

Ebbfleet Community Church

Circuit Service 10th January 2021

Led by Dr. Bart Woodhouse

Worship Led by Sarah Ford

Readings by Dani Needham

Lectionary Readings: Mark 1:4-11, Acts 19:1-7 (also – Genesis 1:1-5, Psalm 29)

Mark 1:4-11 - And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Acts 19:1-7 - While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?"

They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."

So, Paul asked, "Then what baptism did you receive?"

"John's baptism," they replied.

Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve men in all.

Order of Service:

- Welcome and opening prayer (Bart)
- And can it be (Stuart Townend version)
- Prayers led by Sarah Ford
- Hosanna (Hillsong)
- Did you feel the mountains tremble (Hillsong)
- Readings – Mark 1:1-8 and Acts 19:1-7 (Dani)
- Preach - Be filled with the Holy Spirit, a truly Methodist message! (Bart)
- These are the days of Elijah

*These are the days of Elijah,
Declaring the word of the Lord:
And these are the days of Your servant Moses,
Righteousness being restored.*

*And though these are days of great trial,
Of famine and darkness and sword,
Still, we are the voice in the desert crying
'Prepare ye the way of the Lord!'*

*Behold He comes riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee,
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.*

*These are the days of Ezekiel,
The dry bones becoming as flesh;
And these are the days of Your servant David,
Rebuilding a temple of praise.*

*These are the days of the harvest,
The fields are as white in Your world,
And we are the labourers in Your vineyard,
Declaring the word of the Lord!*

There's no God like Jehovah.

- Closing prayer

“Spirit filled souls are ablaze for God. They love with a love that glows. They serve with a faith that kindles. They serve with a devotion that consumes. They hate sin with a fierceness that burns. They rejoice with a joy that radiates. Love is perfected in the fire of God.”

“The Holy Ghost does not come upon methods, but upon people. He does not anoint machinery, but people. He does not work through organizations, but through people. He does not dwell in buildings, but in men and women. He indwells the Body of Christ, directs its activities, distributes its forces, empowers its members.”

Rev. Samuel Chadwick (Methodist Minister and Principal of Cliff College)
The Way to Pentecost (1936)