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Acts 2:1-4, 14-17, 41-47

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, 14-17, 41-47

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: “In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.””





Acts 2:1-4, 14-17, 41-47

Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common.



Acts 2:1-4, 14-17, 41-47

They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.





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Why would you do that?



Why We Do What We Do...



So, why **are**
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Why We Do What We Do...

- **Our Father.**

[Matthew 6:9]

- I will build my **church.**

[Matthew 16:18]

- **Come together in his name.**

[Matthew 18:20]

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Hebrews 10:24-25

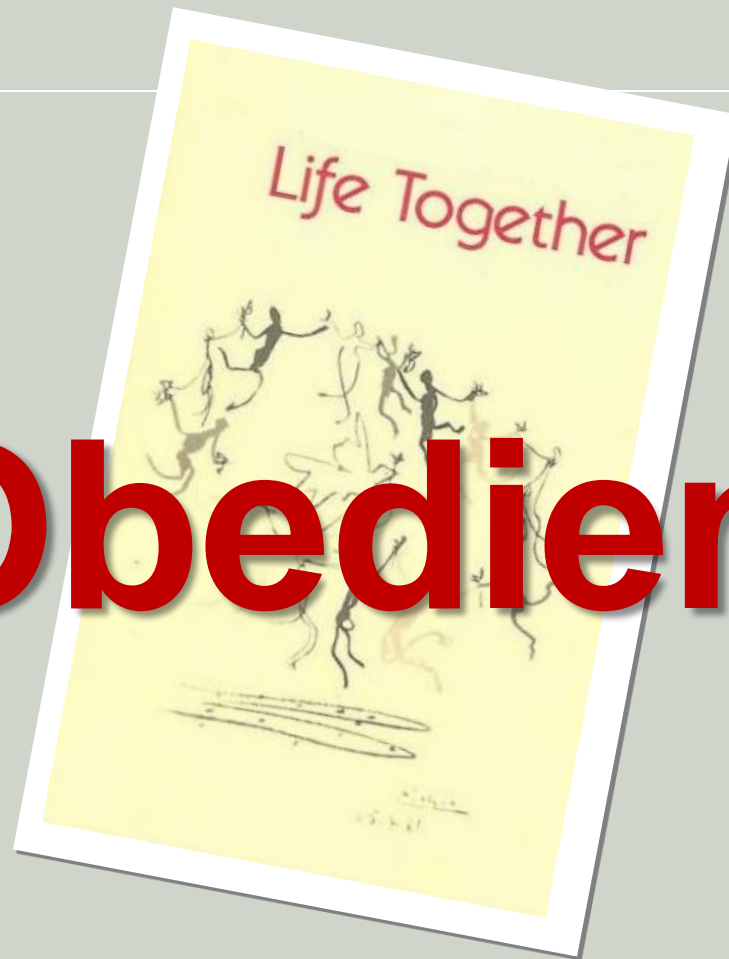
And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting **together**, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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Obedience

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Values
What is important to us

1 One God
At St Bs we have chosen not to write a new statement of faith. We fully subscribe to the historic catholic creeds of the church (which can be viewed at www.london.anglican.org/Beliefs) that expound the truth that God is one revealed to us in three persons. And we also agree with the statement of faith of the Evangelical Alliance (which can be viewed at www.eauk.org/about/basis-of-faith.cfm). These are the fundamentals of our faith which have been eloquently elucidated by others for us, whose tradition we share.

2 Two emphases
We want to emphasise both word and spirit. Jesus, when criticising the Sadducees, said "You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God" (Matthew 22:29). Over the years we have seen a false dichotomy between those who think of themselves as evangelical (Bible) Christians and charismatic (spirit-filled) Christians. We see no conflict between these two but aim to emphasise both word and spirit fully.

We trust in the Bible as the word of God revealing the truth to us, so that we are not blown around by every new wind of teaching. It is important to us that we are made in God's image, rather than God being made in our image, dreamed up from our own imagination. So, it is essential to have an objective benchmark of truth that remains unchanged and independent to the circumstances of the age in which we live.

We also know our inadequacy to live out the life God calls us to and so urgently pursue an outpouring of God's Holy Spirit to empower us. We long to see all the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5) grow in our lives. And we also seek to experience the power of God through the operation of all the gifts of the Holy Spirit, both in our church meetings and in our daily lives.

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Why We Do What We Do...

- **UP** towards God
- **IN** towards each other
- **OUT** into the world

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UP



Acts 2

praising God

Psalms 40

great assembly

Hebrews 2

sing your praises

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IN

Acts 2

anyone in need

Acts 6

widows

Acts 11

famine in Judea



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OUT



Acts 2

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MRW

added daily
whose side I'm on
now entering the
mission field

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