

# IMC NEWSLETTER



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## **The Holy Spirit comes at Pentecost**

***When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 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 and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.***

**Acts 2: 1—4**

**Sharing Life**  
**Sharing Faith**

# *From Amanda...*

Dear Friends,

The story is told of a man called Yates who, during the depression, owned a sheep ranch in Texas. He did not have enough money to pay the mortgage and so was forced, like many others, to live on government help. Each day as he tended his sheep, he worried about how he was going to pay his bills. One day, a seismographic crew arrived on his land and said there might be oil and sought permission to test. At 1115 feet a huge oil reserve was struck. Mr Yates found, to his surprise, that he owned the oil and the mineral rights. He had been living on benefits and yet he was a millionaire. Think of it - he owned all that oil with its tremendous potential, yet for many years he did not realise it.



How often are we like Mr. Yates? Considering ourselves poor and helpless, yet all the while unaware of the extraordinary power that we have available to us. What do I mean? Well, for we have just entered the Pentecost season, one that will take us over the Summer and into Autumn. It is a time of renewal for Christian believers, with a focus on the empowerment from the Holy Spirit, leading to a deeper intimacy with God. But so many of us remain unaware of the extraordinary power of God

available to us, with all His incredible potential, for us and our community. The Holy Spirit is the reason we can know Jesus - it is He who leads, guides and teaches us about Jesus and enables us to worship Him. He grants us boldness to speak to others about Jesus. He is our joy and our comfort, and He gifts us with abilities to encourage and upbuild the Church. It is His fruit that our lives show forth as He helps us to become more like Jesus each day.

Why not take the challenge this Pentecost and really get to know the extraordinary power we have available to us and begin to unleash His incredible potential in your own life? Over this Pentecost season, do be encouraged to think about Mr Yates and his oil. What unknown potential could you tap into? What blessings could just be waiting to be discovered?

*Christ's blessings,  
Rev Amanda*



## **June 2022 Services**



### **IVYBRIDGE**

<b>June 5</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Revd Amanda Roper Communion</b>
<b>June 12</b>	<b>10:30 am 6:00 pm</b>	<b>Mr K Ridley Revd Amanda Roper "Be Filled"</b>
<b>June 19</b>	<b>10:30 am 6:30 pm</b>	<b>Revd Amanda Roper All Age Worship Prayer Service led by Gill Cowsill</b>
<b>June 26</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Revd Amanda Roper</b>

### **BITTAFORD**

<b>June 5</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Revd David Youngs</b>
<b>June 12</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Mrs Ann Cullum</b>
<b>June 19</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Mr Brian Gerry</b>
<b>June 26</b>	<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>Revd Amanda Roper "Songs of Praise"</b>

# Be Filled

An evening to be refreshed  
by the Holy Spirit



**2nd Sunday each month**

**6:00pm**

**Ivybridge Methodist Church**

## *From the Editor*



If you would like to include anything in the July **News-letter**, please send details to [pennygadd51@gmail.com](mailto:pennygadd51@gmail.com) by Wednesday 15th June 2022.

**Church Workdays**  
second Saturday in  
month

**Bible Study with Joan**  
every 2nd and 4th  
Tuesday in the month.  
10am at 20 Grosvenor  
Court

Platinum Jubilee  
Bring and Share  
lunch after the  
morning service on  
June 5th



**family**  
**WORSHIP SUNDAY**

**3rd Sunday each  
month**

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**10:30am**



**Tea and Toast served from 10am**



## MAY/JUNE NEWS

If you have anything you would like to include in the **Church News** please let Judy know by ringing her on **01752 894829**

### Happening in June

On the Jubilee weekend June 5th, which is also Pentecost, we will be having a bring and share lunch after the morning service. Maureen Scoble is co-ordinating this and would be grateful if you would sign the sheet in the concourse indicating that you are coming and, if you are able, what food you would be bringing.

On Tuesday 17th June at 2.30pm at Elburton Methodist Church a service of dedication of the Easter offering will be held.

Graham Thompson, our current Chair of District, is taking up the Presidency of the Methodist conference at the end of June. His farewell service is at The Avenue Methodist Church in Newton Abbott on June 19th at 4.00pm . All are welcome.

Sunday June 26th is Compassion Sunday and we are fortunate to have a special speaker from Compassion to share in our service. It would be lovely to see as many people as possible there.

The following Sunday July 3rd is our Annual Church Meeting and details will follow but please put this date in your dairies.

### News June 2022

We are delighted to share the news of the safe arrival of Willow Rose on May 20th - first daughter for Ruth and Andy and Grand-daughter for Jenny. We send many congratulations to you all and pray Willow continues to grow well and allows her parents some sleep sometime!

It is lovely to share the news that two of Joan Bulman's grandchildren have recently become engaged. Kesiah and Ben are engaged to Jonny and Hannah respectively and we send our warmest congratulations to both couples. Kesiah and Jonny will marry later this year and Ben and Hannah next year. May God bless all your plans for your new futures together.

Significant birthday celebrations are much in evidence and we send many congratulations to Dennis Ewers on his big birthday and also to Beryl Norman who celebrate her 97th birthday in May and Margaret Blackwood who celebrated her 96th birthday also in May. Wishing you all belated happy birthdays.

It's good to be able to share that Linda Fox is recovering well from her operation after waiting for so long and to ask prayers for her continuing journey back to full health.

Sharon's husband Colin is now recovering from a heart operation that took place mid May and, Colin, we hope and pray all is going well.

As I write this Linnie is still in hospital awaiting news of when the second part of her surgery will take place. She has been in great pain for any months and would appreciate prayers for healing and a date for the operation asap!

Diana and Lester's daughter, Jenny, qualifies as a Naval Doctor in June after many years of study and work. Many congratulations Jenny and good wishes for your future career - wherever that might take you.

We were able to share last month that Diana England had moved up country and now we know she is settled in a lovely home close to her daughter. We send her our love and very best wishes.

Most folk will know that very sadly our friend Brian Treharne died on Easter Monday and his funeral was held at IMC in May. Many folk from all walks of his life came to celebrate his life and share stories of what he had meant to them. We will miss him and send our condolences and love to Christine and the family.

Also Judy's sister Peggy died at home in Epsom at the age of 101 and her funeral was at the end of May. Judy is the "baby" of her family and as she comes to terms with the loss of her last sibling we send our love and condolences to her and all Peggy's family.

### **Welcome to May's News.**

After keeping her parents waiting quite a while we are delighted to announce that Heidi Elizabeth Chew arrived safely in early April weighing 8lbs 11oz. Mum and Dad, Kim and Dan, and Heidi are all doing well and she is a delightful baby. Grandparents Chris and Mike Gentle were also very relieved to have her here and are enjoying lots of cuddles. We do hope she is sleeping well and we send our love and many congratulations to Kim and Dan and many blessings as you enjoy being a family of three!

More excitement for the family as Kim's sister, JoJo, is marrying her fiancée Andy on May 29th here at IMC at 12.30pm. All friends are invited to the service and to share in tea and cakes afterwards. JoJo and Andy, we send love and prayers as you continue to plan your special day and hope that every moment is special and will be treasured always.

After their wedding plans being disrupted twice by Covid it is a real joy to share that Rob and Claire will marry in Scotland on May 14th. We send all our very best wishes and congratulations to you both and pray all your journeys go smoothly - especially for Rob's parents Gill and Eric ensuring that Grandma Margaret is well enough to go and travels safely. We hope the day is wonderful and you have some amazing memories of your wedding in a castle!

After yet another setback Linda Fox will hopefully have her hip operation on April 21st. We are praying this time all goes well Linda as you have been amazing in the way you've dealt with all the cancellation over the past years.

For those who haven't heard, our own author Joan Bulman has published her autobiography entitled "My journey through life" and copies are available from Joan. Reviews are that it is an interesting and fascinating read and I'm sure Joan will be happy to give you more details if you ask her.

Sadly we also have sad news to share as Brenda Hughes died at the end of March after battling cancer for some time. Also Bert Paddock has died recently and we send our sincerest condolences to their families in this so sad time.

We send our love and condolences to Julie Francis and her family on the sudden death of her father, Rayford. It's hard losing someone but a shock also when it is sudden and we pray you will all know God's peace and comfort at this difficult time.

**From Gwen Reed**

I would like to thank my friends at IMC for their phone calls, get well cards, birthday cards and, above all, their prayers whilst staying with my sister recovering from my knee operation. I'm pleased to say all is progressing well with the knee and long may it continue.

By the time this is in the newsletter I will hopefully have been back to Church and see you all in person. May God bless you all.





## **Wise and Wonderful.....**

**....is a fellowship group, open to all.  
We meet from 2.30 to about 4,  
on alternate Fridays in term time,  
in the hall and café of the Methodist Church.**

### **June 10 Desert Island Discs**

You are invited to bring your favourite music, (on CD please), and we'd like to hear the story of why it's special to you.

### **June 24 Annual Cream Tea**

This year we are going to the House of Marbles, so you need to book your seat! The cost is £8, which includes transport. Because of the journey, cars will be leaving earlier than our usual start time.

### **July 8 Summer Flowers**

A talk and demonstration kindly given by the IMC flower ladies.

### The Autumn programme

....is nearly ready, with a good variety of interesting speakers and "in house" activities. Book the dates in your diary!

September 9 and 23  
October 7 and 21  
November 11 and 25  
December 9

For more information, please ring one of us:  
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