

A warm welcome to
**mountsorrel
baptist church**

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See website for YouTube link for live audio recording
all are welcome. Join us for tea and coffee after the service



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Sunday 4th May Communion Service 10:30am

The Power of The Holy Spirit: Empowered for A Purpose

(Acts 1:6-11,2:1-21)

Sunday 11th May 10:30am Morning Worship

The Presence of the Holy Spirit in Worship: Experiencing God's Presence

(Jn 4:21-24; Eph 5:18-19)

Sunday 18th May 10:30am Morning Worship

The Guidance of The Holy Spirit: Led by The Spirit (Rom 8:1-17)

Sunday 25th May 10:30am Morning Worship

The Fruit of the Holy Spirit: Living a Spirit-filled Life (Gal 5:22-23)



They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated
and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with
the Holy Spirit...
— Acts 2:3-4 NIV

Kingdom Musings: Grace Notes from Our Pastor- May 2025

The Holy Spirit – Living in Resurrection Power

As we move forward from the joy of Easter, reflecting on the power of Christ's resurrection, we naturally turn to the promised gift of Pentecost- the Holy Spirit. It is through the Spirit that we are empowered to live in the fullness of Christ's victory, walking in faith and glorifying God through our lives.

The Holy Spirit is central to our faith, fulfilling Jesus' promise in John 14:16–17: *“And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to help you and be with you forever - the Spirit of truth.”*

What does it mean to live in the Spirit's power? Firstly, it means being led by the Spirit. Romans 8:14 reminds us, *“For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.”* Living in step with the Spirit calls us to trust God's guidance in all areas of our lives, seeking His wisdom and discernment each day.

Secondly, it means living with boldness and courage. After the Holy Spirit descended at Pentecost, the apostles proclaimed the Gospel with fearless conviction, transforming lives and bringing people into God's Kingdom. That same Spirit equips us today to share our faith and live confidently, even when faced with challenges.

Finally, it means being unified in the Spirit. Ephesians 4:3- 4 encourages us to *“make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit.”* The Holy Spirit binds us together as one body in Christ, breaking down barriers of division and calling us to live in harmony with one another. Through the Spirit, we are empowered to build bridges of love, forgiveness, and understanding in a world that desperately needs them.

As we enter this season of Pentecost, let us invite the Holy Spirit to renew us and empower us afresh. May we live boldly in resurrection power, embracing the Spirit's guidance and fostering unity that glorifies God in our lives and communities. Together, let us pray: *“Come, Holy Spirit, renew us and lead us.”*

Shalom in Christ,

Pastor Henry

(NB: If you would like further study, you are welcome to request my book *“Come, Holy Spirit.”* Available on Amazon:

www.amazon.co.uk/Come-Holy-Spirit-Journeying-Embracing/dp/BOD6ZZFYF2.)





Prayer remains a vital part of our fellowship: we believe and trust in the power of prayer so if you come to a service and there is something troubling you please speak to one of the prayer ministry team (see page 7) after the service so someone can pray with you. Remember also we have a prayer chain ministry; if you want the team to pray for something during the week please contact Jan & Trevor for it to be put on the prayer chain. If you wish to join the prayer chain or find out more about it please speak to Rachel.

Jan and Trevor also continue their pastoral prayer ministry for our fellowship and will be

contacting you each month, if you have a specific need or would like them to pray with you or for you in confidence do feel free to call them (again see page 7) Our monthly prayer meeting is on the first Tuesday in the month, **Tuesday 6th May**, as usual at 7.30pm for approximately one hour in the vestry.

We aim to regularly cover our whole village in prayer;
This month, please remember the households of:
Rosslyn Avenue, Stirling Close, Arundel Close & Rochester Close

Prayer
Breakfast

At the end of the month, following on from the encouragement from our last prayer breakfast we will be holding another on **Saturday 31st May from 10:00am – 12:00 am**

Look out for the sheet at the back of the church to let Sandy know how many to cater for



Always keep on praying
Ephesians 6: 18

MID-WEEK MEETINGS



Mondays 9:00am ~ 12:00pm

Soar Valley Community Food Project- Tim and the team on site to take in donations and organise deliveries to other churches

1st Monday of Month 7:30pm Prayer meeting in the vestry

Tuesdays 10:00am ~ 12:00pm Food project Mountsorrel

Open to Mountsorrel clients needing food parcel support, advice and a listening ear. Please continue to pray for the team as they meet with the clients of this village.

2nd and 4th Tuesday 12:30pm ~ 14:00pm



Join Faye and friends for the Singing Lunch, billed as singing therapy in action, it's a time to get together to sing your favourite songs of the past, to lift your spirits and make new friends. Bring your own lunch (drinks are provided).



Wednesday morning Home Group at 10:15am ~ 11:45am

at 4 Loughborough Rd. This is an informal time together to chat over coffee and biscuits, pray and look at God's word. All are welcome even if you can only come occasionally.



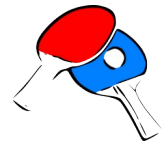
Thursday 2:00pm ~ 4:00pm i-can café

Thursday evening Fellowship at 7:30pm ~ 8:45pm 24 Montsorreau Way

Please speak to Martyn & Jill or Rachel for more information about the Home groups.

Saturdays 10:00am-12:00pm Café+

The church will be open again Saturday mornings. Do drop in for coffee and a chat or if you need someone to pray with.



During this time Sue and friends invite you to join them upstairs for table tennis or mini snooker/pool, all levels of ability welcomed.



Wendy's Quiz Night!

Saturday 10th May 7:00pm

Fun, food and entertainment for all. If you've not done so already please sign up on the form at the back of the church.

Graham y Debbie Frith

An Evening with the Friths

Wednesday 14th May 7:30pm

Debbie and Graham are back in the country from Bolivia and will be in the church to tell of their on-going service with El Alfarero supporting and equipping students in their walk with God and training leaders of integrity.

Come along to show your support and hear how as a fellowship we can pray and support them effectively.



ASK NOT
what your church can do for you,
ASK WHAT YOU CAN DO
FOR YOUR CHURCH

Our fellowship growth depends on each one of us playing our part, as we read in 1 Corinthians 12 each of us has an important role to play, from Pastor Henry and the worship team to welcoming people on arrival or the cleaning. We currently need willing volunteers to be

prepared to go out with any children during the sermon on a Sunday so we can set up a rota to avoid the same people going out each week. We also need someone who would be able to take on the important task of writing the greeting cards and distributing them on behalf of the fellowship. Please speak to Rachel if you can help in either of these important ministries.

HOME MISSION

Our Home Mission weekend this year is not until the 12th/13th July, by which time most of you will have sorted out your vegetable plants for the summer. I have planted quite a few (lots of tomatoes!) before we confirmed the date so propose to bring them to church during Cafe+ on Saturday 10th May for donations to go to our Home Mission gift.

Who's who in Mountsorel Baptist church

(for contact number please see contact page on website or members refer to directory)

Pastor

Rev Henry Ohakah

Deacons:

Liz Sam. Church secretary and first point of contact.

Mike Anderson Looks after all things to do with the church building and maintenance.

Dave Hall Worship leader and joint team leader of Kidz Klub with Lysbeth Cant

Rachel Winsor Monthly bulletin, and website.

David Ellison Treasurer

Faye Brookes. Singing Lunch organiser and Food project volunteer

Wendy Sibbald Joint team leader of Kidz Klub and

Food Project Contact: 07395 956777

Soar Valley Food Hub **Tim Jackson** Team Leader for organising donations for participating churches and debt management advisor for project

Mission support Representatives

Karen Reedman ~ BMS Alan & Megan Barker in Nepal

Chris & Gill Fray ~ Latin Link Graham & Debbie Frith in Bolivia

Sandy Ellison ~ Arab World Ministry

Mike & Theresa Anderson ~ Jews for Jesus

Rachel Winsor ~ Baptist Home Mission

Prayer Ministry Team

Rebecca & Dave Hall, Gill Fray, Lysbeth Cant, Liz Sam,

Jan and Trevor Long, Grace & Frank Livesey

First Contact for Prayer Chain & Pastoral prayer ministry

Jan & Trevor Long 07305 655746 / (back-up 07305 499476)

Safeguarding Officer

Sandy Ellison



serve
One another in
love 
Galatians 5:13

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We are blessed to have a fellowship who are always ready to get involved in the ongoing workings of the church, thank you all for your continued commitment in whatever way you are able to serve and please speak to me if you wish to be involved in some way.



BIBLE READERS

4th Somtochi
11th Chris B
18th Iris
25th Charlene



PRAYER

Rachel
Wendy
Faye
Liz



WELCOME

Lysbeth
Mike and Theresa
Sue
Iris



COFFEE

Karen & Keith
Rachel & Lorna
Wendy & Gayle
Pauline & Charlene

We like to celebrate and give thanks to God with each other
If you have any news to share or items to be included in the newsletter
please let me know

May Birthdays

21st Theresa Anderson, 28th Sue Oldham,

31st Nigel Daley, 31st Sue Quail

Congratulations!

*Congratulations to Sandy and David on the safe arrival of their
new granddaughter, Emily Joy Shuttlewood born 15th April*

Loved
John 3:16 ♡

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