

RESPONSE TO SERMON SEPT 6TH 2009

1. Are you a born again?
2. Have you been baptised in the Holy Spirit (and are you being daily filled by Him)
3. Have you been baptised as a believer?
4. Are you fully on board with the vision of the church? If so, are you a member?

If you are seeking Baptism you will be asked to become a member because membership and baptism belong together. You cannot have Jesus without His family. Leaflets are available to help you understand this principle (see Jacqui)

5. Are you part of an MSC – Mission Shaped Community?
6. Are you using your gifts to serve? – pastoral care, flower arranging, making tea and coffee, giving lifts to people, doing admin, baking cakes, etc etc
7. Are you giving financially to the church? – as God leads you – so that He can do through us what He wants to do

Ask to speak to Jacqui or Ross about any of these things

Membership

Jacqui is holding a meeting to speak with anyone interested in understanding more about membership. The meeting will either be held on Thurs Oct 8th, Thurs 22nd, or Sat morning 17th or 24th Oct

Please let Jacqui or Becci (01908 567168) know which day is best for you.

Conversation Jacqui had with God while on retreat?

“What do you have to say about your church?”

“I’m so glad you asked that question because I’ve got lots of really fun things planned for you. Things you will enjoy but you have to learn to do things my way and in my time. It involved giving away all that I have invested in you over the years. You won’t really know what you have until you give it away

What do you want me to tell your people?

Tell them not to be afraid, this is to be fun. Together you and I are going to do people good. You will see sadness on people’s faces and you will cheer them up, you will see despair in peoples eyes and you will speak hope to them, you will see my little ones, looking like urchins on the streets, dirty and alone and you will clean them up and restore them to what I intended them to be; you will give them dignity

How will we do this?

You will need the breath and the fire of my Spirit. Jesus breathed on the disciples and they received the Holy Spirit and He said “As the Father has sent me I am sending you”. I will breathe on you and you will rise up and become an army of people full of my Spirit. And you need my fire, the fire of my Spirit which empowers you

Tell me about the fire, Father

The fire – of my presence; so that you will burn with passion for me. And the fire will burn up all that is unholy; the fire will embolden you. The fire will go before you to burn up all your enemies.

Lord tell me more

We can do this as much as you want to. Whenever people are ready we can go and bless people.

But you must know me and work with me – do not run ahead of me for you cannot do it on your own. You will rush out with excitement and fall on your faces but wait for me; do things my way and you will stand amazed as I touch peoples lives. This can happen on your high street, even in Stony Stratford.

(Summary of the above

God has lots for us to do;

It will be fun;

We cannot do it without him

We must do it in his time)