

Sermon at 10:00 Holy Communion on 23 May 2021

Acts 1:4-8,12-14; 2:1-21

Questions for Discussion

1. In 1:4-8, what is the level of understanding of the disciples and how does this compare with that described in later chapters in Acts? What has caused these changes?
2. Why do you think God chose Pentecost, rather than some other occasion, to initiate these events?
3. In addition to fulfilling an OT prophecy (Joel 2:28-32) how significant is Pentecost for Christians today?

In 1:14, Luke uses the phrase “They all joined together constantly in prayer...” that suggests that their prayer was persistent (over an unspecified length of time), expectant and conducted as a united group.

4. Do you feel that praying can be more effective in some cases as a group activity?
5. In what way was the believers’ prayer expectant and how can we apply that today?
6. Being persistent in prayer has been described as praying without giving up until an answer is received. Have you experienced this in your lives or in the lives of others?
7. How does prayer help us and how does it help our spiritual growth?