



Notices for 9th of June 2024

The Second Sunday after Trinity

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

Collect:

Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymns:

- 585** The Church's one foundation
- 444** God is working his purpose out
- 563** Rejoice the Lord is King
- 589** The King of Love my shepherd is
- 430** Forth in thy name I go

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 4:13-5:1

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—‘I believed, and so I spoke’—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Mark 3:20 - end

and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, ‘He has gone out of his mind.’ And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, ‘He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.’ And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, ‘How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

‘Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin’— for they had said, ‘He has an unclean spirit.’

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, ‘Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.’ And

he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

Post-communion prayer:

Loving Father,

we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:

sustain us with your Spirit,

that we may serve you here on earth

until our joy is complete in heaven,

and we share in the eternal banquet

with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Vacancy Notices and Dates

Now that we have passed the closing date for applications, Dan and Peter as your two representatives will now meet with Revd Alex Stevens, Archdeacon Martin Breadmore and Bishop Paul Davies on Weds 12th June to shortlist candidates for interview in early July. Once shortlisting is confirmed, selected candidates will be invited to an informal introduction to the parish on Monday 1st July, an evening social with the PCC, and formal interviews on Tuesday 2nd July. Please understand that Peter and Dan will fully respect the confidentiality of those who have applied.

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

Monday 10th June Knit and Natter next session is in The Leverton Room at 7.30pm.

WOMEN'S GROUP Because our next meeting is on the same day as the Big Day Out in Shadbolt Park, we have decided to cancel our meeting and go along to the Big Day Out. You might like to help out on St Mary's stall or watch the events in the arena or spend your money on all of the stalls! Any queries please contact Carolyn or Carla.

Saturday 15th June 10:30am to 3pm- Big Day Out

We will be taking part in this year's Big Day Out in Shadbolt Park and It will be good to have a strong presence for the event to promote our church in the community. If you are able to help out for all or part of the time, please add your name to the list at the back of the church or contact David Eames.

Saturday 22nd June 3pm - Midsummer tea party

Tickets are still available 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

We would also welcome home-made tea items for this. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the Church if you are able to contribute.

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.*

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.