

## Wednesday Thoughts



World-wide in all Christian churches next Sunday, the 31<sup>st</sup> May and under normal circumstances their congregations would be celebrating the Festival of Pentecost with a family type service, likely followed by a meal or a party of some sort. Sadly that will not happen in 2020.

By many Pentecost is regarded as the start of the Christian church, and without doubt it does call for celebration. But in the light of our current circumstances that's just a dream - however once the "all clear" is sounded we will definitely catch up, realise our dream, and there will be non-stop partying of thanks, praise to God and lots of fun and a lovely sharing of food.

And sharing is the theme of our Wednesday Thoughts this week.



One of the most important points made in the Bible about Pentecost (Acts 2:44 NRSV) is that after they recovered from the death of Jesus the believers got together and shared - they sold sundry items and made sure that the proceeds were given to those in need and they also shared what they had between themselves in equal fashion.

In these upsetting days we should not overlook the value of sharing, and especially sharing with those who have nothing or little to share themselves. Let's all ask ourselves what we may have that we really don't need that could be shared via any charity

and so help an unknown person who is lacking – this leads our thoughts to the annual appeal from Christian Aid earlier this month.

Why not help them so they are able to help others who are in dire need: it could be a very positive way in which we could fulfil our calling to spread love, not just for those known to us, but for strangers too. We are all citizens of this earth, let's do our very best to ensure that we all have an equal measure of its riches.

Blessings to everyone