

## PENTECOST SUNDAY SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024

### Collect

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

<sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. <sup>7</sup> Utterly amazed, they asked: 'Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?' <sup>8</sup> Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome <sup>11</sup> (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs – we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues! <sup>12</sup> Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, 'What does this mean?'

<sup>13</sup> Some, however, made fun of them and said, 'They have had too much wine.'

<sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. <sup>15</sup> These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> "'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.

<sup>20</sup> The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

### Psalms 104: 26-47

There the ships go to and fro, and Leviathan, which you formed to frolic there.

<sup>27</sup> All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time.

<sup>28</sup> When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.

<sup>29</sup> When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust.

<sup>30</sup> When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

<sup>31</sup> May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in his works – <sup>32</sup> he who looks at the earth, and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup> I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

<sup>34</sup> May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the Lord.

<sup>35</sup> But may sinners vanish from the earth and the wicked be no more. Praise the Lord.

### Romans 8: 22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

<sup>23</sup> Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

<sup>26</sup> In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

### John 15: 26-27, 16:4-15

"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father – the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father – he will testify about me.

<sup>27</sup> And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

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I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, <sup>5</sup> but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, "Where are you going?" <sup>6</sup> Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. <sup>7</sup> But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup> When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup> about sin, because people do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup> about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; <sup>11</sup> and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

<sup>12</sup> 'I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. <sup>13</sup> But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. <sup>15</sup> All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.'

### Post Communion

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**THE WEEKLY MESSENGER**  
**ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH, STONEBRIDGE**

**This Week's Service Schedule**

- **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May:** Parish Eucharist at 10am; Church on the Phone at 1:30pm;
- **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May:** Praise and Worship with Holy Communion at 5pm.
- **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May:** Parish Eucharist at 10am with the Bible readings as below; Church on the Phone at 1:30pm;

**Hymns for 10:00am service**

*Introit hymn:*

**No 691: This is the day**

*Gradual hymn:*

**No 198: Gracious Spirit**

*Offertory hymn:*

**No 1004: O God of burning, cleansing flame**

*Hymn during communion:*

**No 613: Spirit of the living God**

*Recessional hymn:*

**No 238: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty**

**Bible Readings: Trinity Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

Readings	Sunday
1 <sup>st</sup> : Hebrew Scripture	Isaiah 6.1-8
2 <sup>nd</sup> : Psalm	Psalm 29
3 <sup>rd</sup> : Epistle	Romans 8.12-17
Gospel	John 3.1-17

**How to connect:**

**Telephone service Sundays at 1:30pm:** call the conference line 0333 0164 757. When it answers, key in the conference number 68971667# and then the PIN 9651#.

**Zoom services: all prayer services on Zoom use the same meeting code as follows: either enter the Meeting ID manually – 881 6923 2299 or use the quick link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88169232299>**  
For audio only from any phone, please dial 0203 481 5237 and enter the Meeting ID.

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**Diary Dates**

- Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May: Trinity Sunday
- Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May, also Brent half term week
- Brent schools summer holiday begins Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July

Some upcoming highlights with dates to be confirmed:

- 1) Our next **fundraiser sale** will run for three Sundays in June. This all helps towards the repairs, and you may find some new outfits/books to read/bric-a-brac. There will also be cakes and biscuits on sale on some of the next Sundays.
- 2) The **Scouting Association** plan to return to St Michael and All Angels' Church and Stonebridge. In the next school term there will be a Challenge for children (girls or boys) aged 8 or 9. Come along on Thursday evenings for 6 weeks for a range of activities including sports and adventures offsite for some sessions.