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| **8th June**  **Day of Pentecost** | *Welcome!* |
| **Sunday and Weekday Service** |  |

**The Collect**

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Hymns**

87 Breathe on me breath of God

675 Spirit of the living God

580 O thou who camest from above

746 There's a Spirit in the air

**First Reading,** *Genesis 11.1-9*

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, ‘Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.’ And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, ‘Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise, we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.’ The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the Lord said, ‘Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another’s speech.’ So, the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore, it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

**Second 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.”

**Gospel***, John 14.8-17, 25-27*

Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. ‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ‘I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

**Post 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.

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| **Intercessions**  **The World:** For peace in Ukraine, Palestine and Israel. For those affected by fires, floods and earthquakes. For emergency workers working in disaster areas. For refugees, asylum seekers and agencies that help them. For good stewardship of the earth and its resources.  **The Church:**The unity of all Christians everywhere. Archbishop Stephen, Archdeacon Pete and Area Dean Rev. Alex Peach. Churches in the South Sefton Deanery, and local ecumenical partners.  **The Diocese:** St John the Baptist, Burscough, Lordsgate School, St John’s School, St Michael Aughton and Holy Trinity Bickerstaffe, St Michael’s School, Bickerstaffe School, St Cuthbert, Halsall and St Thomas, Lydiate, Halsall School, St Thomas School, Haskayne School, All Saints, Rainford, Rainford School, St Paul, Skelmersdale, Trinity School, Skelmersdale Ecumenical Centre.  **For those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit**: Ailsa McAlees, Hewie, Eileen Maguire, Graham Forrest, Olga Gregor, Jess Farrell, Carl Lee, Richard Shacklady.  **For the departed remembered at this time:** Kenneth Duerden, Bill & Peg Ledger, Audrey Hockenhull, Keith Dixon, Edie Gouldbourne, William Hill, Gordon Roberts, Florence Dodson, Margaret Sharp, Robert Bathe, Bert Forrest, Ernest Sainty, Harry Glover.  **Notices**   * **Children's Ministry:** St. Mary's are keen to reinstate our children's work but in order to do so we need more volunteers to join our team. Our next events are Messy Church at St. John's School on 30th June at 3:15pm with Moses as topic and Holiday Club at  St. Mary's 2nd August to 4th August with Nature as the theme. You would need to have a DBS certificate or be willing to get one and be enthusiastic with a good sense of humour. If you want to know more, please contact Louis or Jill at St. Mary's. * We are looking to grow and develop our worship and serving teams - if you are interested in leading intercessions (saying prayers), reading a passage from scripture during a service, administering a chalice at communion, helping as an altar server, or acting as a sidesperson/welcomer, or if you're just interested in finding out about any or all of this, then please contact: Rev. Dr Louis Johnson 07947 752 399/[louis.johnson@stfaithsgc.org.uk](mailto:louis.johnson@stfaithsgc.org.uk), or speak to a church warden or member of the clergy team after the service - everyone is welcome to have a go at anything and to explore whether you feel God is calling you do develop your Christian discipleship and worshipping life in this way! * **Sidesperson duties:** We are also reviewing the sidesperson list and duties. If you are already a sidesperson please let us know if you wish to continue, and, as there are vacancies, please let us know if you would be willing to volunteer.   **Events**   * **Celebration of Pentecost / 2 Cathedrals Walk,  8th June 2025, 3-5pm - Pilgrims of Hope**: On **Sunday 8th of June** at **3pm**, walk with us in a powerful celebration of Pentecost, as we journey together between Liverpool Cathedral and the Metropolitan Cathedral. Starting at Liverpool Cathedral this symbolic walk unites all communities in faith, reflection and joy. Come and be part of this special tradition! The celebrations will begin with a short act of worship at Liverpool Cathedral and include the story of Pentecost, hymns and stalls on the piazza of the Metropolitan Cathedral. The choirs of both cathedrals and a Salvation Army Band will be involved. All are welcome! * **Visitation Service:** The Archdeacon's Visitation Service for 2025 will be held at St Faith's Church on **Sunday 22nd June** at **6.30pm.**  |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Services at St Mary’s** |  | | This Sunday 10:00am, Eucharist  **Day of Pentecost** | Peter Walker | | Monday, 4:00pm  **Evening Prayer** | Louis Johnson | | Wednesday, 10:30am  **Eucharist** | Louis Johnson | | Next Sunday 10:00am, Eucharist  **Trinity Sunday** | Louis Johnson |   **St Mary’s, Waterloo Park**  [**www.stmaryswaterloopark.co.uk**](http://www.stmaryswaterloopark.co.uk/)  **Vicar: Rev. Dr Louis Johnson 07947 752 399 /** [**louis.johnson@stfaithsgc.org.uk**](mailto:louis.johnson@stfaithsgc.org.uk)  **Hon Curate: The Rev. Janet Bissex** [**revjanetb@yahoo.co.uk**](mailto:revjanetb@yahoo.co.uk)  **Hon Curate: The Rev Peter Cowley CA Tel. 0151 4265441**  **Hon Curate: The Rev. Peter Walker Tel: 07867690099**  [**rev.peter.walker@hotmail.com**](mailto:rev.peter.walker@hotmail.com)  **Church Wardens: Howard and Elsie Pate Tel: 0151 920 8437**  **Reader Emeritus: Ray Bissex Tel: 07530241516**  **Administrator: Mrs Carolanne Leary Tel: 07913873697** |
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