



Newsletter and Notices

Sunday 11th October 2020 Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity



8am Said Holy Communion, Service in Church

10am Service of the Word, Service in Church & broadcast by [Zoom](#)

You are welcome to share in our worship in the following ways:

- 1. Come to Church** All are welcome! Remember to bring your order of service.
- 2. Join with Zoom on your computer**
When you are signed in you can 'Join a Meeting'.
Meeting ID **846 662 9590**, (Password **834900**).
- 3. Join with Audio Zoom via phone**
 - a) Call **0131 460 1196**
 - b) Enter Meeting ID: **846 662 9590** followed by #
 - c) You may be asked to enter Participant ID: press #
 - d) Enter Meeting Password: **834900** followed by #

You will be muted automatically when you join the 'meeting' (service).

Whether or not you might like to do this, let's be aware of the prayerful communion in God's Spirit that we all share, wherever we are, whether or not we are able to talk, video-conference or communicate with one another.

Collect for the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity:

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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.

It's been great to see families returning to our services, and in these times when it's not feasible for the Junior Church to meet we've created a few children's resources for families to share together –

- There's a [printable sheet on our website](#) which offers a prayer and activities that will help young people get to know the person of Jesus. This week's is based on the Gospel reading from Matthew. You might like to print the sheet and bring it to the service with some colouring pencils/crayons.
- You might also like to share in this week's Godly Story (a fantastic visual version of the scriptures in age appropriate language). Again, it's from our Gospel for today with wondering questions for families to talk about together. Find the video on YouTube [here](#).
- Finally, we have a few wipe-clean books in the children's seating on the green carpet in church if you'd like to use them.

Psalms for the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity, Psalm 23

Refrain: I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.
 He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. **[R]**
 He shall refresh my soul
 and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
 for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **[R]**
 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
 you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.
 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
 and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **[R]**

Gospel for the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity, Matthew 22. 1-14:

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

An anthem for the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

You might like to listen to Henry Purcell's '[Rejoice in the Lord alway](#)' from The Choir of St John's College, Cambridge. The words are taken from part of our New Testament reading for today, Philippians 4. 1-9.

Sermon Recordings – A number of people have recently said that they would value listening **again** to some of the sermons, to ponder them more deeply after the service. They will now be available on our website under [Recent Media](#) in the usual way.



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Final Red Bucket for the Bishop's Harvest Appeal, *Creating a Buzz in Nepal* –

Since the devastating earthquakes in 2015, Nepalese people are growing to appreciate beekeeping. Bees help to maintain the fragile biodiversity, as pollinators, enhancing crops, and a good income can be generated from honey sales.

NHS Test and Trace App – Anyone who downloads the new NHS Covid-19 app onto their phone can scan the code when they arrive at Church, and the app on their phone then remembers that they have visited the Church (data deleted after 21 days). You might prefer this option, or to complete the paper form (or do neither).

Participation at services in church and via Zoom – It is good to be employing a kind of 'hybrid' church in this period while many of us are gathering in the building and others are worshipping at home. It's good too to share the leading of our services between a range of voices. If anyone else would like to volunteer to participate in services – reading, praying, etc., do please let us know. This can be in person in church, or, for 10am services, via Zoom, if you cannot yet be with us in the building. **We would also value more stewards: for the Personal Prayer sessions, for 10am on Wednesdays and for 10am on Sundays.** Thank you for considering. Derwyn.

Activities in Church. If you need to carry out any activities in Church, please co-ordinate this with the Parish Office and make arrangements with a keyholder (such as a Warden) to access the Church at a suitable time. Please arrange any such activities to take place outside the times when the Church is open for private prayer.

If you'd like the Prayer Chain to pray for some concern which is on your heart, please make your prayer request to the coordinator, Diane Pettitt: diane.pettitt@hotmail.com / 461845. Requests are strictly confidential to the Prayer Chain, who will simply pray as asked and a request won't lead to further contact or action. If a request to the Prayer Chain would help, don't hesitate to make it.

St Michael's School needs a new school governor – At present all meetings take place virtually and the usual programme of governor visits to school has been paused but governors still have an important role to play in these challenging times for children's education. If you're interested in supporting our local church school and would like to find out more about this voluntary role, do contact the Parish Office.

The Children's Society collecting boxes, 11th and 18th October – For the next two Sundays we'll collect boxes at 10am Sunday Services. We will bring a container in which to place your box, and will contact you after counting. If you're unable to come to Church, please phone 659476 and we can make alternative arrangements. Many thanks to our box-holders for all their help, Pat and Alan Matthews.

The church is open for Personal Prayer

11am-1pm Monday to Friday, 10-11am Saturday, 10:45-11:30am Sunday

Saying Goodbye Service, Chelmsford Cathedral, 13th October 7:30pm – A baby loss remembrance and support service, part of nationwide events. Due to Covid-19, numbers are restricted but book online at sayinggoodbye.org/services/

Holy Communion on Wednesdays – Derwyn will be presiding at Holy Communion in church on **Wednesday 14th October**, and the service will also be broadcast by Zoom for those unable to attend in person. Meeting ID 846 662 9590, Password 834900. You can also dial in by phone as per instructions on previous page.

Prayers for our Community, 9:30am, Saturday 17th October – We meet in Church each Saturday for a half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

Royal School of Church Music Area Choirs Festival, 17th October – The Bishop of St Albans will preach and the Dean of St Albans will host the service in the Cathedral via Zoom. See the RSCM St Albans website for more information.

APCM, Sunday 25th October at 11am in Church – The agenda and further documents are on our website [here](#), please have another look to check you've seen all the papers. Please note we also plan to broadcast the APCM by Zoom, details are on the agenda. If you don't have internet access and would like to request a copy of the APCM documents, please phone the Parish Office; we will have a limited number of hard copies.

Services on Sunday 1st November – At 8am we will have Holy Communion for All Souls and at 10am a Service of the Word for All Saints.

Services on Sunday 8th November – At 8am we will celebrate Holy Communion for the Third Sunday before Advent. Our 10am service will be a Service of the Word with commemoration of the departed during the service and remembrance ceremonies in the churchyard at the end of the worship. There won't be a Book of Remembrance this year, only the names of those whose funerals or burials have been within the past year will be read out, but we will hold in our hearts all those whom we love and see no longer.

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