

## THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024

#### Collect

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

#### Acts 10.44-48

While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. <sup>45</sup> The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. <sup>46</sup> For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup> 'Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptised with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.' <sup>48</sup> So he ordered that they be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

#### Psalm 98

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

<sup>2</sup> The Lord has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

<sup>3</sup> He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to

Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

<sup>4</sup> Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music;

<sup>5</sup> make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing,

<sup>6</sup> with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn – shout for joy before the Lord, the King.

<sup>7</sup> Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

<sup>8</sup> Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy;

<sup>9</sup> let them sing before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

#### 1 John 5.1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well.

<sup>2</sup> This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. <sup>3</sup> In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not

burdensome, <sup>4</sup> for everyone born of God overcomes the world.

This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

<sup>6</sup> This is the one who came by water and blood – Jesus Christ.

He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

#### John 15.9-17

'As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup> My command is this: love each other as I have loved you.

<sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command. <sup>15</sup> I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit – fruit that will last – and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. <sup>17</sup> This is my command: love each other.

#### Post Communion

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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

**This Week's Service Schedule**

- **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May:** Parish Eucharist at 10am; Church on the Phone at 1:30pm;
- **Morning Prayer:** Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday this week at 9:15am on Zoom (not Monday this week)
- **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 2:00pm:** our monthly Communion Service at Victoria Care Centre
- **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May:** Ascension Day Service at 10:00am
- **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May:** Praise and Worship with Holy Communion at 5pm.
- **Sunday 12<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 600: Sing to God new songs of worship**

*Gradual hymn:*

**No 450: I was sinking deep in sin**

*Offertory hymn:*

**No 302: I want to walk with Jesus Christ**

*Hymn during communion:*

**No 612: Spirit of the living God**

*Recessional hymn:*

**No 708: To God be the glory**

**Bible Readings: 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 12<sup>th</sup> May**

Readings	Sunday
1 <sup>st</sup> : Hebrew Scripture	Acts 1.15-17, 21-26
2 <sup>nd</sup> : Psalm	Psalm 1
3 <sup>rd</sup> : Epistle	1 John 5.9-13
Gospel	John 17.6-19

**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**

- *Early May Bank Holiday: Monday 6<sup>th</sup>*
- *Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May: Ascension Day*
- *Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May: Pentecost Sunday*
- *Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May: Trinity Sunday*
- *Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May, also Brent half term week*
- *Friday June 7<sup>th</sup>: Elders' Drop-in Lunch*
- *29<sup>th</sup> July: Brent school term ends*

**After Easter:**

Some upcoming highlights with dates to be confirmed:

- 1) Our next **fundraiser sale** will begin in a couple of weeks' time and run for three Sundays. 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.
- 3) Apologies for the need to cancel the Elders' Drop-in lunch for May; this was due to illness. We hope to be back on Friday June 7<sup>th</sup>.