

St Mary's News

Sunday 10 October 2021

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Today

Harvest Festival

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist for Harvest

in church and via Zoom

11.45am Baptism: Louie

Burtonshaw

Readings:

Joel 2:21-27

Matthew 6:25-33



The Collect for Harvest

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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

20th Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

Readings:

Isaiah 53: 4-end

Mark 10: 35-45



Prayers for the Week

We pray today for all who live in the High Street, the Castle and the Square, and for Louie being baptised today.

And from our Book of Remembrance, we pray for

Ronald Frank Barnard (11th)

Nellie Gladys Wratten (11th)

Pamela Mary Brise (12th)

Philip James Harris (13th)

Hilarie Lovelace (14th)

John Skelton (14th)

Maurice Gater (15th)

Daisy Elsdon (16th)

John William Vanns (16th)

This Week at a glance

Monday

Tuesday

5.30pm Yoga

Wednesday

9.30am_Holy Communion.

10.30am Coffee Pots & Tiny Tots

7.30pm Bell ringing practice.

Thursday

10am Singing Mamas

10.30am-12.30pm Church open
and Food Bank

Friday

10.30-12.30 Seniors' Coffee
Morning

7.15pm Choir practice.

Saturday

7pm Opera Evening

Opera Evening

Saturday 16 October at 7pm

Opéra Rêverie presents:

Jewels & Gems – a programme of well-loved classics from Bizet, Mozart, Puccini, 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.

Generous living, Generous Giving

Sunday 24 October

The 10am service that day will include a presentation on the future resourcing of our Church. All Welcome

Singing Mamas!

Women's singing group starting Thursday 14th October 10am-11.30am in the upper room at church. Whether you've never sung before or are a seasoned pro, you'll be made very welcome. This class is for women, mothers, sisters and grandmothers (and of course babies, toddlers and home-ed children). It's a warm and welcoming place to connect with local women, drink a cup of tea and sing some uplifting songs together. For more info email hello@lauralamn.com or visit www.lauralamn.com/singingmamas

Foodbank

Opening Times

Thursdays 10.30 - 12.30

We are creating a rota of people who would be willing to come and run this important outreach service. Please let Michael Payne or Janice know if you might be able to help.

Everything you always wanted to know about Church (but were afraid to ask)

Having sung the *Agnus Dei* we are now almost at the moment of receiving the body and blood of Christ in the consecrated bread and wine. (Although we are only receiving the bread at this time, this still represents full communion and, for many centuries, most communicants only received the bread and never the wine. Nonetheless I hope that the full fullness will be restored soon).

But before receiving communion there is one final prayer, which is the *Prayer of Humble Access*. I preached on one of the readings which lie behind this prayer quite recently; it is the story of Jesus speaking to the woman from Canaan from Matthew 15:21-28. The woman's daughter was sick and she begged Jesus to heal her. At first Jesus seemed to decline, saying that he was sent only for the 'lost sheep of Israel' and that 'it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs.' To us this looks rather insulting to the poor woman but she took his words and turned them around, saying, 'Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table.' At this, Jesus said that she had great faith and her daughter was healed.

This is challenging stuff, and we may continue to object to the idea of eating crumbs from under a table, but it is a reminder that we don't come to the great banquet in heaven because of our own power and goodness, but because of the power and goodness of Jesus.

Humility may be unfashionable but if pride is a sin then it can only be good to challenge our pride with the perspective of humility as we come into the presence of God and ask him to enter our lives. We start with humility but we are given a promise of cosmic significance: **that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.**

God does not come to us because of our goodness and greatness, but because of his goodness and mercy and when he comes to us we are promised that we will dwell with him and that he will dwell with us forever. We are lifted into God's life, and God comes into our life because he loves us, he longs to heal us and to have an eternal relationship with each and every one of us. So let's get over ourselves and let God get to work in us. Which, I suspect, sums up much of what we seek to do in the Christian life. *Rev'd Paul*

Memorial Service

Sunday 14 November at 3pm
Rev'd Nicky Harvey will be leading this service to remember, by name, all who have died and for whom we have conducted a funeral service over the past few years. Everyone is very welcome to attend. During the service there will be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of your loved ones. From next week there will be a list at the back of church for you to add the name of any loved one that you would like to be remembered and to indicate whether you will be attending. Alternatively, you could email the office with these details.



Saturday Coffee

will be starting up again on 13 November and on the second Saturday every month 10am–12pm downstairs in church. Come along for a chat and buy home-made cakes and produce.

After-Service Coffee

In November we will also re-start serving coffee after the 10am service. Please let Janice know if you will be willing to take part in the coffee rota.

Who's Who at St Mary's?

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PCC Members, any of whom can be approached for help or information:

Reverend Paul White; Michael Payne, John Speed; Martin Massy; Barry Wheeler & Mike Harvey (Deanery Synod reps.); Cathy Brill, Melissa Crawshay-Williams; Kirsty Finch; Jenny Hopkins; Richard Hopkinson; Janice Massy; Katerina Nixon; Lisa Porritt and other members.

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