

### From the Editor's Den

#### Winds-day

This is how one of A A Milne's characters described Winnie The Pooh's "Blustery Day". Last Friday was one such day for us and it started me thinking about the Bible's references to 'the wind'.

A straightforward illustration came from Jesus in His parable of the houses built on rock and on sand (Matthew 7:25), signifying the need for our lives to be built on the firm foundation of His Word. Then, in the next chapter when the disciples begin to panic on the boat, Jesus stills the wind (8:23-27), proving his authority over His own creation. Compare this with Paul's shipwreck on Malta, saved by his faith and prayers and with no lives lost (Acts 27).

**Pentecost** The first apostles experienced a strong wind with the arrival of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:2). The term used for spirit is akin to 'breath' – God speaks and His Word goes forth (Genesis 1). Jesus Himself promised to send "the Spirit of Truth who proceeds from the Father, who will testify of Me" (John 15:26).

More enigmatically, "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).

Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers . . . so no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there (Ephesians 4:11,14).

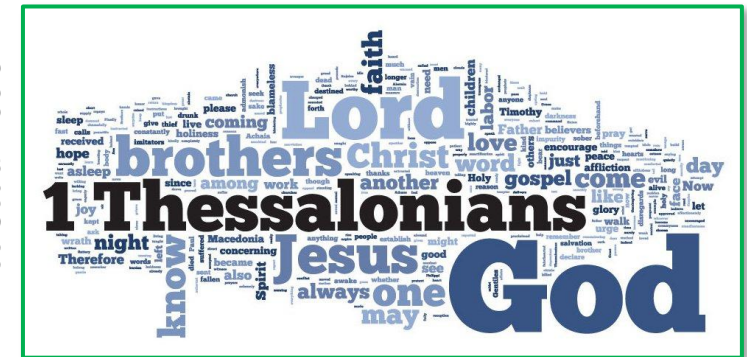
**And Finally,** "He will send His angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather His elect from the four winds" (Matthew 24:31).



### WORD Cloud of the week

Here is an interesting way of gaining an overview of a Bible book. In the diagram, the larger the words the more often they appear. Look out for them when you read this New Testament letter.

Source:  
BlueLetter Bible /  
Apps & Tools /  
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#### "TOP TWENTY" BIBLE TEXTS COUNTDOWN

Source:  
BibleStudyTools.com

#### 15. Philippians 4:6

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

Top 20 most popular Bible verses according to online search rankings.

#### Could You Be Our Pin-Up?

Volunteer required to keep our High Street Notice Board up-to-date.

Posters and Notices supplied!



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## PREVIEWS, POINTERS & PRAYER

Items for this page to the Administrator by Thursday morning please

### Previews

**12.45 Community Clean-up Litter Pick.**

**6.30 Youth Alpha**

**6.30 Evening Fellowship Video:** *“Who Is The Holy Spirit?” (Pt.4)*

this week will be on Jesus’ baptism (Luke 3:21,22) and being led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted. (Luke 4:1-13).

**Health and Safety Review:** We will be conducting this through February. If you have any concerns that you would like us to know about, please get in touch with Stefan Inglin or Rachel Prosser.

### Pointers

**Rufford School** is holding coffee mornings for families of children with S.E.N.D. at 9am on the second Thursday of every month.

**Remembrance wreaths and crosses** can be collected by anyone



who placed one around the War Memorial in November. Please call in to the Foyer on Fridays, 11am–2pm, where they will continue to be displayed until the end of January. Contact the office if you need to make other arrangements.

### Prayer

#### Bereavements

Please pray for the relatives and friends of our long-term member **Trudi Jones** who passed away recently and of former member **Carol Parkes** who passed away on Wednesday. Also for the family of Open Door attender **Ellen Zair** (McTernan) who died on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### Safeguarding

Pray for our church **Safeguarding Team**, Carol, Liz, Rachel and Chris as they administer our CRB system and handle any incidents.

<b>Today</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> January	10.30am Service of the Word 12.30pm Zimbabwean Church 12.45pm Community Litter Pick  6.30pm Evening Fellowship Video: <i>“Who Is The Holy Spirit?” (Pt.4)</i> 6.30pm Youth Alpha  <b>Pray for</b> newcomers and visitors to church
<b>Monday</b>	7.00pm Online Prayer Group  <b>Pray for</b> members of the PCC
<b>Tuesday</b>	  <b>Pray for</b> our Administrator and volunteers
<b>Wednesday</b>	10.00am Lion Club  <b>Pray for</b> leaders and our church groups
<b>Thursday</b>	  <b>Pray for</b> external Groups using the Church
<b>Friday</b>	11am–2pm Warm Place 12.00pm Midday Worship  <b>Pray for</b> staff of CPAS and Diocese
<b>Saturday</b>	  <b>Pray for</b> prospective vicar applicants
<b>Next Sunday</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	10.30am Holy Communion <i>Bible Reading: Luke 2: 22-40</i> 12.30pm Zimbabwean Church  6.30pm Evening Fellowship 6.30pm Youth Alpha

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**Thur Feb 13**

**12.00-2.30pm Alpha Course (10 weeks)**