



# Welcome to St Alban's Church

## Pentecost Sunday

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OPENING HYMN *Bianco da Siena (d. 1434)*

**1. Come down, O love divine,  
seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

**2. O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let they glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round,  
the while my path illuming.**

**3. Let holy charity  
mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;  
true lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings  
weeps with loathing.**

**4. And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling,  
for none can guess its grace,  
till he become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling**

*We are gathered together as one body*

† In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

#### INVITATION TO CONFESSION

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

For turning away from you,  
and ignoring your will for our lives;  
Lord have mercy  
**Lord have mercy**

For behaving just as we wish,  
without thinking of you;  
Christ have mercy  
**Christ have mercy**

For failing you by what we do  
and think and say;  
Lord have mercy  
**Lord have mercy**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you † pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness  
and keep you in life eternal. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

***Gloria, (clap) gloria, (clap) in excelsis Deo.***

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- 1. Lord God, heavenly King, peace you bring to us;  
we worship you, we give you thanks we sing our song of praise.**
- 2. Jesus, Saviour of all, Lord God, Lamb of God  
you take away our sins, Oh Lord, have mercy on us all.**
- 3. At the Father's right hand, Lord receive our prayer,  
for you alone are the Holy One, and you alone are Lord.**
- 4. Glory Father and Son, Glory Holy Spirit,  
to you we raise our hands up high, we glorify your name.**

THE COLLECT (The special prayer of the day)

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*After the reading ...*This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God**

FIRST READING: Acts 2.1-21

Stand to sing the Gradual hymn *Daniel Iverson ©1963 Birdwing Music/Emi Christian Music Publishing, Admin by CopyCare*

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Break me, melt me, mould me, fill me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

THE GOSPEL – John 14.8-17

We sing...**Alleluia, alleluia; alleluia, alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
**Glory to you O God**

*After the reading...*This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED *Please stand if you are able*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten not made,  
of one Being with the Father, through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;  
he was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand  
of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy...**hear our prayer.**

*At the end of the prayers we say together: Merciful Father, accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.*

THE PEACE. *Please stand if you are able*

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**  
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN: *Alan Dale©1967OUP adapt. from New World*

**1. God's Spirit is in my heart,  
He has called me and set me apart.  
This is what I have to do,  
what I have to do.**

*He sent me to give the Good News to the poor,  
Tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more,  
Tell blind people that they can see,  
And set the downtrodden free  
And go tell everyone the news that the Kingdom of God has come,  
And go tell everyone the news that the Kingdom of God has come.*

**2. Just as the Father sent me,  
So I'm sending you out to be  
My witnesses throughout the world,  
The whole of the world.**

**3. Don't carry a load in your pack,  
You don't need two shirts on your back.  
A workman can earn his own keep,  
Can earn his own keep.**

**4. Don't worry what you have to say,  
Don't worry because on that day  
God's Spirit will speak in your heart,  
Will speak in your heart.**

#### THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Blessed are you, .....

**Blessed be God forever**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you**

Lift up your hearts **We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
**It is right to give thanks and praise**

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and everlasting God,  
through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord.

This day we give you thanks because in fulfilment of your promise you  
pour out your Spirit upon us, filling us with your gifts,  
leading us into all truth, and uniting peoples of many tongues in the  
confession of one faith.

Your Spirit gives us grace to call you Father, to proclaim your gospel to  
all nations and to serve you as a royal priesthood.

Therefore, we join our voices with angels and archangels,  
and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells,  
to proclaim the glory of your name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy, holy  
Lord of power, Lord of might.  
Heav'n and earth are filled with glory.  
Sing hosanna evermore.**

**Blest and holy, blest and holy,  
He who comes from God on high  
Raise your voices, sing his glory,  
Praise his name for evermore.**

*Israeli Mass, Anthony Hamson*

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith  
**Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.  
Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Alban, and all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours,  
O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

We sing The Lord's Prayer *Traditional Caribbean*

**1 Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.**

*Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
hallowed be thy name.  
hallowed be thy name.*

**2 On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.**

**3 Forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**4 And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from all that is evil.**

**5 For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever, and for ever and ever.**

**6 Amen, amen, it shall be so.  
Amen, amen, it shall be so.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin, the sin of all the world. Give us mercy, give us mercy, give us mercy Lamb of God. (repeat)  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin, the sin of all the world. Grant us peace Lord, grant us peace Lord, grant us peace O Lamb of God.**

*Israeli Mass, Anthony Hamson*

**God's holy gifts, for God's holy people.  
Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*All baptised Christians who receive communion in their own churches are welcome to receive communion. Any member of the congregation may come to receive a blessing*

**COMMUNION HYMN:** *Margaret V Old © 1971 Scripture Union*

***Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,  
Gentle as is the dove,  
Give us your joy and give us your peace,  
Show to us Jesus' love.***

**1. You inspired men, long, long ago,  
They then proclaimed your word;  
We see their lives serving mankind:  
Through them your voice is heard.**

**2. Without your help, we fail our Lord,  
We cannot live His way,  
We need your power, we need your strength,  
Following Christ each day.**

## PRAYERS AFTER 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. **Amen**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. Through Him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen**

*The people's candles are lit from the Pascal Candle*

For fifty days we have celebrated the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over the powers of sin and death. We have proclaimed God's mighty acts and we have prayed that the power that was at work when God raised Jesus from the dead might be at work in us. As part of God's Church here in Gossops Green and Bewbush, I call upon you to live out what you proclaim.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will you dare to walk into God's future, trusting him to be your guide?

**By the Spirit's power, we will.**

Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in love?

**We will.**

Will you dare to share your riches in common and minister to each other in need? **We will.**

Will you dare to pray for each other until your hearts beat with the longings of God?

**We will.**

Will you dare to carry the light of Christ into the world's dark places?

**We will.**

## THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

Today we have remembered the coming of God's power on the disciples and we invite that same Spirit to drive us out into the wild places of the world.

May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost, bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ. And the blessing of God almighty, ....

Filled with the Spirit's power, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

CLOSING HYMN: *Damian Lundy 1944 - 1997 © 1978, 1993 Kevin Mayhew Ltd*

**1. The Spirit lives to set us free, walk, walk in the light.  
He binds us all in unity, walk, walk in the light.**

***Walk in the light x3  
Walk in the light of the Lord.***

**2. Jesus promised life to all, walk, walk in the light.  
The dead were wakened by his call, walk, walk in the light.**

**3. He died in pain on Calvary, walk, walk in the light.  
To save the lost like you and me, walk, walk in the light.**

**4. We know his death was not the end, walk, walk in the light.  
He gave his Spirit to be our friend, walk, walk in the light.**

**5. By Jesus' love our wounds are healed, walk, walk in the light.  
The Father's kindness is revealed, walk, walk in the light.**

**6. The Spirit lives in you and me, walk, walk in the light.  
His light will shine for all to see, walk, walk in the light.**

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## **FOR OUR PRAYERS:**

**The Parish:** *Ellman Road, Erskine Close and Filey Close, Dunsfold Close and Eden Road*

**Prayers for:** *Alistair and Marcia, Sophie Baker, Judith Aldridge, Emma Perry, Eslin, Douglas, Fran, Linda Ballard, John Romaine, Peter Hill, Kerry, Gordon, June, Keith Ford, Rose, Julie, Liam, Cruse, Jayne, Freddie, Mark Parsons, John, Bev, Robert, Janette, Sheila and family, Barbara Britt, Neal and Seamus*

## **The Departed:**

**Year's Mind:** *Eric Hutcheson, Winifred Bonner and Eileen Case*

**Church Flowers Donation List.** Any person who would like to donate towards the cost of church flowers in memory of a loved one or to celebrate an anniversary or birthday, please put the relevant details on the list provided at the back of the church. Please give your donation to Sue Richardson (Treasurer) or Revd. Ann in a Flower Donation envelope.

**Computer Group.** Why not come along to our friendly computer group in the Church Hall - Tuesdays from 10 am, Wednesdays from 10.30 am. **We need more helpers** with this group. You don't need to be an expert, just prepared to be a friendly support. Could you help by sharing your computer skills? Please speak to Ann.

**House Group.** This friendly group now meets at St Alban's on Friday mornings at 10 am for a time of sharing, prayer and study. New members are welcome: more details from Madeleine.

## **Appeal for help with our Church Summer fair**

Our Summer fair is fast approaching on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 11 – 3**. It is one of our 2 major fundraising events of the year, and we as a church rely on it to help pay for the many expenses that arise over the year. This is before we even start thinking about repairs to the tower or re-building our church hall!

We need lots of help both on the day and in all the preparations for stalls and items for these. Please be generous both with giving items and giving of your time!

You will find lists to sign up for at the back of the church, and some of us may approach you and ask you how you can help.

Instead of a Grand Draw our Great Big Hamper raffle will involve a selection of special hampers which we need help in filling. Themes are: Bakers World; Master Gardener; The Great British Play off; Fantastic Fruit Basket; Various Vegetables Basket; Chocoholics Basket; Smellies & Pampering Basket. Please help us to make these really spectacular prizes so we can sell lots of tickets! This needs to be a big money spinner. There is a list of items you can choose to donate, please sign up.

We will need to borrow some gazebos, tents/marquees etc, and cool boxes and if possible a small freezer so we can sell ice-creams – does anyone have any of these we can use or know where we might borrow them from? We need help collecting tables from The Barn Church, and many other jobs before and on the day itself.

For a change, this year, we'd like to have Beer & Pimms tent, so if anyone would volunteer to help with this that would be great!

Other items we will need include:

Cakes   Plants   Books   Good as New items

Toys   Jazzy jars   Bottles for Bottle Tombola   Tombola items

And if you have any other suggestions or ideas to help make this a really successful event, do let us know!

Please support the Fundraising Committee who are **all** working hard to support our church!

The Parish office will be closed from the 6<sup>th</sup> and re-open on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June.

## **SERVICES AT ST ALBAN'S**

*Where everyone is welcome*

### **SUNDAY SERVICES:**

Sung Eucharist 9:30am weekly

'Out of the Box' family worship on 2nd Sunday of each month 11.15 to 12 noon

### **WEEKDAY SERVICES:**

Said Eucharist (Thursday 9:30am) Followed by Community Morning 10am-12pm

Morning Prayer 9am Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Saturday Prayers 9am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month

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