Brooklands Church

#20 – Sunday 24 May 2026

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.
Acts 2:1

Friends,

Today is Pentecost Sunday, the day in the Church calendar when we celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit to His people and the birth of the Church. It is a day that reminds us of God's presence among us — bringing unity where there is division, power where there is weakness, and fullness of life where there is weariness and fear.

Luke tells us that the disciples "were all together in one place" when the Spirit came. There is something powerful about that picture of God's people gathered expectantly, worshipping together and making room for what God might want to do among them. In our own small way, that is what we seek to do each Sunday as we gather as church family.

Today's service will be a family service, and our children and young people will remain with us throughout. Pentecost is, after all, a celebration for the whole Church, across generations. We are very grateful to Sarah Bayliss and Siobhan Wilson, who have put a great deal of thought, time, and effort into preparing this morning. Please do encourage and support them as they lead us.

A reminder that there will be no Piping Hot Café this week due to the bank holiday. The Tuesday Computer Group returns after a week off, but the Tuesday evening Bible Study will not meet during half term and will resume the following week.

COMING UP AT BROOKLANDS

Saturday, 23 May 2026
09:00 am | Grief Support. See Jon Fisher for details

Sunday, 24 May 2026
10:30 am | Sunday Worship. Speaker: Sarah and Siobhan

Tuesday, 26 May 2026
10:00 am | Computer Support Group

Wednesday, 27 May 2026
05:00 pm | FoodCycle. Free community meal

Thursday, 28 May 2026
11:00 am | Community Café and Food Pantry
02:00 pm | Bible Study. Lucy's Bible study at church
07:30 pm | Choir practice

Sunday, 31 May 2026
10:30 am | Sunday Worship. Speaker: Lucy Frost

Saturday, 20 June 2026
09:00 am | Prayer Breakfast. See Jon Fisher for details

Finally, I am now off for this Sunday and next Sunday and will return to work on Monday 1st June. Next week's service will be led by Pastor Lucy, who will also be available should you need any pastoral support during my absence.

Whether you are full of energy or arriving this morning feeling weary, my prayer is that this Pentecost Sunday might be an opportunity for us to be open again to the work of God's Spirit among us — renewing, encouraging, and drawing us closer to Christ and to one another.

Peace,

Mick

Daily Readings and Prayers

DATE	READING	PRAY FOR
Mon, 25 May 2026	John 6:25–59	Monica Lee and Morris Ma, Hannah and Zoey
Tue, 26 May 2026	John 6:60–71	Hilary May
Wed, 27 May 2026	John 7:1–24	Herbert McGonigle
Thu, 28 May 2026	John 7:25–44	Bertha Nkwesuha
Fri, 29 May 2026	John 7:45–8:11	Siggy Nwator
Sat, 30 May 2026	John 8:12–30	Michael Okechukwu
Sun, 31 May 2026	John 8:31–59	Bogdan and Eva, Aleks, Raluca, Iosif, and Oliver Oron

Church Prayers

- Pray for Gert Schwartz who spent time in hospital this week due to stones in his gall baldder.
- Continue to pray for Bill Ellis who is undergoing further investigations for recent health issues. Pray for Sue also who is still recovering after a fall.
- Pray for Annette Jones who lost her husband, Mike, suddenly.
- Pray for Audrey Bolton who had hip replacement recently. Audrey is recovering well and is grateful for the prayers of the church.
- Pray for Michelle Bean who broke her hip and needed replacement surgery.
- Pray for Christine Hoolihan who had gallbladder removal surgery recently. Christine is recovering at home.
- Pray for Alice Lau who had surgery recently.
- Pray for Vivienne Best who had surgery this week.
- Pray for Lesley Dinsdale as she awaits radiotherapy treatment.
- Pray for Babs Hewitt who is experiencing discomfort in her arm following a fall and surgery in her arm recently.
- Praise God for healing in Jon Fishers arm. Continue to pray for him as he attends follow-up appointments.
- Pray for Sean Harland's brother Justin, who is going through a difficult time back in Australia.
- Pray for Alun's brother Myf, who has undergone surgery recently. Thank God for the progress that has already been made.
- Giving thanks for healing in the life of Jan, Sue Cooley's friend. Pray for her as her radiotherapy continues.
- Pray for Brenda, a friend of Peter Grady, who is receiving end of life care at the moment.
- Pray for Herbert McGonigle as he returns home after a period in hospital following a fall. Herbert is grateful for our prayers.
- Pray for James Clarkson up in Perth Scotland as he completes his studies and pursues avenues into ministry.
- We give thanks that Rebekah McLachlan's recent scan has come back as clear again. We continue to pray for the family - Bryan, Dawn and Eilidh - in these days.
- We have been praying for Henry, aged 8, recently. Following investigations this week it was decided that his heart valve can be repaired as opposed to replaced. This is good news. Continue to pray.
- Pray for Anne Hunter's son-in-law John who has been in hospital recently.
- Pray for Andrew, Sandra Pitt's son who as he continues to recover from a serious fall.
- Please pray for Sheilagh who helps lead the craft table at our community cafe as she adjusts to living on her own now. Her husband, Ian, is in a care home. Pray for Ian that he would settle and find peace.
- Pray for Darcie, a young girl from Scotland we have been praying for. Following treatment for cancer Darcie has had some nodules removed from her lungs. The results have shown signs of active cancer and we need to pray for her ongoing treatment.
- Pray for David Hoolihan who continues his treatment for Myeloma.
- Pray for Peter Evans who is sadly no longer well enough to be with us at church on Sundays.
- Pray for Grace, the granddaughter of Sue Cooley, who is going though a very difficult time at the moment. Pray for Sue and the family as they look to support her.
- Pray for Roman, who is connected to us through Jean Walker, as he continues to recover from a serious brain injury.
- Pray for Ada Savu who remains unwell.
- Pray for Phoebe, who is a granddaughter of a friend of Lesley, Brenda and Helen. Phoebe needs a liver transplant as part of her cancer treatment.

If you have any prayer requests for inclusion in this weekly list, please contact Pastor Mick, Pastor Lucy, or Mark Bolton.

Sunday 24 May 2026

Call to Worship

Leader: On this Pentecost Sunday, we gather together to worship God and to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit.
All: God is with us today

Leader: Though we come from different places and different experiences, we are joined together in worship.
All: God is with us today

Leader: The Spirit brings courage where there is fear, peace where there is anxiety, and unity where there is division.
All: God is with us today

Leader: In every language and every generation, God continues to call people together in love, grace, and hope.
All: God is with us today.

Leader: So let us open our hearts, lift our voices, and worship the God who goes with us beyond this place.
All: God is with us today.

We Declare

Verse 1
We are his kingdom we are his bride
For us he paid the price
For us he bled and died
We are his people his treasured prize
For us he conquered sin
For he is risen

Chorus 1
With thankfulness we will sing
With thankfulness we will sing
So we declare the praises
Of Jesus Saviour and King
He is the cornerstone Hallelujah
And now we stand as his church
Until the day when he comes in glory
Hallelujah

Verse 2
We are a priesthood beloved ones
He draws the scattered near
He builds his kingdom here
A holy nation now set apart
To be his hands and feet
To speak his mercy

Chorus 2
With thankfulness we will sing
Adopted now we are his
So we declare the praises
Of Jesus Saviour and King
He is the cornerstone Hallelujah
And now we stand as his church
Until the day when he comes in glory
Hallelujah

Bridge
With thankfulness we will sing
With thankfulness we will sing
With thankfulness we will sing
Adopted now we are his

Acts 2:1–47

1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like
the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were
sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of
them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the
Spirit enabled them.
5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6 When
they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their
own language being spoken. 7 Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking
Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? 9 Parthians, Medes
and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and
Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews and converts
to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!"
12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"
13 Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."
14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews
and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. 15
These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! 16 No, this is what was
spoken by the prophet Joel:
17 "'In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.
18 Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.
19 I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.
20 The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
21 And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.'
22 "Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by
miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. 23
This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the
help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. 24 But God raised him from the
dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold
on him. 25 David said about him:
"'I saw the Lord always before me.
Because he is at my right hand,
I will not be shaken.
26 Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest in hope,
27 because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
you will not let your holy one see decay.
28 You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence.'

Acts 2:1–47

29 “Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his
tomb is here to this day. 30 But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath
that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. 31 Seeing what was to come, he spoke
of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did
his body see decay. 32 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. 33 Exalted to
the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured
out what you now see and hear. 34 For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,
“‘The Lord said to my Lord:
“Sit at my right hand
35 until I make your enemies
a footstool for your feet.”’
36 “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both
Lord and Messiah.”
37 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other
apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”
38 Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the
forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 The promise is for you
and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”
40 With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this
corrupt generation.” 41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand
were added to their number that day.
42 They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread
and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the
apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property
and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together
in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere
hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their
number daily those who were being saved.

O Come To The Altar

Verse 1
Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

Chorus 1
O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Verse 2
Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

Bridge
Oh what a Saviour
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen

Verse 3
Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

Breathe

Verse
This is the air I breathe
This is the air I breathe
Your holy presence living in me
This is my daily bread
This is my daily bread
Your very word spoken to me

Chorus
And I I'm desperate for You
And I I'm lost without You

Ending
This is the air I breathe
This is the air I breathe

Spirit Of The Living God

Chorus 1
Spirit of the living God
Fall afresh on me
Spirit of the living God
Fall afresh on me
Fill me anew, fill me anew
Spirit of the Lord
Fall afresh on me

Firm Foundation (He Won't)

Verse 1
Christ is my firm foundation
The rock on which I stand
When everything around me is shaken
I've never been more glad
That I put my faith in Jesus
'Cause He's never let me down
He's faithful through generations
So why would He fail now

Chorus 1
He won't He won't

Verse 2
I've still got joy in chaos
I've got peace that makes no sense
So I won't be going under
I'm not held by my own strength
'Cause I've built my life on Jesus
He's never let me down
He's faithful in every season
So why would He fail now

Chorus 2
He won't He won't
He won't fail
He won't fail (no)

Bridge
(Oh) Rain came and wind blew
But my house was built on You
(And) I'm safe with You
I'm going to make it through
(REPEAT)

Yeah I'm going to make it through
'Cause I'm standing strong on You
Yeah I'm going to make it through
'Cause my house is built on You

Chorus 3
He won't He won't
He won't fail
He won't fail no He won't