



Notices for 20th of October 2024

The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

We welcome Revd Esther Hunt who will lead our service today

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

Collect:

Almighty God,
in whose service lies perfect freedom:
teach us to obey you
with loving hearts and steadfast wills;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymns:

- 470** I the Lord of sea and sky
- 267** Thou whose almighty word
- 398** Christ Triumphant, ever reigning
- 175** Come down O love divine
- 496** Lead us heavenly Father, lead us

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:

Hebrews 5.1-10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

‘You are my Son,

today I have begotten you’;

as he says also in another place,

‘You are a priest for ever,

according to the order of Melchizedek.’

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Mark 10.35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, ‘Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.’ And he said to them, ‘What is it you want me to do for you?’ And they said to him, ‘Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.’ But Jesus said to them, ‘You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?’ They replied, ‘We are able.’ Then Jesus said to them, ‘The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.’

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

Post-communion prayer:

Father of light,
in whom is no change or shadow of turning,
you give us every good and perfect gift
and have brought us to birth by your word of truth:
may we be a living sign of that kingdom
where your whole creation will be made perfect
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Vacancy Notices and Dates - Any questions Dan & Peter

Vacancy Plans – Following a meeting on 10th October with Bishop Paul, Archdeacon Martin and Area Dean Rosemary, it is decided that we will not interview at this time but keep the advert open in Dec/Jan for a closing date of 29th Jan. Shortlisting on 4th Feb for formal interview on 4th March.

Visiting Clergy – A number of visiting clergy will be helping us with our worship over the coming months, including Fr Mark Staff for 8am BCP on 3rd Nov, and Mat Ineson (Guildford Mission Enabler Lead) at 09:30 on 15th Dec.

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 19th October 10am is the next meeting of the Women's Group. There will be a choice of activities including a seasonal quiz, a game of lotto and a seasonal craft door decoration. We meet in the hall at 10am for coffee and cake and we finish by 12 noon.

Exploring Spirituality, Sunday 20th October, 6.00 – 7.00 pm in the Hall

Do join us as we consider *The Spirituality of Grace*. 'Grace' is a word we use often in Church, but how do we live it/experience it in our lives? ***More information from Maggie and Joan***

Sunday 3rd November – All Souls Commemoration 3pm Church

Sunday 10th November - Remembrance Parade Service 10:30am Church

Sunday 24th November - Sunday Christmas Homemade Sunday

Enquiries: Sara Tomlin and our social team

Sunday 1st Dec – Gift Day for Quinquennial Expenditure

Enquiries: Peter Harvey and David Eames.

Sunday 1st December 7pm Epsom and Ewell Silver Band Christmas concert at St. Mary's Church, The Avenue, Worcester Park. Tickets are £10, free for under 16's, including tea/coffee and a mince pie. Tickets are available from the Vale Rd G&A Express Newsagent or Wendy.

*We're already planning our Christmas services, and this will include a Carol Service on **Sunday 15th Dec @6:30pm**, and a Christingle Crib Service on **Christmas Eve at 4pm**. Good to note these in your diaries! Details of our full Advent and Christmas programme will follow nearer the time.*