

Newsletter June 2018

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Preachers in June

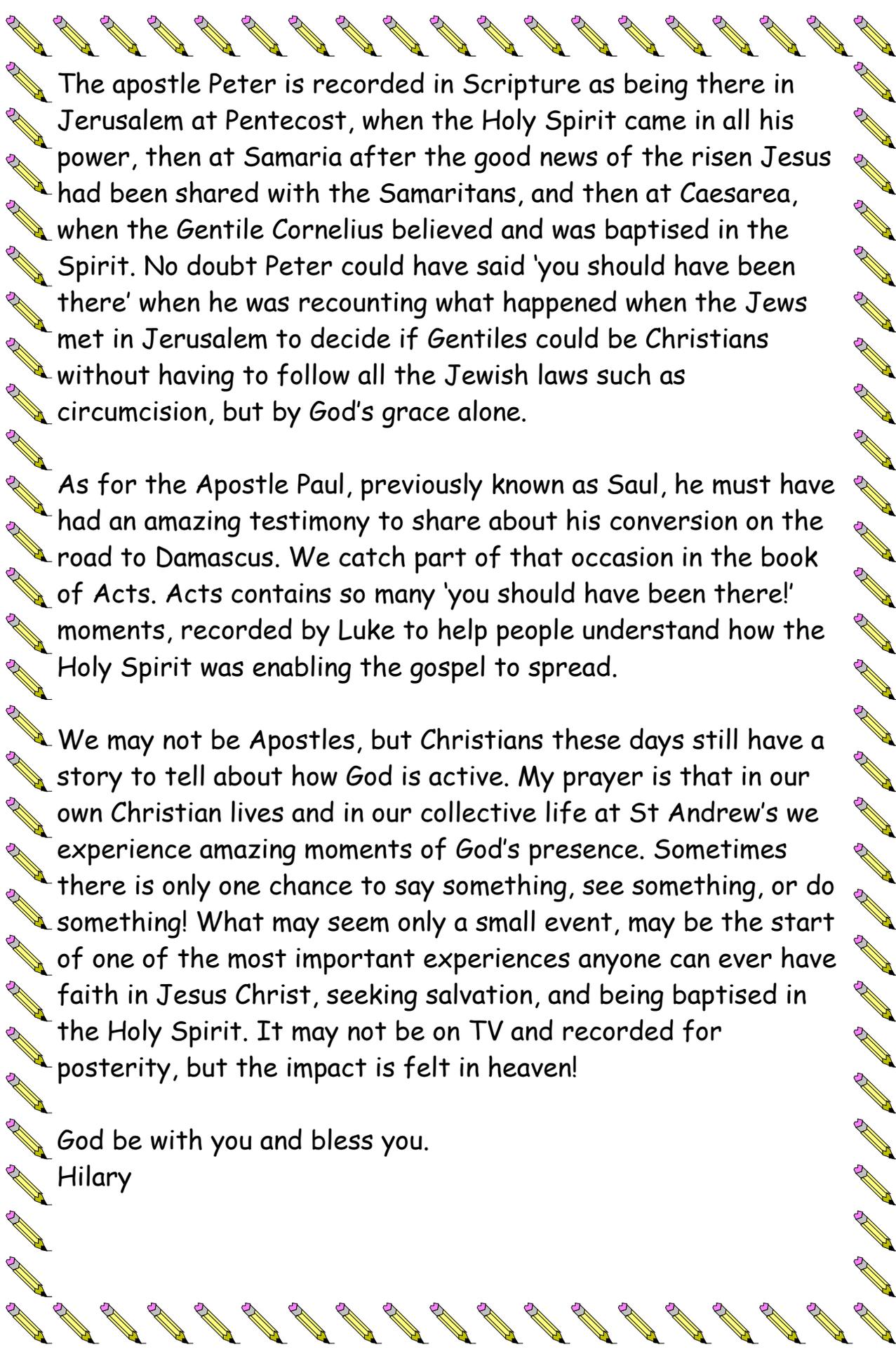
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Dear Friends,

Every month brings another major sporting event. In June one of the highest profile events will be the football World Cup in Russia. Then in July there will be the opportunity to watch the tennis at Wimbledon, golf at The Open and other annual sporting events. Many of us may recall moments of great drama and turn-arounds in sport.

We sometimes hear the phrase 'you should have been there!' said by someone who is trying to recapture the mood of the occasion, as well as the factual account. I wonder if that is a phrase any of the disciples might have used about major happenings during their time with Jesus, or after Pentecost?



The apostle Peter is recorded in Scripture as being there in Jerusalem at Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came in all his power, then at Samaria after the good news of the risen Jesus had been shared with the Samaritans, and then at Caesarea, when the Gentile Cornelius believed and was baptised in the Spirit. No doubt Peter could have said 'you should have been there' when he was recounting what happened when the Jews met in Jerusalem to decide if Gentiles could be Christians without having to follow all the Jewish laws such as circumcision, but by God's grace alone.

As for the Apostle Paul, previously known as Saul, he must have had an amazing testimony to share about his conversion on the road to Damascus. We catch part of that occasion in the book of Acts. Acts contains so many 'you should have been there!' moments, recorded by Luke to help people understand how the Holy Spirit was enabling the gospel to spread.

We may not be Apostles, but Christians these days still have a story to tell about how God is active. My prayer is that in our own Christian lives and in our collective life at St Andrew's we experience amazing moments of God's presence. Sometimes there is only one chance to say something, see something, or do something! What may seem only a small event, may be the start of one of the most important experiences anyone can ever have faith in Jesus Christ, seeking salvation, and being baptised in the Holy Spirit. It may not be on TV and recorded for posterity, but the impact is felt in heaven!

God be with you and bless you.

Hilary

Today we feel the wind beneath our wings
Today the hidden fountain flows and plays
Today the church draws breath at last and sings
As every flame becomes a tongue of praise.
This is the feast of fire, air, and water
Poured out and breathed and kindled into earth.
The earth herself awakens to her maker
And is translated out of death to birth.
The right words come today in their right order
And every word spells freedom and release
Today the gospel crosses every border
All tongues are loosened by the Prince of Peace
Today the lost are found in His translation.
Whose mother-tongue is love, in every nation.

Malcolm Guite



What are you doing in June?

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duty Elder</u>	<u>Stewards</u>	<u>Reader</u>
3rd	A. Elliott	A. Campbell, J. Pinchess	A. Campbell
10th	P. Gorton	H. McMullan, V. Gormley	S. Vaughan
17th	W. McCartney	F. Fraser, F. Smith	A. Elliott
24th	D. McMullan	J. Pinchess, A. Vanner	A. Campbell

<u>Date</u>	<u>Flowers</u>
3rd	J. Pinchess
10th	H. McMullan
17th	F. Smith
24th	V. Twinning



Serving Elders: A. Elliott, F. Smith

Communion Table: F. Smith

The July Newsletter is due to be distributed on Sunday 24th June 2018. Any items for inclusion should be with Peggy Gorton on or before Thursday 21st June please.
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