

## 100 Days of Prayer

### Travelling Well Together – Sustaining Ministry

#### Week 13

#### Theme for the week: Our readiness for change

As we enter the final weeks of our 100 Days of Prayer, we approach the feasts of the Ascension and Pentecost. We journey with Jesus' disciples through some momentous changes. Having barely come to terms with Jesus' resurrected presence amongst them, he leaves them, but with the promise of God's presence in and through the coming of the Holy Spirit. Change is a normal part of human experience. In God's gift of the Holy Spirit, we encounter change, transformation and potential beyond our imagining. We face many challenges in our shared life as a diocese. God is with us in this journey as the one who can bring change, transformation and potential beyond our imagining, giving us hope for the future which God intends for us.

*While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven,*

*suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'* (Acts 1: 4-11)

This week, we **give thanks**...

- for Jesus' resurrected presence in God's world through the Holy Spirit
- for God's desire for us to continue Jesus' ministry on earth
- for how God equips us through the gifts of the Holy Spirit

We **pray** that...

- we would be open to the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the life of God's church
- we would be ready for the transformation and potential that God may intend for us, our churches and our communities

*Give to us, O God,  
a vision of your kingdom,  
a glimpse of your glory,  
an openness to your rule,  
and your spirit to guide us.  
Hear us, we pray, through Christ,  
the risen and ascended one. Amen.*