



Notices for 13<sup>th</sup> of October 2024

## **The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity National Prisons Week**

*A warm welcome to everyone;  
please come into the hall for refreshments after the service.*

### **Collect:**

*Lord, you offer freedom to all people.*

*We pray for those in prison.*

*Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist.*

*Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends,  
prison staff and all who care.*

*Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others,  
especially the victims of crime.*

*Help us to forgive one another,*

*to act justly, love mercy*

*and walk humbly together with Christ*

*in his strength and in his Spirit,*

*now and every day.*

*Amen.*

## Hymns:

- 250** All creatures of our God and King  
**260** Morning has broken  
**386** Be thou my vision  
**384** Be still my soul  
**432** From heaven you came, helpless babe

Although there is no formal collection during the offertory hymn, please feel free to make a contribution to the work of St. Mary's either in the Treasury box at the back of church, or using the card reader, also at the back of church. Thank you.

## Readings:

### **Ephesians 2:1-10**

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

### **Gospel Luke: 7.36-50**

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, 'If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner.' Jesus spoke up and said to him, 'Simon, I have something to say to you.' 'Teacher,' he replied, 'speak.' 'A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the

other fifty. When they could not pay, he cancelled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?’

Simon answered, ‘I suppose the one for whom he cancelled the greater debt.’ And Jesus said to him, ‘You have judged rightly.’ Then turning towards the woman, he said to Simon, ‘Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.’ Then he said to her, ‘Your sins are forgiven.’ But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, ‘Who is this who even forgives sins?’ And he said to the woman, ‘Your faith has saved you; go in peace.’

### **Post-communion prayer:**

God our Father,  
whose Son, the light unailing,  
has come from heaven to deliver the world  
from the darkness of ignorance:  
let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding  
that we may know the way of life,  
and walk in it without stumbling;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Vacancy Notices and Dates - Any questions Dan & Peter**

**Vacancy Plans** Advertising has just closed, and shortlisting is on 10<sup>th</sup> Oct for Interview on 31 Oct.

**Visiting Clergy** – A number of visiting clergy will be helping us with our worship over the coming months. Revd Esther Hunt (curate at Christchurch) who will return to lead our 09:30 Choral Communion on the 20<sup>th</sup> Oct.

**8am SERVICES will be held only once a month** on the first Sunday of each month. Any questions please talk to Dan or Peter.

## Dates for your diary

It's **National Prison Week from Oct 13-19** and Jason Gray will be holding an interview with Kate Nowak during this Sunday's service, exploring insights into her prison chaplaincy.

**Thursday, 17th October 2.30pm - Afternoon Club** in the church hall. We meet this Thursday for an afternoon of chat, games and quizzes. Refreshments provided. Any queries contact Judith via the Parish Office.

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 10am** is the next meeting of the Women's Group. There will be a choice of activities including a seasonal quiz, a game of lotto and a seasonal craft door decoration. We meet in the hall at 10am for coffee and cake and we finish by 12 noon.

**Exploring Spirituality, Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October, 6.00 – 7.00 pm in the Hall**  
Do join us as we consider *The Spirituality of Grace*. 'Grace' is a word we use often in Church, but how do we live it/experience it in our lives? **More information from Maggie and Joan**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – All Souls Commemoration 3pm Church**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November - Remembrance Parade Service 10:30am Church**

**Sunday 24th November - Sunday Christmas Homemade Sunday**  
*Enquiries: Sara Tomlin and our social team*

**Sunday 1st December 7pm Epsom and Ewell Silver Band Christmas concert** at St. Mary's Church, The Avenue, Worcester Park. Tickets are £10, free for under 16's, including tea/coffee and a mince pie. Tickets are available from the Vale Rd G&A Express Newsagent or Wendy.

*We're already planning our Christmas services, and this will include a Carol Service on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec @6:30pm**, and a Christingle Crib Service on **Christmas Eve at 4pm**. Good to note these in your diaries! Details of our full Advent and Christmas programme will follow nearer the time.*