



Notices for 15th September 2024

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity Creationtide 2

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

Collect:

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymns:

- 267** Thou whose almighty word
- 515** Lord thy word abideth
- 585** The church's one foundation
- 439** God be in my head
- 581** Take my life and let it be

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 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Mark 8:27-38

Peter's Declaration about Jesus

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Post-communion prayer:

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
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. Advertising closes on 1st October, with shortlisting on 10th Oct for Interview on 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 next Sunday 22nd September.

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.

Roof repairs – Please be aware that scaffolding and Cherry-picker crane will be arriving this week (16th Sep) in support of quinquennial repairs to our roof.

Dates for your diary

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 21st September – WOMENS GROUP 10am – 12pm in the Hall
Rod Clarke will be giving an illustrated talk on a recent exhibition at Guildford Cathedral on “post box toppers”. Do come along and admire the amazing crochet hats we often see on our post boxes. We meet at 10am for coffee and cake and the meeting ends by 12 noon.
Enquiries : Christine Clarke

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 Tomlin

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