

## Time for a 'Great 50 Days'!

'The Great 50 Days' is the name that's been given through the centuries to the period of Christian celebration from Easter Sunday to the Day of Pentecost.

It's a season to be proclaiming, as Easter People, that "Christ is Risen, he is risen indeed." And to be celebrating, as a whole church, that the Holy Spirit came to us, and for us, on the Day of Pentecost.

After all the disruption of the pandemic, and now as people face such anxiety and heart-ache over urgent concerns such as war and the cost-of-living crisis, I believe it's particularly important to focus as fully as we can on these truths.

So, we're inviting you to join in with others around the Yorkshire North and East District in making these Great 50 Days significant as we celebrate and share our faith in loving action.

We're offering and coordinating a range of resources:

- **'Kindness Course'**: written by the Revd Dr David Perry, providing a great opportunity to explore how we respond to the gospel by living kind, generous, open-hearted lives, that are in themselves evangelistic, because we're reaching out in kind and generous ways.
- **Platinum Jubilee**: Pentecost Sunday coincides with the Platinum Jubilee, and as an outflow of the Kindness Course, we hope this may lead you to engage in local generosity. We're encouraging you to join in and be a leading part of community Platinum Jubilee events.
- **All We Can**: Again, flowing from the principles of the Kindness Course, we want to encourage you to engage in global generosity. We are pleased to be in partnership with All We Can and hope you will use this as one of the ways you can show kindness to those affected by poverty and inequality.

We'll be sharing more very soon about all of these strands and how you can be involved but in the meantime, let's all be praying that God will help us to have a Great 50 Days – expressing our faith in love.

Leslie Newton  
District Chair