

## PENTECOST

### Pilgrimage

#### The Orchard Reborn

A child planted a young tree,  
his first tree, an apple tree placed, by this child,  
in a dark loam that would ease its roots  
on their journey to a water-source.  
When the boy wiped the earth from his hands,  
saw other trees, towering high,  
he hoped his sapling might catch up soon,  
bring apples in autumn, green in spring,  
and, seeing how vast the full sky was,  
he wished for boughs to fill it,  
growth to begin and climb the air,  
until the clouds jostled in his tree's canopy.  
He asked: *grow tree, grow up and thrive,*  
then turned to go. He didn't hear  
the roots say *yes,* the leaves grasp a light breeze  
or send a message to the river oaks:  
didn't notice by what small degree  
the world had grown fairer when he walked away.  
A child planted a tree.

Wayne Burrows {I have changed the text from boy to child}

Who are you in this poem? The sapling being planted. The child doing the planting. One of the tall trees in the orchard. The part you see as you, belongs in the whole picture. God can see us all. No one is left out.

On Tuesday we began our "Pilgrim Course." The theme of the six sessions embraces; "Church and Kingdom." It is a gentle way for all God's children to come to see the radial extent in which God is present everywhere.

This course helps us to understand scripture as we allow the words to sink into our hearts. Being together from sapling to a tall tree, we begin to understand, we are always growing. Growing and thriving to reach God's heavenly kingdom. Just like the orchard trees who never stop reaching for the sky.

**We may not see you Holy Spirit, but we feel you are near.**

**We know you always hear.**

In the personal and community our pilgrimage opens up the gift to receive the Holy Spirit.

**To make God's promise clear**

**We know you always hear.**



The Holy Spirit is active in who we are and where we are going.

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey. Amen .

We welcome everyone on our Pilgrim Course.

There are five more weeks to share or just be silent to hear. The sapling to the mature trees in the joy we each receive from the other.

To join please book your space via this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-pilgrim-course-tickets-152200791665>