

FIRST SUNDAY



**'Make A Difference
Wherever You Are'**

**Speaker: Steve Rouse
(Balham Baptist Church & LICC)**

@ St Alban's Church

Sunday 4th June at 6.30pm



"Where will you be this time tomorrow?"

"What will you be doing this time tomorrow?"



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Newsletter for Sunday 4th June, 2017

Welcome to St Alban's at Pentecost!

Today is the day we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit on all people. The Holy Spirit enabled the first disciples to do the things Jesus had been doing: not only preaching and proclaiming the good news of the coming kingdom of God, but also the power to heal and to do miraculous signs as Jesus had. As we consider God's healing among us today, we look for the power of the Holy Spirit to bring healing and wholeness to all who turn to Jesus and trust Him with their lives.

Events this week

Sunday 4th June	10.30am	Pentecost – all-age worship
	6.30pm	First Sunday – Steve Rouse on 'Make a difference wherever you are'

Wednesday 7th June	2.30pm	Holy Communion
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Events next week

Sunday 11th June	10.30am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Monthly Prayer

WEEKLY PRAYER DIARY – Week beginning 4th June 2017

Sunday Pentecost: the church's birthday. As we celebrate, can we think of things to be thankful for in our 'body life' over the past year and what we wish for in the year to come? Take time to appreciate the qualities that make us special. Remember too, that Christ loves the church [see Ephesians 5 v 26].

Thank God for Steve Rouse and his gifts and the chance we have to hear his teaching this evening.

Monday If there were an author of a book, series of books or tv drama that you love and you had the chance to meet them how would you approach the encounter? Full of anticipation and anxious not to spoil the occasion you would most likely let them take the lead and do most of the talking. Well, in prayer we have that opportunity to meet the author but also to listen

Tuesday To your surprise the author says they would like to repeat the exercise. It becomes a regular occurrence and the more these encounters continue the better becomes your understanding of the world you share and love.

Wednesday As your confidence in the relationship grows, you ask about some of the characters and seek explanations for what happened in the past that excited or disappointed you and you may even venture to suggest outcomes and story lines for the future! So it is with prayer; we have the opportunity to 'engage with the author' whilst living in a world they create.

Thursday Election day. Let us thank God for the privilege of free and fair elections that were fought for and which hundreds of millions of people are deprived of. I am grateful that in our country Christians can support parties and causes that put them on opposing sides but we can still agree in our fellowship.

Friday The devil is a squatter in your property; an illegal exploiter of your resources . God has served an eviction notice so don't be put off by the devil rampaging around. The devil may be able to cause harm and grief but God is in charge and will have the final, final say.

Saturday 1 Samuel ch 15 v 2,3 'This is what the Lord Almighty says 'I will punish the Amalekites for what they did to Israel when they waylaid them as they came up from Egypt. Now go, attack the Amalekites and totally destroy all that belongs to them. Do not spare them; put to death men and women, children and infants..' Now read these verse again replacing 'Lord Almighty' with 'Jesus' and listen to your heart.

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.

BATCA Election Hustings

7pm Monday 5th June, Holy Trinity Church, Tooting Bec

All are welcome at the hustings for the General Election being organised at 7-8.30pm on 5th June by the Balham and Tooting Community Association (BATCA) at Holy Trinity Church, Trinity Road, Tooting Bec, London SW17 7RH (opposite the fire station).

This is an opportunity to hear directly from the Tooting constituency candidates about their plans and priorities and question them. We expect most, and probably all, the candidates to attend. Each candidate will speak for three minutes and then all will respond to questions from the audience. The event will be chaired by Rev Andrew Davey, vicar of St Augustine's and Holy Trinity, and Vice Chair of BATCA.