



The Parish of St James's Elmers End

8th June 2025 – 9.15am Parish Mass

PENTECOST SUNDAY

OPENING HYMN (NEH 138)

Come, Holy Ghost
our souls I inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire;
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart

Thy blessed unction from above
is comfort, life and fire of love;
Enable with perpetual light
The dullness of our blinded sight:

Anoint and cheer our soiled face
with the abundance of thy grace:
Keep far our foes,
give peace at home;
Where thou art guide
no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And thee, of Both, to be but One;
That through the ages all along
This may be our endless song,

Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

THE GREETING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

PRAYER OF PENITENCE

The priest invites those present to confess their sins

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done
and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary
ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our
God.

May almighty God have mercy on us,
Forgive us our sins and bring us to
everlasting life. **Amen.**

THE KYRIE

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.
Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.
Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of
the Father: receive our prayer.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.**

THE COLLECT

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-11

When the day of Pentecost arrived, the Apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and 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 Arabians — we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 104:1ab, 24ac. 29b-30. 31, 34.

**℟ Send forth your spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul!
O LORD my God, how great you are!
How many are your works, O LORD!
The earth is full of your creatures. ℟

You take away their breath, they die,
returning to the dust from which they
came.

You send forth your spirit, and they are
created,
and you renew the face of the earth. ℟

May the glory of the LORD last for ever!
May the LORD rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I will rejoice in the LORD. ℟

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Brothers and Sisters: No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except in the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there

are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptised into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE - Veni, sancte Spiritus

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure
Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow

Thou in toil art comfort sweet
Pleasant coolness in the heat
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew
On our dryness pour thy dew
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will
Melt the frozen, warm the chill
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die
Give us life with thee on high
Give us joys that never end.

THE GOSPEL (STAND)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John
Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you for ever. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

'These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SERMON

We STAND to sing

THE CREED

**I believe in one God
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible:**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father
before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,**

begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the
 Father, by whom all things were
 made; who for us men and for our
 salvation came down from heaven,
 and was incarnate by the Holy
 Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man,
 and was crucified also for us
 under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried,
 and the third day he rose again
 according to the Scriptures,
 and ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand
 of the Father.

And he shall come again with glory
 to judge both the quick and the
 dead:

whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost,
 the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceedeth from the Father
 and the Son, who with the Father
 and the Son together is worshipped
 and glorified, who spake by the
 prophets.

And I believe one holy catholic
 and apostolic Church.

I acknowledge one baptism
 for the remission of sins.

And I look for the resurrection of
 the dead, and the life of the world
 to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

After each bidding is said:

Lord, hear us.

Lord graciously hear us.

at the end of the prayers

Merciful Father.

**accept these prayers for the sake of
 your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
 Amen.**

Come down, O love divine,
 seek thou this soul of mine,
 and visit it with thine own
 ardour glowing;
 O Comforter, draw near,
 within my heart appear,
 and kindle it,
 Thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
 till earthly passions turn
 to dust and ashes
 in its heat consuming;
 And let thy glorious light
 shine ever on my sight,
 and clothe me round,
 the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
 mine outward vesture be,
 and lowliness become
 mine inner clothing;
 True lowliness of heart,
 which takes the humbler part,
 and o'er its own shortcomings
 weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
 with which the soul will long,
 shall far outpass the power
 of human telling;
 For none can guess its grace,
 till they become the place
 where-in the Holy Spirit
 finds a dwelling.

THE PRAYER OVER THE OFFERING

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Almighty Father.

May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of his holy Church.

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, as promised by your Son, the Holy Spirit may reveal to us more abundantly the hidden mystery of this sacrifice and graciously lead us into all truth. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues until:
... sing together the unending hymn of your glory, as we acclaim:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your
glory, Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna
in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Hosanna in the
highest..**

The Eucharistic Prayer continues until:
The mystery of faith:

**Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.**

The Eucharistic Prayer continues until:
...honour is yours, for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.**

THE PEACE

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you
always
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

THE AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God you take away the
sins of the world, grant us peace.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

The people receive communion. If you wish to receive a blessing, please bring this Order of Service with you.

During Communion the Choir will sing the Anthem "Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost"

COMMUNION HYMN (CHFE 666)

**Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.**

**Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.**

**Break me, melt me,
mould me, fill me.**

**Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your Church, safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given, that the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon her may retain all its force and that this spiritual food may gain her abundance of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The congregation **STAND**

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Bow down for the blessing

May God, the Father of lights, who was pleased to enlighten the disciples' minds by the outpouring of the Spirit, the Paraclete, grant you gladness by his blessing and make you always abound with the gifts of the same Spirit.
Amen.

May the wondrous flame that appeared above the disciples, powerfully cleanse your hearts from every evil and pervade them with its purifying light.

Amen.

And may God, who has been pleased to unite many tongues in the profession of one faith, give you perseverance in that same faith and, by believing, may you journey from hope to clear vision.

Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

Amen.

Go forth, the Mass is ended. Alleluia
Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

FINAL HYMN (CHFE 98)

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love
what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.**

During the singing of the final hymn the Paschal Candle is extinguished marking the end of the Easter Season.

THE REGINA CAELI

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven!
Alleluia.
He whom thou wast meet to bear;
Alleluia.
As He promis'd, hath arisen;
Alleluia.
Pour for us to God thy prayer;
Alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary,
alleluia.

For the Lord is risen indeed,
alleluia.

Let us pray
O God, who through the resurrection of
Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ
didst vouchsafe to give joy to the world:
grant, we beseech thee, that through the
prayers of His Mother, the Virgin Mary,
we may obtain the joys of everlasting life.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS

For those in need:

Bill, Roger, Cheryl, Judith, Derek, Pippa,
Jeanette, Fay, Joyce, Baby Lucy, Vercilla,
Chris, Pauline, John, Carol, Susan,
Richard, Eileen, Sarah, Geraldine.

Recently Departed:

Anniversaries of death:

Celia Browning, Gwen Powell,
Frank Milton, Frank Elleman,
Matthew Goatley, Lynne Curtis,
Charles Hendrick, Ellen Mitchell-Green,
Kitty Swaffer, Ernest Walter,
Doreen Wilson, Freddie Schroder,
Violet Watkins, John Goatley,
John Guttridge

THIS WEEK IN THE BENEFICE

Monday

Fr Russell's rest day

Tuesday

7.00pm Mass (*St James*)

Wednesday

10.00am Mass (*St Michael*)

Thursday

10.30am Mass and Coffee (*St James*)

Friday

7.00pm Mass (*St Michael*)

Saturday

9.30am BCP Mass (*St James*)

LIVING WELL FOODBANK

There is a basket for non-perishable food
and toiletries for the food bank at the
back of St. James's Church.

USED STAMPS

We are still collecting used postage
stamps at St. James's Church - box at the
back of the church.

BARBECUE AT ST. JAMES'S CHURCH GARDEN 5TH JULY 2PM

Please make a note of the above
details. Tickets £10 from Jan 07939
088820. There will no doubt be a queue
for this event, so book early to avoid
disappointment!

FELLOWSHIP GROUP

4th July at 2 pm in the Guild Room, a
talk on the work of the Royal National
Lifeboat Institution
Refreshments afterwards. Please come
along, and bring a friend or neighbour.
£2 including a raffle ticket
There will not be a Fellowship meeting in
August. Please keep your eyes open for
details of the meetings for the next
months.

TOP OF THE PEW

The quiz team from St. James's Church will be meeting the team from Bromley Common Methodist Church on 15/Jun at 7 pm in St. James's church hall. This is the first round of a knockout competition in which many local churches are participating. It gives us a chance to meet up with people from other churches and will also be supporting Bromley Homeless. Please come along and support us (and the charity). Refreshments will be served at half time, and the quiz should finish at about 8.30 pm

RICHBOROUGH FAMILY FESTIVAL

Saturday 16th August: we will come together in Portsmouth Cathedral to celebrate Assumptiontide with a Mass of Stella Maris concelebrated at 12noon followed by a bring your own/bring and share picnic on the beaches here. There will be time for simply enjoying the seaside and the day will conclude with Benediction at Holy Spirit Southsea at 4pm followed by afternoon tea to fortify us for the journey home.

CONFIRMATION

The Bishop of Richborough will be joining us for the first time the in Benefice for St Michael's Day (Monday 29th September). During the Mass he will be administering the Rite of Confirmation. If you have not yet been Confirmed and would like to be please have a word with Fr Russell, who will then arrange for suitable instruction to be given.

FORWARD IN FAITH ROCHESTER AGM

St John's Sevenoaks will be celebrating their Patronal Festival on Sunday 22nd June at 4pm
This will be followed by the Forward in Faith (Rochester) AGM.
All are welcome.

SMF FESTIVAL

Saturday 14th June
St Magnus the Martyr, London Bridge
beginning with a Solemn Mass at 12noon

AYLESFORD PILGRIMAGE

Saturday 30th August
11.00am Mass
with Fr Ben Eadon preaching
Bring a Picnic Lunch.

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