



Notices for 6<sup>th</sup> of October 2024

## **The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity Harvest**

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

***We welcome Revd Esther Hunt (curate at Christchurch)  
who will be taking our 8am BCP service.***

### **Collect 8am:**

Faithful Lord,  
whose steadfast love never ceases  
and whose mercies never come to an end:  
grant us the grace to trust you  
and to receive the gifts of your love,  
new every morning,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Harvest Hymns:**

- 270** Come ye thankful people come
- 272** Praise and thanksgiving, Father we offer
- 271** God whose hand is all creation
- 251** All things bright and beautiful
- 275** We plough the fields and scatter

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 8am Service:**

### **Galatians 3.16-22**

Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring; it does not say, 'And to offsprings', as of many; but it says, 'And to your offspring', that is, to one person, who is Christ. My point is this: the law, which came four hundred and thirty years later, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to nullify the promise. For if the inheritance comes from the law, it no longer comes from the promise; but God granted it to Abraham through the promise.

### **The Purpose of the Law**

Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring would come to whom the promise had been made; and it was ordained through angels by a mediator. Now a mediator involves more than one party; but God is one.

Is the law then opposed to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could make alive, then righteousness would indeed come through the law. But the scripture has imprisoned all things under the power of sin, so that what was promised through faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

### **Luke 10.25-37**

A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho,

and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

## **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 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. We welcome 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

**Monday 7th October at 7.30pm** Knit and Natter in The Leverton Room.

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October – 09:30 Choral Communion in church**

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

**Looking Forward...**

***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*

**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 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.*