

Chat with the children

- *Take box of candles along*
 - when do we get this box out...?
 - outward sign of an inner reality
 - (candles on there own don't make it your birthday)
 - Story of Pentecost
 - flames over people showing inner reality
 - Wish had one of those re-lighting candles!
 - can't be put out!
 - Thanks for Holy Spirit living within us...
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Deposit

- Talk about deposits on houses, on guaranteeing that you are serious about purchasing that house:
 - about house opposite us being on the market a couple of times since we moved to Dundee...
 - once the deposit is paid you can start renovating the property, even if you are not yet in possession
 - (we put central heating in our flat in Edinburgh before we moved in, because of all the disruption - but we could, because we had paid the deposit, we had entered into the contract, everything was in place, it was ours - even though we weren't living there yet)

God has put down the deposit

- Notice which way round it is!
 - God puts down the deposit, it is him who is buying us, it is him who wants to move in with us!

God is building an eternal house

- Contrast is drawn out between:
 - temporary nature of mortal life and permanence of heavenly
 - imperfect nature of mortal life and perfection of heaven
 - burden of mortal life and freedom of heavenly
 - shame (nakedness) of mortal life, and honour of heavenly

God invites us to let him "move in" to our lives

- Grand Designs?
 - those occasions when the folk building the house are living in a caravan across the building site...
 - daft if once constructed they stayed living in the caravan!
 - (because they are used to it, don't know what it will be like in the new place...)
- To be at home with his life, to be ready to go his way
 - and to be ready to move on, to pass from this life into the permanence of life with God in heaven, as we've been thinking about over the past few weeks
- *Is our goal to please him?*
 - *more than just being good, but seeking his glory, sharing his story...*