



Welcome to the Elim Church Bewbush Pentecost Bible-reading plan for 2020!

Pentecost is a Christian holy day that celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit 40 days after

Resurrection Sunday. Many consider it to be the birthday of the Church and celebrate it as such.

Originally, Pentecost was a Jewish holiday held 50 days after Passover. One of three major feasts during the Jewish year, it celebrated a thanksgiving for harvested crops. However, Pentecost for

Christians means something far different. Before Jesus was crucified, he told his disciples that the Holy Spirit would come after him: **And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you forever — the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. John 14:16–18**

And 40 days after Jesus was resurrected (10 days after he ascended into heaven), that promise was fulfilled when Peter and the early Church were in Jerusalem for 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

From 12th April 2020, we as a church, will explore the entire Book of Acts over 49 days. In the Book of Acts the author Luke details the impact the Holy Spirit had on those first believers immediately after Jesus' resurrection and ascension.

Let us take the time to read this Scripture thoroughly. Get a notebook to accompany your time alone and let us ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate these words and drive home their relevance to us today.

May we grow in expectation as Sunday 31st May approaches!

Day 1: Acts 1:1-11	Day 21: Acts 11	Day 41: Acts 23:12-22
Day 2: Acts 1:12-26	Day 22: Acts 12	Day 42: Acts 23:23-35
Day 3: Acts 2:1-13	Day 23: Acts 13:1-12	Day 43: Acts 24
Day 4: Acts 2:14-47	Day 24: Acts 13:13-52	Day 44: Acts 25
Day 5: Acts 3	Day 25: Acts 14	Day 45: Acts 26
Day 6: Acts 4:1-22	Day 26: Acts 15	Day 46: Acts 27:1-26
Day 7: Acts 4:23-37	Day 27: Acts 16	Day 47: Acts 27:27-44
Day 8: Acts 5:1-16	Day 28: Acts 17	Day 48: Acts 28:1-16
Day 9: Acts 5:17-42	Day 29: Acts 18:1-17	Day 49: Acts 28:17-31
Day 10: Acts 6	Day 30: Acts 18:18-28	
Day 11: Acts 7:1-19	Day 31: Acts 19:1-22	
Day 12: Acts 7:20-38	Day 32: Acts 19:23-41	
Day 13: Acts 7:39-53	Day 33: Acts 20:1-12	
Day 14: Acts 7:54-8:3	Day 34: Acts 20:13-38	
Day 15: Acts 8:4-25	Day 35: Acts 21:1-16	
Day 16: Acts 8:26-40	Day 36: Acts 21:17-26	
Day 17: Acts 9:1-19	Day 37: Acts 21:27-36	
Day 18: Acts 9:20-31	Day 38: Acts 21:37-22:21	
Day 19: Acts 9:32-43	Day 39: Acts 22:22-29	
Day 20: Acts 10	Day 40: Acts 22:30-23:11	

Alongside this reading plan we will be using the Luke-Acts videos produced by The Bible Project on Tuesdays for our discipleship Zoom virtual meeting: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/gospel-series/>