



Notices for 18th of August 2024

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

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

Collect:

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymns:

- 555** Praise my soul the King of Heaven
- 2** Christ whose glory fills the skies
- 604** Through all the changing scenes of life
- 308** Just as I am
- 558** Praise to the Lord the Almighty

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 5.15-20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 6.51-58

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

Post-communion prayer:

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Vacancy Notices and Dates – Any questions Dan&Peter

Vacancy Plans – Bishop Paul has sent a very positive message to the parish, to say he understands 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.

Visiting Clergy – From August, a number of visiting clergy will be helping us with our worship, including Revd Neil Vigers on 25th Aug, and Archdeacon Martin Breadmore on 22 Sep.

Lectern and Pulpit – Adjustments to the operation of zoom and associated sound system are being actively considered to include a greater use of the pulpit and lectern in our regular worship. Dan and Peter are working towards introduction in August once details have been discussed with all involved.

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.

Dates for your diary

GARDEN OPEN WEEKEND

We would like to thank everyone who helped and contributed to the Garden Open weekend, when fifty people came to share tea and cake and friendship in our garden. It was a wonderful occasion which resulted in the grand total of £525 for St Mary's Church.

Thank you.

John and Daphne.

Sunday 1st September (AMENDED DATE!) – 12 noon Parish Barbeque

All welcome, and we are asking for a contribution of £5 per head on the day. Please sign up at the back of church, indicating any dietary requirements, and ask if you able to bring salad / desserts to complement the BBQ.

Enquiries: Dan Smithers

Saturday 14th September Ride and Stride 2024

The Surrey Churches Preservation Trust (SCPT) is holding its annual Ride and Stride event on Saturday 14th September. This is an event where people are sponsored to visit Surrey Churches. If you would be available to act as steward on this date, *please see Peter, Dan or Sara*.

Saturday October 5th at 7pm

We are planning a Harvest Festival Quiz night.

Enquiries: Sara Tomlin

Looking Forward...

Sunday 24th November - Sunday Christmas Homemade Sunday

Plus additional homemade Sundays - dates to be arranged.