

100 Days of Prayer Travelling Well Together – Sustaining Ministry

Week 14

Theme for the week: Our readiness for change

We are now in the final week of our 100 Days of Prayer and we join with Jesus' disciples in receiving the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. They were waiting, expectant for change yet not knowing what it would be like and what it would require of them.

We have prayed together across and within our diocese with shared intention and focus. Together, we have given thanks for what God has given. Together we have named the reality of our present challenges honestly before God. Together, we have given voice to our hope for a future held in God's care and purpose. Together, we have opened ourselves to listen to God and to God's wisdom through the power of the Holy Spirit as we have sought God's calling for us as a diocese. After this 100 Days of Prayer we move, as a diocese, to 100 Days of Listening, beginning in the Autumn. Please do look out for resources for that.

In the meantime, may we continue to pray with intention and focus for the life of our diocese. May we do so, expectant for change and – whilst we may not know what the change will be like, or what it might require of us – may we be ready to work for it, together.

Then the disciples returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying. They were constantly devoting themselves to prayer,

together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers. (Acts 1: 12, 13a, 14)

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

- that we can offer our prayers to God, in thanksgiving, in naming the reality of our challenges, in giving voice to our hopes
- that we enjoy the freedom of praying together, deepening our relationships and connections to God and to each other, across and within our diocese
- for the power and presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the life of God's church

We **pray** that...

- we may be expectant for change and ready to meet it as God's church
- that we would be open to what God-intended change may require of us
- that we would trust in God to guide us and challenge us in all that lies ahead of us as a diocese

*Spirit of God, come to us,
ignite in us your holy desire,
and visit the peoples of the earth
with faith and hope and love.
Revive your Church so it can
serve your purposes in your world
and share in your work to
renew the face of the earth. Amen.*