

## Dauntsey's Christian Union

It is a joy to announce that Dauntsey's Christian Union is up and running once more. A group of students have begun meeting together in the aim of encouraging one another in faith and offering support during our time away from school.

We have decided to support each other in two ways: by meeting each week on Monday at 2:00, currently in a Teams meeting which is open to any student who would like to attend, and by gathering some thoughts and sources of encouragement into a short bulletin to share more widely with our school community. What follows is the first edition of the Dauntsey's School Christian Union bulletin. Written this week following Pentecost and very much with our current situation on our minds.

### Stuck in – A reflection by Hannah Seddon

Whilst we may feel stuck in; both physically and spiritually, this is a good opportunity to spend some time thinking ahead to when lockdown ends. This time of lockdown has many parallels with Pentecost: the birth of the church. The disciples were afraid and stuck in the upper room, just as we are fearful and stuck in our homes now. However, whilst the disciples were stuck and afraid, as they came together as a community in that upper room, they, with the help of each other and the Holy Spirit, were part of the beginning of the church. Where there was fear, they found hope.

Currently, we are seeing a rebirth of the church both nationally and globally. Christians are finding new ways of spreading the message and love of Jesus in this time of fear, despite not being able to see each other face to face. In these unprecedented times we are seeing communities come together locally, nationally, and internationally to support, help, and to empower each other.

Perhaps instead of being stuck in, we can think of these times, just as the disciples did, as a way of allowing ourselves to spread our wings to support each other and find new ways of communicating and helping each other. There is hope for the future, even in these scary times. We have to rethink how we live certain aspects of our lives and we have to find a new way of completing the journey together as a community. Just as the Holy Spirit built the disciples up at Pentecost, it is building people up now.

### A bible passage for reflection: Philippians 4:6-7

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

### A blessing

Well worth a watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PUtl3mNj5U>

God bless,

Hannah, Nicole, India, Mrs Pratt and the rest of Dauntsey's Christian Union