

Newsletter and Notices

Sunday 4th July 2021 Fifth Sunday after Trinity



8am Holy Communion, in Church 10am Service of the Word: 'A Dav of Thanksgiving' in Church & via Zoom

We're delighted to offer refreshments in the WCC after the 10am service.
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'. ID 846 662 9590, Passcode 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 Passcode: 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-call or communicate with one another.

Collect for The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Psalm for today, Psalm 123 Refrain: Our eyes wait upon the Lord our God.

To you I lift up my eyes, to you that are enthroned in the heavens.

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,

or the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

So our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until he have mercy upon us. [R]

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us,

for we have had more than enough of contempt.

Our soul has had more than enough of the scorn of the arrogant,

and of the contempt of the proud. [R]

Sovereign God, enthroned in the heavens, look upon us with your eyes of mercy, as we look on you with humility and love, and fill our souls with your peace through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

An anthem for today, 'Ubi Caritas'

You might like to listen to this version of the anthem 'Ubi Caritas', arranged by Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986), words from a Gregorian chant. It's sung by the choir of King's College, Cambridge.

Gospel for The Fifth Sunday after Trinity, Mark 6. 1-13

Jesus 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.



We're delighted to introduce a short session for children and young people during our Sunday 10am service! We invite them, with their adults, to come into the Lady Chapel during the sermon and prayers, and share in a short Godly Play (a visual storytelling of scriptures, with wondering questions to share together). We hope to be able to offer this most weeks.

- You might also like to explore the links on our <u>Children & Young People</u> page. There's a <u>printable sheet</u> which offers a prayer/activities that will help young people get to know the person of Jesus. This week's is based on today's Gospel reading.
- Tiny Tots is back, in a new and exciting way and Bridge Youth meets via Zoom for Bridge Zoom Worship this Sunday 4th July, 5:30-6:30pm. Meeting ID: 884 4536 8888. For meeting password, email: bridgeyouthchurch@gmail.com

Parish Register for June

We remember in our prayers the family of Henry Walton, whose funeral took place this last month.

We give thanks for the wedding of Adam and Kerry Andrews who were married in June and ask God's blessing on them in their married lives.



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The church is open each day for prayer, from early morning to late afternoon. Appropriate Covid precautions are still in place.

An opportunity to spend some comforting time in prayer, peace and reflection. Piano music is played on Fridays from 12-12.30pm (not Friday 2nd July).

Prayers for our Community in Church, Saturday 3rd July 9:30am A half hour session of informal prayer. All welcome.

Exploring Christianity – Following a request from a member of the congregation I am going to hold some sessions exploring the basics of Christianity. The first group of sessions will be on Tuesdays in July: 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 7pm in the Churches Centre. If you're an adult who'd like to consider baptism, or you've been baptised but might like to deepen and confirm your faith, you'd be welcome to join in; or if you'd like a refresher on the essentials of the Christian faith. You'd be very welcome to come for a 'taster' session on **6**th **July** and see if the sessions are for you. To express interest, please contact the Office. Thank you, Derwyn.

Holy Communion, Wednesday 7th July, 10am – On Wednesday we will have a service of Holy Communion, in church and via Zoom. You can also dial in by phone; instructions on previous page. (ID 846 662 9590, Passcode 834900).

'All new' Tiny Tots, Wednesday 7th July, 11 for 11:15am – Following the success of our recent launch we're delighted to be meeting each week in term time once again - offering a new style of worship for babies/toddlers and their parents / carers. Social distancing measures and Covid precautions will be in place and we are delighted to be able to offer refreshments before and after the service.

Parish Office contact and availability – As well as working from home each day from 9am-1pm, Katharine is available in the office on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10am to midday.

Holiday Bible Week 2021 'Eyewitness', 2nd-6th August – HBW will have a new format this year! The morning sessions (approx 10-11:30am) will be online on YouTube and Facebook, with all the things we all love about HBW: a mixture of live teaching, songs, puppets and games. In the afternoon there will be live sessions run at the Baptist Church from 1:30-4pm.

- Each day will be age specific; sign up here by Friday 2nd July 2021. **Maximum of 20** children per age group, so sign up as soon as possible.
- If you don't receive an afternoon place, watch the morning sessions online and collect a free craft pack from the Baptist Church or St James, Thorley on Sunday 1st August.
- Hotline will be at these centres too so your children will be able to have a chat and pray
 with them if they wish.
- We hope to have these centres available for dropping off children's work through the week, so that Emily and Eddie can have a look - a bit like our usual post box on site!

Zoom prayer with June on Mondays – A support chat and prayer room each week. If you're interested in joining, do call her for more details (771756).

St Michael's School has forthcoming Governor vacancies – We invite anyone who may be interested in service as a Foundation Governor (representing St Michael's Church) to come forward. No experience necessary and full training/support will be given for this most rewarding role. For more information speak to the Vicar or Katharine Stanley.

Recruitment of a Families Minister – We aim to advertise the role this Summer and we hope to be interviewing candidates towards the end of September. A key part of the role will be to help us re-establish our activities for children and young people at the church as we 'recover' from COVID, as well as reimagine and deliver our events at St Michael's. This is a very exciting time as we start to rebuild and renew our work with children, young people and their families! We recently sent out an email regarding opportunities to offer financial support for the role; the email is available here if you've not seen it.

National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast 2021 – "Dame Angela Leadsom MP led the event whose theme was 'Life beyond Covid - a Renewed Hope'. The speaker was The Rev'd Dr N.T. Wright, past Bishop of Durham, well known for his many books interpreting the Bible. You can watch the whole event here on YouTube which lasts about 50 minutes, but if you want to hear Tom Wright, fast forward about 25 minutes for his 10-minute talk which for me was challenging, encouraging and hopeful. I commend it to you." Derek.

Notes from Open Forum to discuss music and worship – The notes from the recent forum are available <u>on our website's Music Page</u>. A Working Group from the PCC is meeting again on 7th July to take our talks further.

Come join our St. Michaels' School Family – We currently still have spaces in both Reception and Nursery for the academic year 2021-22. We are now offering all day provision in Nursery. Do look at our school website and follow the link for the virtual tour to find out more about our thriving school and our 'Outstanding' (OFSTED 2019) EYFS.

Recycling – Last year St Michael's School inspired us to collect crisp packets. If you bring your crisp packets (and toothpaste tubes or broken pens) to church, we'll will take them directly to the shelter. Jenny Klincke is also collecting used and unused stamps and postcards, plus coins and medals, for **The Leprosy Mission**, who can use these to raise vital funds for their work. Please let Jenny know if you have large amounts of any of these latter four items and she will collect them directly.

Job Vacancy at The Leprosy Mission – They are recruiting for a full-time digital fundraising and marketing officer. If you're interested please see their website page here. More details of all services and events are available on the Calendar page on our website.

Do follow us on Social Media too, for regular updates.

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