



## **SUNDAY BULLETIN**

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### **SEVENTH DAY OF EASTER**

Our God is the God of history. He creates and sustains and enables. He never forces himself on people and doesn't rule by fear and coercion.

Yes, we do tend to attribute to God the characteristics our mind likes best: For some, this is a God who just loves everyone and is warm and fuzzy. There is no room for 10 or any commandments and if you are sincere and don't beat up old age pensioners or steal things, and are generally a good person, God will like you. Sin? what's that?

Others are forever judging their neighbour and seeing only their faults and gleefully demanding punishment and retribution. Naturally, any god they claim to know, behaves likewise.

The enemy of authentic Christian teaching removes the real presence of God from his creation and replaces him with something of their own imagining.

At Pentecost we remember that God shares his powerful nature with us to strengthen us in the business of not only loving and forgiving, but understanding who and what God is. We can't make up a god of our own devising like a gypsy stew.

God actively seeks the redemption and reconciliation of individuals and offers people the tools to do this. Through the life and work of Jesus, he embraces the human body in all of its weakness and vulnerability, and reveals an alternative to the world's idea of what is right and proper.

May the fire of Pentecost set our hearts ablaze with love for God and our fellowman as we live the alternative life with the mind of Christ.