

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.

All Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING *Acts 2.1-21*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking

about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL *John 20.19-23*

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Father Tony

THE CREED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE COMMUNION

PRAYER 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.

All **Amen.**

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

NOTICES

Please pray for

Those who are sick and in need Leverne Johnson, David Atkinson, Hilary Miller, Nicky Brown, Joan Hammerton, Che, David, Sally, Fred Ward, Philip Milton, Rex Winn, Doug Reavley, Michael Downing, Christy Carroll, Simon New.

The recently departed Judy Dobson.

Sunday Gordon Cushing, Kitty Gray;

Monday Martha Higham, James Maslen, Mary Perry, Penelope Seymour; **Tuesday**

David Court, Alice Osman; **Wednesday**

Bernard Kitson, Arthur Waller; **Thursday**

Muriel Porter, Ronald Thompson, Colin

Thorpe; **Friday** Maude Eaton, Jill Walker;

Saturday Alice Beaumont, George Hewitt, Emily Messenger.

The **2025 Annual Report and Vicar's Report** are available at the back or on the parish website, stsavioursstalbans.com.

Corpus Christi falls this year on Thursday 4 June and there will be a Choral Mass, Procession & Benediction at 8pm. The preacher will be Revd Rachel Wakefield, Vicar of St Mary's, Redbourn.

Homeless Raffle The next Hightown Homelessness event at St Saviour's is on Wednesday 27 May. The organisers have asked if we are able to collect items for a raffle, so that each of their visitors can take part on the day. If you are interested in providing a raffle prize, please see Sarah Entwistle or Jan Brown for more information and details of suitable donations.

Safeguarding Training For those who need to do the Church of England's basic safeguarding training, because they have a role as a steward, as a server or at Sundays at Ten etc, and would prefer to do it face-to-face rather than online, please speak to Elaine or email safeguarding.stsaviours@gmail.com.

Easyfundraising At no cost to you and hardly any effort, you can raise money for St Saviour's just by shopping online. We have nine people signed up so can you help us make it to 20? Please sign up here: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-saviours-church-st-albans/>. Ask Elaine or Sarah if you need any help.

Save the Dates! Mthr Emily will be ordained to the priesthood at 2pm on Saturday 4 July at St Albans Cathedral. Her first mass will be the following day, Sunday 5 July, at 4pm at St Saviour's, after which there will be refreshments, including a bring and share supper. You are very welcome to attend both services.

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