



## Holiday at Home

This year's Holiday at Home will take place from Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August. The trip out on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> will be to Kenwood House.

Please put the dates in your diary! Booking forms will be out in due course.

If you have holiday brochures, please could you save them for our craft activities (bring them in to church).



### THY KINGDOM COME

This year, this prayer event will be Happening between 10<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May, leading up to Pentecost. We want to have the church open more than usual, to enable people to come in and pray, so if you felt able to come in and be

around for an hour (with someone else), please sign up on the sheet in the church lounge. There will be a prayer walk around the Furzedown Team boundary on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May (starting 10.30am at St Alban's), and there is also a deanery prayer event, which we will be taking part in, on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm at All Saints church, Franciscan Road, Tooting.

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Fair trade goods are available in the church lounge on

Wednesdays and Thursdays 10-11.30am



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Newsletter for Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2018

## Welcome to St Alban's on the first Sunday of May

**After the resurrection, our thoughts turn to Jesus' ascension, and the coming of the Holy Spirit. How much the disciples must have wanted Jesus to stay with them after the resurrection, but He was clear that they needed Him to go back, so that they could receive the Holy Spirit. It was only then that they could realise what God was calling them to do: to live the new life of the resurrection in the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus' new life meant that they were transformed, and could transform the world around them, and the same is true of us.**

### Events this week

<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>10.30am 6.30pm</b>	<b>All-age Worship First Sunday</b>
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>2.30pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Prayer walk</b>

### Events next week

<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>10.30am 6.30pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion Monthly prayer</b>
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## WEEKLY PRAYER DIARY Week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018

**SUNDAY:** We are still in Easter, but we're anticipating the coming of the Holy Spirit as we think about how the Spirit came on Gentiles as well as Jews, fulfilling the prophecy that all people would receive God's Spirit. Pray for the Holy Spirit to come on us all, to renew our lives and our walk with God, and pray too that He might change the lives of people in all nations, turning even hardened hearts, or the most downtrodden lives, to Him.

**MONDAY:** Dare we pray for God's Holy Spirit to transform the leaders of Isis, or Boko Haram, or hardline leaders in China, Iran, North Korea or other countries where Christianity is persecuted? We aren't powerless against such forces, because we can pray, and influence what is happening over there in the spiritual realms. There are signs, great and small, that prayer is changing these hostile nations, and that God's work is bearing fruit. Pray that many leaders who currently oppose Christ will be transformed by His power into His followers, just as Saul became Paul when he encountered Christ on the road to Damascus.

**TUESDAY:** We ask for God's Holy Spirit to transform us too, and to shape us into the body, the people, He wants us to be. Pray that He would continue to equip and resource us for the work He wants us to do: for Sunday services (more band members, more children's teachers), for weekday ministry (more helpers and workers, and inspiration to help us know what things to do), for outreach to the community (dealing with hall hirers, being salt and light in the groups and activities we join in with in the community, and knowing what to put on to draw people to Jesus.

**WEDNESDAY:** Have you pledged to pray during 'Thy Kingdom Come'? We should be ready to be light in the world, and to be expectant about God will do through us, and among us, as we pray. As we pray 'Thy Kingdom Come' let us consider what God might be calling us to do in our churches, our homes and in our own lives.

**THURSDAY:** Today is Ascension Day, the day Jesus returned to His Father in heaven, and the start of the 10 days of waiting before the coming of the Holy Spirit. We will be starting the 'Thy Kingdom Come' initiative, inviting people in to church to pray. Ask the Lord that our publicity would prompt people to come in over these days.

**FRIDAY:** We are using the theme of 'loneliness' for our prayer 'stations' in church (loneliness in older age, the loneliness of refugees, the loneliness of younger people, especially those bullied by others, the loneliness of living in a big, busy city). Pray that people who are lonely would come in to pray and to talk, and find at St Alban's a community where they can belong.

**SATURDAY:** We will be going on a prayer walk around the boundaries of the Team churches. Even if you can't get out to walk, join us in praying for the various places in Furzedown: the churches, Furzedown Youth Centre, the schools (Eardley, Penwortham, Links, Furzedown, Graveney), the sheltered accommodation and care homes (Anvil Close, Richard Cusden House, Tailor's Court, Yew Tree Lodge, Mary Holben House), mental health hostels, businesses (including the Furzedown pub and works to Mitcham Lane which we pray will enhance the area), recreation spaces, as well as the streets and houses where people live.

## BIG BREKKIE

Christian Aid's 'Big Brekkie' will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> May this year, which will coincide with 'Thy Kingdom Come'. If you can help from 8.30am to 11am, it would be much appreciated.



We will also be hosting a **BIG WEDDING BREAKFAST** in church from 11am to 1pm, for those who wish to see the royal wedding together on a big screen. Tickets (£10) will be sold to raise money for Christian Aid.



## FIRST SUNDAY

Sue Clarke will be sharing her reflections on her sabbatical this month – please do come along at 6.30pm to hear, reflect, and worship together.

## HELP NEEDED TO SET UP PRAYER SPACE

We will be setting up prayer stations in church on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May, from 7pm. Help would be much appreciated if you can make it!

## PRAYER WALK – SATURDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY

As part of 'Thy Kingdom Come', the Team churches will be holding a prayer walk around the boundaries of the Furzedown Team churches. We will start at 11.00am from St Alban's church. The whole walk will take about 2 hours, but you are of course free to leave at any point!