

Baptism: Acts 2:1-13, 22-24 and 29-40

## Welcome

If you have been baptised and confirmed what are your memories—e.g. where were you, how old etc.



## Worship

In a baptism service there are three key symbols—water, the cross and a candle. Water symbolises new life, being made clean. The cross, love and forgiveness. A candle the call to hold out the light of Christ to others. Shape your prayer and worship around these symbols—you may like to have a bowl of water, a cross and a candle on a small table in the centre of the room.



## Word

1. Read Acts 2:1-13, 22-24 and 29-40
2. Vs 37—why do you think the people were 'cut to the heart'?
3. Can you understand how they felt?
4. Vs 28—what does it mean to repent? (see Luke 15:11-24)
5. Is repentance a single moment or an ongoing invitation?
6. The water of baptism is a rich symbol of the forgiveness we receive through faith in Christ—how? (see Romans 6:3-4)
7. The **gift** of the Holy Spirit is different to the **gifts** of the Holy Spirit—read Romans 8:10-11, 14-17— according to these verses what is the gift that the Holy Spirit brings?
8. Read Acts 2:42-47—how would you describe what happened next to the newly baptised?
9. What do you think we can learn from this?



## Witness

You might like to pray with the following responses from the baptism service in the week ahead, thinking about what it means to turn, submit and come to Jesus each day of our lives:

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

**I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

**I come to Christ.**



*And if you haven't been baptised or confirmed and would like to please speak to David or Lindsey ☺*