

Thought for the day – Wednesday 1st June 2022

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Waiting with intent.

I read again the passage in Acts 1 which is relevant at this time of year. The bit between after Jesus ascends into heaven and the coming of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost - Acts 1:12-26.

We read that the 11 remaining disciples, returned to Jerusalem, and went upstairs to the room they were staying. Perhaps the room upstairs was bigger, or maybe upstairs felt more secure? They were joined by 'the women' and by Mary, Jesus' mother and his brothers, and they numbered 'about' a 120. Head counts were not that easy then as its not now!

They waited. For the coming of the Holy Spirit, as Jesus promised. They did not know when, but they knew the Spirit would come. They were together. And they prayed constantly as they waited. They had an annual meeting, where they elected a new member to the PCC, or its equivalent! (v21-26)

We have jumped the timeline, and the Holy Spirit is here. But it is a useful reminder that the Christian life is one of waiting, often with unanswered questions, for Christ's return. As we wait, we serve and witness to Jesus. It is a reminder that we need the power the Holy Spirit to do that. And that we need to support each other by coming together and praying and enabling others to take their place as leaders. In a world where so many bad and distressing things are happening, we need to make sure more than ever, that we tend to this basic foundation.

Let us pray - Come Holy Spirit. And come on Sunday and celebrate the Spirit's coming.