

For Christians, when Jesus left; what was the impact of Pentecost?

Wonderful words

Pentecost: the day when the Holy Spirit came to earth.

Holy Spirit: the third person of the Trinity, God spiritually active in the world

Disciples: the followers of Jesus

Lord's Prayer: the prayer Jesus taught his disciples to use.

Tongues: being able to speak different languages, a gift given to the disciples on Pentecost

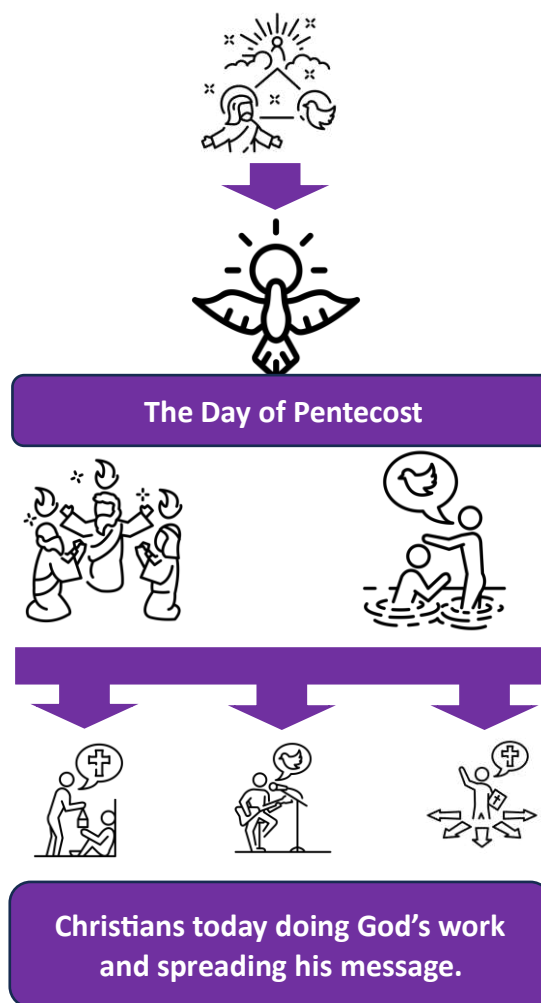
Acts: the book in the New Testament that contains the story of the early Church and the spread of God's message

Trinity: The Christian belief that God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; three in one

Apostles: the twelve followers of Jesus who went with him during his earthly ministry

Baptised: the act of washing that welcomes a person into the Christian Church

So how does it all work?



Important information

After Jesus' resurrection he spent time with his **disciples** and told them to wait in Jerusalem and then he went back to Heaven to be with God.

The book of **Acts** in the New Testament tells Christians about the events on the day of **Pentecost** when the **Holy Spirit** was received by the disciples, and this enabled them to speak in **tongues**. This amazed the people who saw it as the disciples were speaking the different languages of all the visitors in Jerusalem. This was important as the disciples could tell everyone about God and Jesus.

Many of the disciples who received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost were **baptised** to show that their sins had been washed away and they were part of the Christian community. After the day of Pentecost, the disciples followed the example of the **Apostles** and did God's work and spread his message of forgiveness.

Christians today follow this example and guided and supported by the power of the Holy Spirit to carry on this work and spread the message in the UK and around the world, just as the book of Acts tells people the disciples did.

The Holy Spirit is one of the three persons of the **Trinity**, a key Christian belief of one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.