



Notices for 7th of July 2024

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

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

Collect:

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymns:

- 435** Glorious things of thee are spoken
- 470** I the Lord of sea and sky
- 507** Lord of all hopefulness
- 496** Lead us heavenly Father, lead us
- 232** For all the saints who from their labours rest

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:

2 Corinthians 12.2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.’ So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Mark 6.1-13

He left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, ‘Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?’ And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, ‘Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.’ And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey

except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Post-communion prayer:

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Vacancy Notices and Dates

In light of new information which has become available from Archdeacon Martin Breadmore, and with support from Bishop Paul, it is agreed that our plan is now to re-advertise, rather than conduct any interviews at this time.

Bishop Paul has sent a message to the parish, to say he understand that this will be disappointing, but 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!

Peter and Dan will now work with the Archdeacon and the Diocesan appointments secretary to confirm the timescale for how this will proceed.

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.

PRAYER CHAIN MEMBERS. A new list for members is now in the pigeonholes at back of the church. Any queries contact Judith Round.

Dates for your diary

Monday 8th July, 7.30pm is the next Knit and Natter in The Leverton Room

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.

The latest top 5 urgent requirements for the Epsom & Ewell foodbank:

1. Cooking Sauces 2. Long-Life Milk 3. Tea 4. Squash 5. Laundry powder