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We are joining in prayer with churches around the country, and across the world, for the period between Ascension and Pentecost (25th May – 4th June), in conjunction with the Church of England's 'Thy Kingdom Come' and the 'Try Praying' initiative. Here are some of the things we will be doing:

- Prayer walk around the parish on Sunday 28th May, from 4pm to 5pm (if fine)
- Church open from 30th May to 2nd June from 9.30am to 4.30pm, with Morning Prayer at 9.30pm and Evening Prayer at 4pm. If you can help by being there, and praying, please let Marc know.
- Prayer walk with all the churches on Thursday 1st June at 7.30pm, starting at St Alban's.
- 'Try Praying' booklets available to give away to people.



ADVANCE NOTICE: Holiday at Home forms will be coming out at the beginning of June. To book your place you will need to return them by 18th June, as the outing organisers need to know numbers by then. The outing will be a Thames river cruise from Kingston to Hampton Court (return trip) with lunch at The Pheasantry, Bushy Park. The dates are 1st to 4th August, so check your diaries now, so you know which days you can come!

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Newsletter for Sunday 21st May, 2017

Welcome to St Alban's on the sixth Sunday of Easter
The coming week brings us to the end of Easter, as we come to Ascension Day, and begin 9 days of prayer between then and Pentecost. We will be joining with many other Christians in this country and around the world, as we pray, in different and varied ways, 'Your Kingdom Come' and as we encourage others to 'Try Praying'. However much we already pray, let's make a special effort in this week of prayer to pray for change to come to people, and to nations.

Events this week

Sunday 21st May	10.30am 1.00pm	Morning Worship 3rd Sunday lunch
Wednesday 24th May	2.30pm	Holy Communion
Thursday 25th May	7.30pm	Ascension Day service at St Paul's church

Events next week

Sunday 28th May	10.30am 4.00pm	Holy Communion Prayer Walk
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WEEKLY PRAYER DIARY – Week beginning 21st May 2017 – with thanks to Audrey Silkin

SUNDAY: Please forgive the people who have caused so much difficulty and so many problems by interfering with computer. CHANGE them, Lord, to have good principles in life – to help people, not to misappropriate peoples’ resources. Reveal yourself to them and enable them to have a caring, helpful role in life from which many people will benefit.

MONDAY: We pray for Mark and Rosalie Balfour working in Guatemala. May the leg injury which Rosalie has sustained continue to heal, even though she is in hospital. May she feel uplifted by Your care and people with whom she works visiting her to keep her in touch with “Street Kids Direct”.

TUESDAY: How awful, Lord for a fox to have its legs torn off and its throat destroyed, and the dogs responsible also in danger of injury and death. Please do not let ‘Hunting with dogs’ become law again, whatever the election results.

WEDNESDAY: Thank You for our freedom, Lord, and we ask that all wicked situations of slavery will come to light and be dealt with. Immigrants coming to the UK with a promise of work and a tolerable lifestyle, only to be forced to stay in a person’s property, serving them and deprived of freedom, choice or a satisfying life.

THURSDAY: May St Alban’s fulfil its mission by knowing and loving You, our Lord and Saviour; bringing a lot of skill and activity to our community. May our activities meet peoples’ needs and bring them to know You; that each will have a new relationship with You, and have a meaningful lifestyle.

FRIDAY: Lord, help us to care for our environment and to know what to do for the best. May the experts on all types of wildlife tell us what is needed and the engineers re solar panels in fields and other progress help us care for our resources.

SATURDAY: Lord, help us to persevere within the framework of St Alban’s stated priorities. May we work with others to deepen our prayer life and discipleship. May we actively introduce people to Yourself through our church.

FURZEDOWN BIG DAY OUT

The Big Day Out this year is on Saturday 17th June, on the recreation ground, from 12 noon. We will be having a Hobnobs stall there to raise much needed funds to help us to keep running, so if you can help on this, or on the Furzedown Churches’ stall, please sign up

YARD SALE

There will be a further opportunity to sell unsold goods on Saturday 24th June, when we will be joining in a number of yard sales around Furzedown. We will have tables on St Alban’s forecourt from 10am. Again, you can sign up for this on the sheet in the church lounge.

THE BIG LUNCH

We’ll be hosting a Big Lunch again this year, from 12.30pm on Sunday 18th June. Please think what you can bring, and do invite neighbours and friends.

Lay Conference

Hearts on Fire: Being Confident Followers of Jesus Today

Saturday 17th June

Bishop Richard is inviting all members of congregations in the Kingston Episcopal Area to this lay conference, starting at 9.15am and ending at 2pm, at St Cecilia’s school, Sutherland Grove, SW18 5JR. It is for anyone interested in deepening their own Christian life and supporting the work of their church.

The price is £15 each or £10 each for members of groups of 5 or more. Tickets include a hot buffet lunch.

The full programme can be found on the online booking website <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hearts-on-fire-being-confident-followers-of-jesus-today-tickets-33143624473> or phone 020 8545 2443 or email romana.nelson@southwark.anglican.org.