

THE UWI ANGLICAN COMMUNITY

UNIVERSITY CHAPEL, MONA

Sisters and Brothers in Christ, welcome to another celebration of the Lord's Day. A warm welcome to those who may be visiting us for the first time; please feel free to join us again. We welcome Rev Dr Byron Chambers as our preacher this morning. I have invited him to speak on the meaning of Aldersgate Sunday. This is a long standing Methodist tradition which is observed annually this time of year. Anglicans and Methodists in Jamaica had a second dialogue meeting in May Pen last week. The dialogue is viewed as a movement of the Holy Spirit and in response to a broader conversation taking place at the global level.

Today is the Feast of Pentecost and it gives us an opportunity to focus on the words in the creed "We/I believe in the Holy Spirit." The Holy Spirit is the third person in the Trinity and is God at work in the world. Today's focus is on the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church. It is often referred to as the birthday of the Church.

Aldersgate Sunday is a great opportunity to celebrate the work of God in our lives, and to reflect on how we should respond to everything that God has given us. In the Methodist Church calendar, Aldersgate Sunday is the Sunday nearest to 24 May (traditionally known as 'Wesley Day') or the Sunday before it. It commemorates a life-changing moment in the Christian journey of John Wesley, the most prominent of the founders of Methodism. In May 1738, John unwillingly attended worship at a Moravian 'Religious Society' meeting on Aldersgate Street in London. It was during this service that he felt his "heart strangely warmed", as he experienced God's love in a most personal and life-giving way. Until then he had known God in his mind, but not in his heart. Now he understood the value of a personal experience of God that would bring assurance of salvation to the believer (<http://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/worship/methodist-special-sundays/aldersgate-sunday/>).

We continue to collect non-perishable food items and toiletries for the students. Kindly take these on Sundays. Thanks to those who continue to give donations. Please speak with Professor James Robertson if you plan to make a contribution.

Church of the Ascension and the Mavis Bank Woodford Cures will be having a joint service at Church of the Ascension car park this evening at 6:00pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

Also, at 6:00pm this evening the Antigua Chorale will be doing a performance here at the University Chapel beginning at 6:00pm. Tickets cost \$1000 and students with ID pay \$500 at the door. Every blessing, Garth

Visioning Prayer: Almighty and ever living God, ruler of all things in heaven and on earth, and by whose grace we have been called into a goodly fellowship of faith: Send down upon our bishops, other clergy, and all your faithful people an outpouring of your Holy Spirit for the renewal and mission of your Church. Give us a vision of where you would lead your Church, and so discern new things that you are doing in your Church and the world. By your grace, save us from unnecessary distractions, so that we may be able to determine your will for us, go forward perceiving that which is right, and have the courage to pursue the same, to the end that we may utilise the gifts which you have given to each of us for the furtherance of your will in simplicity, confidence and steadfastness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for Discipleship: Heavenly Father, we thank you that you have awakened your church to hear again the call of our Saviour Jesus Christ to come to Him to learn from Him. Grant that as we say 'yes' to His call to discipleship, your Holy Spirit will enable us so completely to commit all the areas of our lives to His service, that in our personal, family and church lives, our work, recreational and social lives, we would act as Jesus would have acted if he were in our place; in His name and for His sake we pray. **Amen**



FEAST OF PENTECOST

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Theme: Live By The Power Of The Holy Spirit

THE OPENING RITE BCP p. 101

Entrance Hymn #268

Collect BCP p.166

The Ministry of the Word

First Reading Acts 2: 1-21

Psalm #104: 25-35, 37

Second Reading Romans 8: 22-27

Gradual Hymn #270

Alleluia! Alleluia! The Lord God Almighty reigns

Gospel Reading St John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15

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The Sermon

The Creed BCP p. 104

The Prayers of the People

Act of Penitence & Absolution BCP p.123-124

The Greeting of Peace BCP p. 124-125

Offertory Hymn #275

Offering of the Eucharistic Sacrifice

The Communion

Prayer over the Gifts BCP p. 126

Hymn During Communion #595

Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 147-149

Prayer for those with Birthdays and Anniversaries

The Blessing

Notices

Recessional Hymn #296

Dismissal