

Dear Friends,

Pentecost. The 50th day after Easter. Also known as Whitsunday. Falls on Sunday, May 20th this year. Celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the first apostles and other followers of Jesus 2,000 years ago. The good news is that the Spirit has never stopped since, but continues to descent on anyone – today – who is open and willing to receive.



Are you open and willing to receive? Then come to the Caldicot & District Churches Together Big Birthday Bash during the afternoon of Sunday, May 20th at Caldicot Castle. You cannot miss the publicity and where to get tickets, as all the papers, Facebook and websites are (or soon will be) filled with information, just by googling. We have a famous Speaker, hog roast, Messy Church, Covenant Players, Spirit Choir, children's magician, prayer walks, 24/7 prayer tent, church bands and singers, people to talk to, people who will listen to you – and of course, Pentecost being the Church's birthday, a birthday cake to boot. Come and enjoy. This is already a special weekend with the Royal Wedding the day before, with street parties no doubt, all good, all absolutely right, - but as Churches Together we are excited about what we are doing too, and we really want you to share our joy and expectation.

Our event has been a very long time in the planning. It has not been easy, nor is it cheap to put on, so yes, we do rely on your generosity on the day. There is no such thing as a free lunch. However, what we are doing, we are doing above all for charity, and in fact the charity began by the Castle allowing us access completely free of charge. And this means that we in turn can support many charities for children and for the homeless from any proceeds we make, thanks to you.

This will be a day of joy, of fun, of theatre, music and singing, and yes, of course, for sharing the Good News of Jesus. The event is professionally prepared and executed by your Churches Together. And if you're not quite sure who we all are, then come and meet us on site where we shall stand together.

Are you willing to receive? As Christians, we are dying to give. God bless you.

Rev Preben Andersen