

# Worthing Deanery Prayer

The theme of this week 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

## Empowered



## Reflection

Sunday celebrated **PENTECOST** in the Church. This is the birth and beginning of the Christian Church on earth and celebrates the birthday of the Church. Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival **50** days after the Passover festival. The disciples had been hiding after the crucifixion of Jesus for fear of being arrested and killed. At his Ascension into heaven, Jesus promised the disciples that he would not leave them alone in their mission to carry on spreading the Gospel message. Jesus said the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Holy Trinity would come to bring them strength and courage to be **Apostles** and “**go out to the whole world**” and “**make disciples of all nations.**” Many young adults were **Confirmed** by Bishop Richard in the cathedral recently and received the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit – namely, **Wisdom-Understanding-Right Judgement-Strength-Knowledge-Reverence-Awe and Wonder.** It will be their duty to be channels of the Holy Spirit in our world and the fruits of these gifts are shown by love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. **Which fruits of the HOLY SPIRIT will empower you this week?**

## Prayer

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.  
And you will renew the face of the earth. Amen.



## From the bible

“... he breathed on them and said,  
‘Receive the Holy Spirit’.”

John 20: 22