



Notices for 16th of June 2024

The Third Sunday after Trinity

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

Collect:

God our saviour,
look on this wounded world
in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace
won for us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Hymns:

- 369** All people that on earth do dwell
- 411** Dear Lord and Father of mankind
- 54** I cannot tell
- 308** Just as I am
- 530** Now thank we all our God

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:

2 Corinthians 5.6-10, 14-17

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Mark 4.26-34

He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Post-communion prayer:

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining
and whose power we cannot comprehend:
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear
until we may look upon you without fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Vacancy Notices and Dates

Now that we have passed the closing date for applications, Dan and Peter as your two representatives will now meet with Revd Alex Stevens, Archdeacon Martin Breadmore and Bishop Paul Davies on Weds 12th June to shortlist candidates for interview in early July. Once shortlisting is confirmed, selected candidates will be invited to an informal introduction to the parish on Monday 1st July, an evening social with the PCC, and formal interviews on Tuesday 2nd July. Please understand that Peter and Dan will fully respect the confidentiality of those who have applied.

Sharing of the Peace

Following discussion in PCC, and consultation with the area dean, it is agreed that we will evolve our guidance for the exchange of the Peace. Our policy of asking everyone simply to wave was introduced during the Covid pandemic, and 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

Thursday, 20th June THURSDAY CLUB: We meet again this Thursday, at 2.30 in the church hall for an afternoon of companionship, board games and refreshments. Everybody very welcome. Any queries contact Judith via the Parish Office.

Saturday 22nd June 3pm - Midsummer tea party

Tickets are still available for the midsummer tea party on Saturday 22nd June at 3pm. If you would like a ticket, please see Sara, Daphne or Annie, or email Sara on sarablairtomlin@gmail.com

We would also welcome home-made tea items for this. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the Church if you are able to contribute.

Saturday 22nd June 7:30pm – Summer Concert 2024

Kingston and Malden Scout and Guide band performing at St Mary's church. Adult Entry £7:50, under 16 Free. ***Enquiries Karl Nicholas.***

Sunday 23rd June 12.30pm- 3pm 2nd Cuddington(Rowe) Scout group of which we have close connections with are having their Summer Fair. At 2nd Cuddington Scout Group, Rowe Hall. Lots of varied stalls and a raffle. Please come along and support them if you can.

Looking Forward...

Sunday 24th November - Sunday Christmas Homemade Sunday
Also - parish barbecue in September - date to be arranged
additional homemade Sundays - dates to be arranged.