



Notices for 8th September 2024

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity Creationtide 1

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

Collect:

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymns:

- 546** O worship the King all glorious above
- 442** God is love, let heaven adore him
- 474** Immortal, invisible
- 469** I heard the voice of Jesus say
- 490** Jesus shall. Reign where'er the sun

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 2.1-10

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

1-10 For the one who said, 'You shall not commit adultery', also said, 'You shall not murder.' Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement.

14-17 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Mark 7.24-end

The Syrophenician Woman's Faith

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the

demon has left your daughter.’ So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Jesus Cures a Deaf Man

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, ‘Ephphatha’, that is, ‘Be opened.’ And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, ‘He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.’

Post-communion prayer:

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Vacancy Notices and Dates - Any questions Dan & Peter

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

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

Monday 9th September - Knit and natter at 7.30pm In the Leverton Room
Enquiries Kate Nowak

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.*

Sunday 15th September – Exploring Spirituality 6pm-7pm in the Hall

The Spirituality of Children (and our own inner child). ALL WELCOME.

Enquiries Joan or Maggie

Thursday 19th September – THURSDAY CLUB 2:30pm in the Hall

We meet in the church hall when our favourite guitarist will be coming to entertain us. Refreshments provided. Everyone very welcome to join us.

Enquiries: Judith Round.

Saturday 5th October - Quiz Night 7pm in the Hall

Tickets are still available for the quiz night, tickets £10. We are holding a raffle on the night, so please could you bring any raffle prizes and put them at the back of the Church? Also, if you could make an apple crumble, we will be auctioning the left over crumbles at the end of the evening. If you would like to make one, please see Sara for a foil container to put it in. *Enquiries Sara*

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