

KETTLE & FISH TEAM NEWS: June 2011

Did you have a "good" Easter - we did with grief and joy, pain and rejoicing. As did the disciples. They had witnessed Jesus' arrest, torture and violent death. This was the end. There was no doubt He was dead!

No doubt that is until, in the safety of their locked room, He was suddenly there! Then casually He joined a couple walking along a desert road; spoke to Mary outside His tomb; He even appeared to 500 people at the same time. There was now no denying Jesus was alive again.

But 40 days later, having warned them time and again, He left His friends on earth and ascended into Heaven. This was certainly the end - or was it? For as Jesus always does, He replaced what seemed a totally irreversible loss with an ever-present companion - The Holy Spirit. The very essence of the Father and the Son living with and in every believer. He came with singular signs and amazing wonders and completely turned them inside-out. The cowards were now strong in their faith, the hesitant could not stop talking, the effect of the change in the lives of a few has since echoed right round the world touching every country.

Jesus said to His disciples (and therefore to us) before He left, ".. you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you" This power is available today, to each of us, to strengthen His church, bring peace, love and joy - TO GLORIFY GOD!!

To hear more join us in
St Gregory's Church at 6.30 pm on Pentecost Sunday

K&F Prayer:

We receive many requests for and from folk who are undergoing extreme hardship and health issues. Though we don't know who these people are we take their requests to Prayer Breakfasts held on each Saturday morning. 14 different churches host these breakfasts and 20-36 people leave their warm beds for 8 am start The breakfast only costs £1 and you would be very welcome to join us, you don't have to say why you have come and you don't have to pray aloud. We have had many answers and always we are blessed just for being there. Even if you can't come, would you please help us pray for these needy folk - each one is known intimately by God and He is just waiting to hear of our loving concern for each one. Please pray too.

How we thank You Lord You have blessed **Kettle & Fish** with so much: setting us in the market place - bonding us together from various churches - the great numbers of visitors - the regular income from the food which funds other CT events in town - the good name of our catering so that other non-church events ask for our support. From beginning in 2005 our prayer has been that although a redundant church **St Peter's** would become **a house of prayer again** and this is happening weekly. Thank you Lord for the many conversations and prayers that heal and bless those taking part. Please bless even more as people relax in Your presence and share their needs. Give strength, compassion and wisdom to all involved Lord we pray. **Bless all through July/August when we are not here.**

Eleanor Ridge on behalf of Kettle & Fish in Churches Together in Sudbury & District