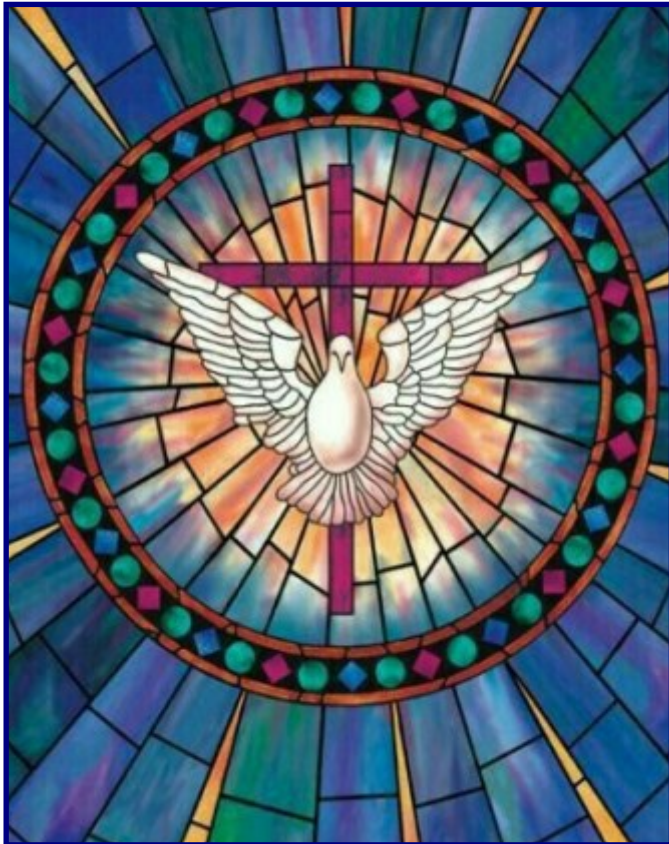
he humbled himself in obedience to God

and died a criminal's death on a cross." (Philippians 2 v 5-8 NLT)

It may be that the authority or the ability to send was among those things that were set aside when Jesus was born and he needed to ascend back to

heaven to regain them; It may be that that the authority or ability to send the Holy Spirit was contingent upon his completion of his work on the cross; we are not told in Scripture, but this doesn't mean that we shouldn't ask questions. Jesus replied to genuine questions with questions of His own and that was to drive the discussion deeper. We must be prepared to go deeper. Paul's prayer early in his letter to the Ephesians: "I pray for you constantly, asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God. I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance. I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him." (Ephesians 1 v 16-19 NLT)

God bless your Pastor, *David*



Men's Curry Night - Thursday 9th March

Neil and John are organising a men's curry night on 9th March after Prayerfield.

Only requirement is for people (men) to bring their favourite curries and drinks and be prepared to share them! It'll be from 8pm and there is no expectation that you come to the prayer meeting beforehand (although that would not be discouraged). Copious amounts of rice and naan bread will be provide.

Please let Neil know if you are coming.



Pray for...

- Percy, Bex's nephew, and Hannah & Steven, his parents.
- Wisdom and guidance from the Lord for all within Bearfield
- The family and friend's of Tom's neighbour Anne, who's funeral is on Tuesday 7th Feb.
- Harry and Martha Good who are being dedicated next week
- For those within our church how are struggling with health, either mental or physical, in particular Julie, Arthur and Gordon
- Liz's mum Linda who has cancer
- The leadership team - may they be guided by the Holy Spirit
- David and Fi as their time at Bearfield nears an end, that God will guide them as to where he wants them to go and serve him



David's Last Sunday

David's last Sunday with Bearfield will be Sunday 19th February.

As you know, David shared some time ago that he would be ending his period of employment as Pastor at the end of March, 2023. Leaving on the 19th February provides him with a period of 'gardening leave', finishing his role with us but continuing to be paid until the 31st March. We've agreed this with David as a way of supporting his transition into new employment and also in lieu of a sabbatical, since having one did not seem appropriate once his leaving was confirmed.

On Sunday 19th February we will be having a shared lunch as part of our farewell to David and Fi, so please put this in your diaries as it would be lovely to have as many of us there as possible.

Don't forget to sign up of the shared lunch on the sheet in the hall.



Bearfield Shared Lunch – 19th February 2023

Please sign up in the slots below for our shared lunch, giving detail to help others who are bringing the same category of food. Families, please think about how much your family would eat and bring a similar amount (preferably split over two categories)

	Names (and details as required)		Names (and details as required)
Bread	1:	Butter	1:
	2:		
	3:		
Cheese	1:	Quiche	1:
	2:		2:
Cold Meats	1:	Pizza	1:
	2:		2:
			3:
			4:
Sausages / Sausage rolls	1:	Crisps	1:
	2:		2:
			3:
Salad	1:	Other savouries	1:
	2:		2:
	3:		3:
	4:		4:
Coleslaw	1:		
	2:		
Dessert	1:	Fruit	1:
	2:		2:
	3:		
	4:		

This Week

Monday 6th February 2023

7pm - Older TGI

Tuesday 7th February

10.20am - Morning homegroup

Wednesday 8th February

1.30pm - Bearcubs Fun Time toddler Group

8pm - Evening homegroup

Thursday 9th February

7.30-8pm -  Prayerfield prayer meeting

Friday 10th February

7pm - **No TGI** as inset day

Dates for the diary



Thursday 16th February

7.30pm - BACT Prayer meeting @ Bearfield

Sunday 19th February

Church lunch after the morning service

Sign up for what you will bring on the sheet in the hall



Thursday 9th March

8pm - Men's Curry Night (*see notice*)

Thursday 23rd March

7 - 9.30pm - Safeguard Training