



Notices for 1st September 2024

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

Collect:

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymns:

- 253** For the beauty of the earth
- 191** O thou who calmest from above
- 494** King of glory, King of peace
- 391** Blest are the pure in heart
- 262** O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder

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:

James 1.17-end

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

Hearing and Doing the Word

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Tradition of the Elders

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

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Then he said to them, ‘You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition! For Moses said, “Honour your father and your mother”; and, “Whoever speaks evil of father or mother must surely die.” But you say that if anyone tells father or mother, “Whatever support you might have had from me is Corban” (that is, an offering to God)— then you no longer permit doing anything for a father or mother, thus making void the word of God through your tradition that you have handed on. And you do many things like this.’

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, ‘Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.’

or it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.’

Post-communion prayer:

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Vacancy Notices and Dates - Any questions Dan & Peter

PRAYER CHAIN. If you have a prayer chain message between 6th and 14th September please contact Rod or Christine Clarke to start it.

Vacancy Plans – Bishop Paul has sent a very positive message to the parish, to say he understands that Cuddington is a very attractive proposition for the right person and we're keen to see you build on the great work that Theresa did and grow even further, so we're setting the bar high! Plans are now agreed to re-advertise during September, with interviews planned for 31 Oct.

Visiting Clergy – A number of visiting clergy will be helping us with our worship over the coming months. Our next visit will be the Archdeacon Martin Breadmore on Sunday 22nd September.

Lectern and Pulpit – Adjustments to the operation of zoom and associated sound system have been actively considered to include a greater use of the pulpit and lectern in our regular worship. Dan and Peter have discussed with all involved, and this now proceeds from 1 Sep.

Sharing of the Peace - Following discussion in PCC 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

Saturday 14th September Ride and Stride 2024

The Surrey Churches Preservation Trust (SCPT) is holding its annual Ride and Stride event on Saturday 14th September. This is an event where people are sponsored to visit Surrey Churches. If you would be available to act as steward on this date, *please see Peter, Dan or Sara.*

Saturday October 5th at 7pm

Harvest Festival Quiz night. *Tickets now available from Sara Tomlin*

Looking Forward...Sunday 24th November - Sunday Christmas Homemade Sunday Plus additional homemade Sundays - dates to be arranged.