

St Mary's News

Sunday 19 September 2021

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Today

16th Sunday after Trinity

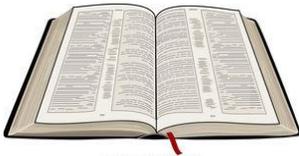
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Holy Communion in church and via Zoom

Readings:

James 3: 13 – 4: 3, 7-8a

Mark 9: 30-37



The Collect for the

16th Sunday after Trinity

○ Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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

Next week

17th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Parish Communion in church and via Zoom

11.45am Baptism: Roxanna-Maria Coomber

1-4pm Scarecrow Trail

Readings:

James 5: 13-end

Mark 9: 38-end



Prayers for the Week

We pray today for all who live in Twyford Road and Tainter Road.

And from our Book of Remembrance, we pray for

Graham Keith Vanns (20th)

Hilary Jean McArdle (20th)

Mary Elizabeth Cowx (22nd)

Robin Cairns Barsley (Priest)
(22nd)

Leslie Roberts (23rd)

This Week at a glance

Monday

7.30pm PCC Meeting (via Zoom)

Tuesday

Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion.

10.30am-12.30pm Church open and Food Bank

7.30pm Outreach meeting in Upper Room

7.30pm Bell ringing practice.

Thursday

Friday

10.30-12.30 Seniors' Coffee Morning

7.15pm Choir practice.

Saturday

10am-4pm Scarecrow Trail

Coffee Pots & Tiny Tots Returns!

Restarting Wednesday 6 October, 10.30am - 12pm! All parents and carers with babies and toddlers welcome. Activities include craft, nursery rhymes, singing, music & play. Please bring drinks for the children in their own cups for Covid security.

Hadlow Scarecrow Trail: 25th – 26th September

Come along and find lots of well-known characters from history in this year's Scarecrow Trail.

Saturday 10-4pm

Sunday 1-4pm

Fun for all the family – bring the children and grand-children!

It starts at St Mary's; pick up a trail sheet from church and vote for your favourite scarecrow! We are also looking for people to help out on the day and for cakes. Please sign up on the rotas at the back of church.



Foodbank:

New Opening Times

The return of CPTT to Wednesday mornings means that we shall have to change the Food bank opening times to **Thursday mornings** from 10am to 12pm.. In the short term, Rev'd Paul will continue to be there, but it would be good to have a rota of people who would be happy to come and run this important outreach service. Please let Paul or the Church Wardens know if this is something you might be willing to do.

Everything you always wanted to know about Church

After the Eucharistic Prayer, but before distribution of communion, we come to the Lord's Prayer. As the name suggests, it was Jesus himself who taught these words to the disciples when they asked him how they should pray. (Matthew 7:9-13 & Luke 11:2-4).

The disciples were concerned about how they should speak to God. On the one hand the Jewish priests in the Temple seemed to have a very complex life of prayer and sacrifices and, on the other, the Pagan Romans worshipped a panoply of gods using all sorts of different prayers. How should the followers of Jesus speak to God?

With simplicity and with relationship. Because of Jesus, and our sibling relationship with him, the God we speak to is not a far-off deity but is 'our Father' and can be addressed as such. Although we may take this for granted now, addressing God in this way was a radical departure; we are not subjects of God but His beloved children. We are encouraged to speak to him simply, to ask him to forgive us when we get things wrong, to help us forgive others, to give us our simple needs each day and to protect us from the evils and temptations which surround us. Of course, Jesus never said that this is the only prayer we are allowed to say, after all if we are encouraged to speak to God as a

loving Father then we must be able to take to him whatever is in our hearts, but it is meant to be a help to those who need a way into prayer. If, like the disciples, you don't know what or how to pray then we always have the simple, but profound, words of the Lord's Prayer. If you pray nothing else each day then I would encourage you to pray this.

If you compare the two accounts of the Lord's Prayer you will see that Matthew has a slightly longer version than Luke. However note that neither version has the ending: "For yours is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory, for ever and ever, Amen." This ending was never part of the biblical Lord's Prayer, but is called a 'doxology', a bit like that used at the end of the Psalms. Interestingly this ending/doxology is used in Order 2 of the liturgy (which we use both on Wednesdays and at 8am on Sundays) the Lord's Prayer is used twice, once without the doxology and once with.

Finally, which version to use? 'Our Father who art in heaven' or 'Our Father in heaven'? Whilst we may assume that the modern language version is better for those who are not used to church I am always interested to see that those who come for baptisms, weddings and funerals nearly always choose the traditional language version. But, of course, it doesn't much matter. What matters is that we approach God as Father and bring him our needs with simplicity and faith.

Opera Evening:

Please note: the date is

Saturday 16th October

at 7.00 pm

Opéra Rêverie presents:

Jewels & Gems

– a programme of well-loved classics from Puccini, Mozart, Bizet, Verdi and more.

With Rebecca Hooper, Soprano; Kim Hawthorn, Mezzo-Soprano; Matthew Scott Clark: Tenor; Robbie Haylett, Baritone; and Francis Griffiths, Piano.

Tickets £10 available on the door.

Verger Needed

Anne Hughes would like to step back from her role as Verger, so we need someone to take her place assisting at weddings, baptisms and funerals. This would not require a lot of your time, and you would receive payment for attending at weddings and funerals. But if you are worried about the commitment, why not try out being Deputy Verger for a time. More information from Anne, Paul or Janice.

Hospital Car Service

If you would like transport to a hospital or other medical appointment, please contact Mike Harvey on 01732 851881.

Who's Who at St Mary's?

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Minutes of PCC meetings are on the notice board and on St Mary's website.