

There has from the late fourth century been a particular celebration of Christ's ascension.

He commissions his disciples to continue his work, he promises the gift of the Holy Spirit, and then he is no longer among them in the flesh.

The ascension is therefore closely connected with the theme of mission.

The arrival of the promised gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost completes and crowns the Easter Festival.

This year's Ascension Day service is at 5.30am on Thursday 26 May at St. Mary and All Saints Church, Kirkby Underwood.

Weather permitting the service will be held outside in the churchyard overlooking the fields, and a simple breakfast will be served after the service.

Come along and join in the celebration of this special service