



Notices for 29th September 2024

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Creationtide 4

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

Collect:

Everlasting God
you have ordained and constituted
the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order:
grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven,
so, at your command,
they may help and defend us on earth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Hymns:

- 377** Angel voices ever singing
- 401** Come let us join our cheerful songs
- 537** O God our help in ages past
- 174** Breathe on me breath of God
- 232** For all the saints

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:

Revelation 12.7-12

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,
'Now have come the salvation and the power
and the kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Messiah,
for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down,
who accuses them day and night before our God.
But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony,
for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.
Rejoice then, you heavens
and those who dwell in them!
But woe to the earth and the sea,
for the devil has come down to you
with great wrath,
because he knows that his time is short!'

John 1.47-51

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he

said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

Post-communion prayer:

Lord of heaven,
in this eucharist you have bought us near
to an innumerable company of angels
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage
we have shared their fellowship,
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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. Advertising closes on 1st October, with shortlisting on 10th Oct for Interview on 31 Oct.

Visiting Clergy – A number of visiting clergy will be helping us with our worship over the coming months. Please welcome Esther Hunt (curate at Christchurch) who will lead our 8am BCP service on Sunday 6th October, and will return to lead our 09:30 Choral Communion on the 20th Oct.

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

Saturday 5th October - Quiz Night 7pm in the Hall

Tickets are still available for the quiz night, tickets £10. We are holding a raffle on the night, so we need **Raffle Prices** for this event! please leave in usual place at the back, and your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Also, if you could make an apple crumble, we will be auctioning the left-over crumbles at the end of the evening. Please see Sara for a foil container.

Enquiries: Sara Tomlin

Looking Forward...

Sunday 6th October, - Harvest Parade Service 09:30 Church

We welcome the uniformed organisations joining us for our festival worship.

Sunday 3rd November – All Souls Commemoration 3pm Church

Sunday 10th November - Remembrance Parade Service 10:30am Church

Sunday 24th November - Sunday Christmas Homemade Sunday

Enquiries: Sara Tomlin and our social team

There is now a full programme of Autumn events for

- “Women’s Group”** – *enquiries Christine Clarke*
- “Knit and Natter”** – *enquiries Kate Nowak.*
- “Mother and Toddler”** – *enquiries Daphne Richardson*
- “Sunday Club”** – *enquiries Carolyn Harvey*

... and more...

*We’re already planning our Christmas services, and this will include a Carol Service on **Sunday 15th 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.*