

# St Mary's Church, Walkley



**The Church on the Road:**  
*Inclusive, Eucharistic, a safe place to be with God*

## **The Day of Pentecost**

## **Eucharist with the Baptism of Arthur 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**Welcome to St Mary's Church, Walkley**

**President: The Revd Canon Dr Alan Billings  
Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Alan Billings  
Churchwarden on duty: Alexandra**

## The Gathering and Opening Hymn

*We stand and we sing the opening hymn.*

*President* In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

## The Greeting

*President* Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you.

*All* **and also with you.**

*President* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*All* **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*President* Jesus Christ, whom we worship,  
is our crucified, risen and ascended Lord  
and we have walked with him through his journey of love.  
We have faced the agony of his suffering and death on a cross.  
We have rejoiced at his bursting free from the bonds of death.  
We have enjoyed his risen presence with us  
and his revelation of himself through the breaking of bread.  
We have seen his return to the throne before which  
every knee shall bow  
and every tongue confess that this Jesus is Lord.  
And now, with the followers of his own time,  
we await the coming of the promised Holy Spirit,  
his gift to his people,  
through whom we make Christ known to the world.

## The Responsoy

*President* As we wait in silence,  
*All* **fill us with your Spirit.**

*President* As we listen to your word,  
*All* **fill us with your Spirit.**

*President* As we worship you in majesty,  
*All* **fill us with your Spirit.**

*President* As we long for your refreshing,  
*All* **fill us with your Spirit.**

*President* As we long for your renewing,  
*All* **fill us with your Spirit.**

*President* As we long for your equipping,  
*All* **fill us with your Spirit.**

*President* As we long for your empowering,  
*All* **fill us with your Spirit.**

*We keep a time of silence.*

### **The Pentecost Reading: Acts 2. 1 - 13**

*Reader* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.'

*Reader* The Lord is here.  
*All* **His Spirit is with us.**

*We remain standing and we sing.*

## **The Gloria in Excelsis**

*Cantor* Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo,  
Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo,

*All* **Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo,**  
**Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

*Cantor* 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.

*All* **Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo,**  
**Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

*Cantor* 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.

*All* **Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo,**  
**Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

*Cantor* 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.  
Amen.

*All* **Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo,**  
**Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

## The Collect

*President* Let us pray that the Spirit will work through our lives to bring Christ to the world.

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.

*All* **Amen.**

*We sit.*

## The Reading: Acts 2. 14 - 21

*Reader* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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."

*Reader* This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## The Gradual Hymn

*We stand and we sing.*

## The Gospel Reading: John 20. 19 - 23

*Minister* Alleluia, alleluia.  
There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;  
by the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

*All* **Alleluia.**

*Minister* Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

*Minister* This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit.*

## The Sermon

## The Liturgy of Baptism

*President* Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us  
that to enter the kingdom of heaven  
we must be born again of water and the Spirit,  
and has given us baptism as the sign and seal of this new birth.  
Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit and made clean.  
Here we are clothed with Christ,  
dying to sin that we may live his risen life.  
As children of God, we have a new dignity  
and God calls us to fullness of life.

*All* **Amen.**

## The Presentation

*President* Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me. Do not stop them'.

We thank God for Arthur who has come to be baptised today.  
Christ loves him and welcomes him into his Church.

*President* So I ask you all:

Will you support Arthur as he begins his journey of faith?

*All* **We will.**

*President* Will you help him to live and grow within God's family?

*All* **We will.**

*The president addresses the parents and godparents.*

*President* God knows each of us by name and we are his.

Parents and godparents, you speak for Arthur today.

Will you pray for him, and help him to follow Christ?

*Parents &* **We will.**

*Godparents*

## The Decision

*The president addresses Arthur through his parents and godparents.*

*President* We all wander far from God and lose our way:

Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home.

In baptism we respond to his call. Therefore I ask:

Do you turn away from sin?

*All* **I do.**

Do you reject evil?

*All* **I do.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

*All* **I do.**

Do you trust in him as Lord?

*All* **I do.**

## The Signing with the Cross

*The president or another minister makes the sign of the cross on Arthur's forehead, saying*

*President* Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

*The president invites Arthur's parents and godparents to sign Arthur with the cross.*

*President* Do not be ashamed of Christ.  
You are his forever.

*All* **Stand bravely with him  
against all the powers of evil,  
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

*President* May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,  
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

*All* **Amen.**

*President* Faithful and loving God,  
bless those who care for Arthur  
and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith.  
Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love,  
and protect their homes from all evil.  
Fill them with the light of your presence  
and establish them in the joy of your kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*Water is poured into the font.*

### **The Prayer over the Water**

*President* Praise God who made heaven and earth,

*All* **who keeps his promise forever.**

*President* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*President* We praise you, loving Father,  
for the gift of your Son Jesus.  
He was baptised in the River Jordan,  
where your Spirit came upon him  
and revealed him as the Son you love.  
He sent his followers  
to baptise all who turn to him.  
Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water,  
that those who are baptised in it  
may be cleansed in the water of life,  
and, filled with your Spirit,  
may know that they are loved as your children,  
safe in Christ forever.

*All* **Amen.**

*We stand.*

## **The Profession of Faith**

*President* Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with these candidates the faith of the Church.

*All* Do you believe and trust in God the Father?  
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

*President* Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?  
*All* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

*President* Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

*All* **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

*We sit.*

## **The Baptism**

*President* Arthur David, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

*President* May God, who has received you by baptism  
into his Church,  
pour upon you the riches of his grace,  
that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people  
you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,  
and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

*All* **Amen.**

*All* **Do not be ashamed to confess  
the faith of Christ crucified.  
Remain faithful to your calling,  
as God remains faithful to you. Amen.**

### **The Welcome**

*President* There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:  
Arthur, by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

*All* **We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;  
we are children of the same heavenly Father;  
we welcome you.**

*The congregation greets the newly baptised.*

*We sit or kneel.*

### **The Prayers of Intercession**

*Intercessor* Lord, come to bless us,  
*All* **and fill us with your Spirit.**

*Or another response is used.*

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

*We stand.*

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

*President* God has made us one in Christ.  
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,  
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

2 Corinthians 1.22

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

*Minister* Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We remain in our seats, sharing the peace through waves to those around us.*

### The Offertory Hymn

*We stand and we sing as the altar is prepared.*

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*President* The Lord is here.

*All* **His Spirit is with us.**

*President* Lift up your hearts.

*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*President* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*President* It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and everlasting God,  
through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord.

This day we give you thanks  
because in fulfilment of your promise  
you pour out your Spirit upon us,  
filling us with your gifts, leading us into all truth,  
and uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith.

Your Spirit gives us grace to call you Father,  
to proclaim your gospel to all nations  
and to serve you as a royal priesthood.

Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels,  
and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells,  
to proclaim the glory of your name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

*Cantor* Holy Holy Holy Lord

*All* **Holy Holy Holy Lord**

*Cantor* God of power and God of might

*All* **God of power and God of might**

*Cantor* Heaven and earth are full of your glory

*All* **Heaven and earth are full of your glory**

*Cantor* Hosanna in the highest

*All* **Hosanna in the highest**

*Cantor* Blessed is he who comes

*All* **Blessed is he who comes**

*Cantor* In the name of the Lord most High

*All* **In the name of the Lord most High**

*Cantor* Hosanna

*All* **Hosanna**

*Cantor* Hosanna

*All* **Hosanna**

*Cantor* Hosanna in the highest

*All* **Hosanna in the highest**

*President* We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

*Minister* Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

*Cantor* Dying you destroyed our death

*All* **Dying you destroyed our death**

*Cantor* Rising you restored our life

*All* **Rising you restored our life**

*Cantor* Lord Jesus come

*All* **Lord Jesus come**

*Cantor* Lord Jesus come

*All* **Lord Jesus come**

*Cantor* Come again in glory

*All* **Come again in glory**

*President* Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with Mary, Mark, John and all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*We sit or kneel.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*President* Being made one by the power of the Spirit,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

*All* **Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*President* We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

*All* **Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## **The Giving of Communion**

*President* Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

*All* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*The president will give instructions on how to come forward for communion and on returning to our seats. All are welcome to come to front for the bread or a blessing. If you would like a blessing please keep your arms folded across your chest at you approach the front. Sanitising stations are available at the front of church to use before receiving.*

*During the distribution we sing and music is played.*

## **The Prayer after Communion**

*President* Let us pray.

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.

*All* **Amen.**

*All* **Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **The Notices**

## The Giving of a Lighted Candle

*President* God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. Arthur, you have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

*All* **Shine as a light in the world,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*We stand.*

## The Pentecost Commission

*President* For fifty days we have celebrated the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over the powers of sin and death. We have proclaimed God's mighty acts and we have prayed that the power that was at work when God raised Jesus from the dead might be at work in us.

As part of God's Church here in Walkley, I call upon you to live out what you proclaim.

*President* Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will you dare to walk into God's future, trusting him to be your guide?

*All* **By the Spirit's power, we will.**

*The Paschal Candle is extinguished in silence.*

## The Blessing

*President* The Lord is here.

*All* **His Spirit is with us.**

*President* Today we have remembered the coming of God's power on the disciples and we invite that same Spirit to drive us out into the wild places of the world.

*President* May the Spirit,  
who hovered over the waters when the world was created,  
breathe into us the life he gives.

*All* **Amen.**

*President* May the Spirit,  
who overshadowed the Virgin  
when the eternal Son came among us,  
make us joyful in the service of the Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*President* May the Spirit,  
who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost,  
bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.

*All* **Amen.**

*President* And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among us and remain with us always.

*All* **Amen.**

## **The Closing Hymn**

*We remain standing and we sing during which we turn to face the back of church as the ministers process.*

## **The Dismissal**

*Minister* Filled with the Spirit's power,  
go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*All* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

***Coffee and tea are served after the service please move to the hall through the door at the back of the church.***

**If you would like to provide feedback on this service please speak a member of the Worship Group, Kath, Catherine, Janet or David. You can also email us**

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