

**TFTD 29/05/20**

***The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit (John 3:8)***

Last week was windy (you might have forgotten as we bask in sunshine this week). I attempted to play tennis in 40mph gusts – it did not go well! I also watched the birds attempting to fly and wondered how they still ended up at their destination with that strength of wind against them.

Conveniently, the thought of the wind got me thinking about the Holy Spirit, as evidenced by today's verse, and what better time to think about the Holy Spirit than now with Pentecost coming up?

We can think of the wind in many ways, it is annoying when it messes up your hair, or when it sends your ball flying out the tennis court (nothing to do with the person wielding a tennis racquet of course), it is helpful if you are sailing and we can harness its power for electricity. The wind can be that gentle breeze on a hot day that cools the air or it can be that howling gale that sends other people's paddling pools flying into your garden!

Much like the wind, we experience the Holy Spirit in different ways. Sometimes it's annoying – He asks us to do something we don't want to do or visit somewhere we don't want to go. Sometimes He supports us as we face problems. Sometimes, the Holy Spirit is just what we need to comfort us as we face another day stuck within the same four walls.

However you are feeling (or not feeling) the Holy Spirit at this time, He is still there. It feels a bit like we have been in lockdown forever and it is hard.

Like the birds though, we need to be focussed on our destination, no matter what the storm is blowing at us. It might take up more energy, we might be tired when we get there, but it's going to be worth it!

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May the Holy Spirit guide you all your days.

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