



Notices for 14th of July 2024

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

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

Collect:

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymns:

- 262** O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
- 411** Dear Lord and Father of Mankind
- 534** O for a thousand tongues to sing
- 516** Love divine all loves excelling
- 606** Thy hand O God has guided

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 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Mark 6:14-29

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went

out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Post-communion prayer:

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Vacancy Notices and Dates

Vacancy Plans – Bishop Paul has sent a message to the parish, to say he understand that that Cuddington is a very attractive proposition for the right person and we're keen to see you build on the great work that Theresa did and grow even further, so we're setting the bar high! Plans are now agreed to re-advertise during September, with interviews planned for 31 Oct. Any questions please ask Dan & Peter as the parish Reps.

Sharing of the Peace - Following discussion in PCC we still want to respect social distancing for those who chose to retain this. For now, we are asking everyone to remain in their pews, and to shake hands only where it is mutually agreeable between those sitting next to one another.

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

PRAYER CHAIN MEMBERS. A new list for members is now in the pigeonholes at back of the church. *Enquiries: Judith Round.*

Candle-Making, can you help? For about 40 years the larger candles used in church have been made by members of the congregation. The candles are made mostly from candle-ends, so local candle-making is both sustainable and money-saving. Jenie Dore has been undertaking this role for about 20 years - thank you Jenie - and would now like to hand it over. Is this a role you could take on? Jenie would give you a training session and pass on the equipment. You could do this at home, at whatever time suits you – we may need three or four batches a year – so it is ideal if you would like to contribute in a practical way to the worship at St Mary's without being committed to a rota.

Enquiries: David Rymill & Jenie Dore

Dates for your diary

THURSDAY CLUB: Thursday 18th July. We meet again this Thursday; Rod Clarke will be giving an illustrated talk on a recent exhibition at Guildford Cathedral on " post-box toppers". (the crochet hats we often see on our post boxes). Everyone is very welcome.

Enquiries: Judith Round.

Sunday 4th August, 6.00 – 7.00pm in church – The Spirituality of Summer – a reflective service. Following on from our 'Exploring Spirituality' sessions, do join us for a service in church as we reflect on how the Spirituality of Summer enables us to draw closer to God in this season of warmth and beauty. ALL WELCOME

Enquiries: Margaret Marsh & Joan Simon

Sunday 8th September – 12 noon Parish Barbeque

Enquiries: Dan Smithers

Looking Forward...

Sunday 24th November - Sunday Christmas Homemade Sunday
additional homemade Sundays - dates to be arranged.