



Notices for 26th of May 2024

Trinity Sunday

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

Collect:

Holy God,

faithful and unchanging:

enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,

that we may truly worship you,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Hymns:

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| 202 | Holy, holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty |
| 267 | Thou whose almighty word |
| 546 | O worship the King all glorious above |
| 581 | Take my life and let it be |
| 612 | We have a gospel to proclaim |

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:

Isaiah 6.1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.’

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: ‘Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!’

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: ‘Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.’ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I; send me!’

John 3.1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, ‘Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.’ Jesus answered him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.’ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?’ Jesus answered, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, “You must be born from above.” The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.’ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can these things be?’ Jesus answered him, ‘Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?’

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Post-communion prayer:

Almighty and eternal God,
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:
hold us firm in this faith,
that we may know you in all your ways
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,
who are three Persons yet one God,
now and for ever.

Vacancy Notices and Dates

On Weds 17th April, the PCC held what is known as a "Section 11 Meeting". In this meeting It was agreed that the Parish Profile is now finalised, we will proceed to advertise the position in the Church Times during May, and Dan and Peter are now elected as the parish representatives for the interview process. Dan and Peter will meet with Revd Alex Stevens, Archdeacon Martin

Breadmore and Bishop Paul Davies in early June to consider applications for interview in early July.

Sharing of the Peace

Following discussion in PCC, and consultation with the area dean, it is agreed that we will evolve our guidance for the exchange of the Peace. Our policy of asking everyone simply to wave was introduced during the Covid pandemic, and 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

Saturday 1st June - Church Garden Work Day We are planning on holding a garden work day on from 10am till 2pm. It would be great if you could come along, armed with garden tools, to help with weeding, mature shrub pruning, hedge trimming, etc. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served with a smile.

Saturday 22nd June 3pm - Midsummer tea party

Tickets are now on sale for the midsummer tea party on Saturday 22nd June at 3pm. If you would like a ticket, please see Sara, Daphne or Annie, or email Sara on sarablairtomlin@gmail.com

Saturday 22nd June 7:30pm – Summer Concert 2024

Kingston and Malden Scout and Guide band performing at St Mary's church. Adult Entry £7:50, under 16 Free. *Enquiries Karl Nicholas.*

Saturday 15th June St Mary will be taking part in this year's Big Day Out in Shadbolt Park. It will be good to have a strong presence for the event to promote the church in the community. If you are able to help out, please contact David Eames.

Looking Forward...

Sunday 24th November - Sunday Christmas Homemade Sunday
Also - parish barbecue in September - date to be arranged
additional homemade Sundays - dates to be arranged.