

**NEXT SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2019
TWELTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

Readings: Philemon. 1-21
Luke 14. 25-33

- 8 am HOLY COMMUNION
President and Preacher:
Rev'd Marisa Cockfield
- 10 am COFFEE & CROISSANT before...
- 10.30 am ALL AGE SERVICE
Led by Rev'd Alan and the All Age
Team
- 11.30 am HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Alan Glover

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND SERVICES

Monday 2 September

Ps 80; Mic 1: 1-9; Mark 5: 1-20

**Tuesday 3 September, Gregory the
Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher, 604**

1 Thess 5: 1-6, 9-11; Ps 27: 1-8; Luke 4: 31-37

10.30 am Communion, MU Corporate Rev'd
Claire Rose-Casemore

Wednesday 4 September

Ps 119: 105-128; Mic ch3; Mark 5: 35-end

Thursday 5 September

Ps 92; Mic Mic 4: 1-5: 1 Mark 6: 1-13

Friday 6 September

Ps 88; Mic 5: 2-end; Mark 6: 14-end

Saturday 7 September

Ps 97; Mic ch6; Mark 6: 30-44

8 am Prayers

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Our Purpose:

TO SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD

**SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2019
ELEVENTH AFTER TRINITY**

WELCOME! Please stay for tea or coffee
after the service—we would love to chat
with you.

If you don't normally take
communion but would like God's blessing,
please come up to the altar rail bringing
this bulletin. Alcohol free wine is available
at the 10 am service: please go to the right
hand side of the altar and then ask the
chalice administrator. Gluten free
wafers are also available on request before
the service.

This morning's preacher at the 8 am and
10 am services is Rev'd Claire Rose-
Casemore.

Tonight's service is Evensong at 7 pm with
Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore.

COFFEE AND COMMUNION is tomorrow,
Mon 2 Sept, **now at 10.30 for 11 am** at
Jean Stewart's. This is a change from the
original plan to have the service in the
afternoon.

THANK YOU We would like to say a big
thank you to Allchurches Trust who have
just awarded St Mary's a grant of £2,250
towards the cost of the planned disabled
access at the main entrance. Thanks also
to Jo Gillard for making the application.

Big thanks to the folk who took the Music
Makers throws and washed them, you are
wonderful. We start again for the Autumn
Term on Wed 11 Sept at 9.45 am. If you
have not been before please do come
along, see what we get up to and have a
coffee. *Lorna*

A friend of mine has been given a number of squares knitted for charity and is looking for someone to sew them together to make blankets. Could you be that person? Please speak to me in church, ring me on 425311 or e-mail me at carolandminnie@yahoo.co.uk Thank you. *Carol North.*

DIARY DATES

MOTHERS' UNION on Mon 9 Sept at 2 pm. The talk by John Vinton on Modern Day Slavery is open to everyone in church, not just M.U. members.

BOOKWORMS on Mon 16 Sept at 7.30 pm at Maggie Murray's will be looking at A Place Called Winter by Patrick Gale.

HARVEST TIME SUPPER AND FUN CEILIDH, Sat 19 Oct (7-10 pm) at Pollyfield Centre. Supper and Children's Dance Competition from 7 pm. Dance starts 8.30 pm.

Tickets £7.50, Under 15's £2. Tickets (with payment) from Ro Day 01271 860520.

Sign up list at back of church from today for supper choices.

Any queries—Maggie Murray 477568.

Dates of Events and Meetings

- Sept
 Mon 2 10.30 for 11 am Coffee and Communion at Jean Stewart's
 6.30-9 pm Rev'd Claire's Surgery (appointments necessary)
 Sat 7 8.15 am Men's Breakfast
 Mon 9 2 pm Mothers' Union
 Tues 10 7.30 pm Parish Prayer
 Wed 11 9.45 & 11 am Music Makers
 Thurs 12 12.30 pm Funeral of Leonard "Sam" Wrey

If we can do anything to help you please get in touch. If we don't have the answers we will try to put you in touch with someone who does. Contact Church Office 474078 or Lorna 477117.

Please note if you need anything to go in bulletin for *Sunday 15 Sept* please let the office have by *Wednesday 4 Sept.*

From a spark to a flame.

Refuge from cruel wars,
 Havens from fear,
 Cities for sanctuary,
 Freedoms to share;
 Peace to the killing-fields,
 Scorched earth to green,
 Christ for the bitterness,
 His cross for the pain.

Rest for the ravaged earth,
 Oceans and streams
 Plundered and poisoned—
 Our future, our dreams.
 Lord, end our madness,
 Carelessness, greed;
 Make us content with
 The things that we need.

God of the poor ...

Lighten our darkness,
 Breathe on this flame
 Until Your justice
 Burns brightly again;
 Until the nations
 Learn of Your ways,
 Seek Your salvation
 And bring You their praise.

God of the poor ...

FAITHFUL ONE, SO UNCHANGING,
 Ageless One, You're my Rock of peace.
 Lord of all, I depend on You,
 I call out to You again and again.
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 You are my rock in times of trouble.
 You lift me up when I fall down.
 All through the storm Your love is the anchor,
 My hope is in You alone.

FINAL HYMN

BLESSED ASSURANCE, JESUS IS MINE:
 O what a foretaste of glory divine!
 Heir of salvation, purchase of God;
 Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*This is my story, this is my song,
 Praising my Saviour all the day long.
 This is my story, this is my song,
 Praising my Saviour all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
 Visions of rapture burst on my sight;
 Angels descending bring from above
 Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
 I in my Saviour am happy and blessed;
 Watching and waiting, looking above,
 Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

The praises of Jesus
The angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces,
And worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore,
And give Him His right,
All glory and power,
All wisdom and might,
All honour and blessing,
With angels above,
And thanks never ceasing,
And infinite love.

COMMUNION HYMNS

MY JESUS, MY SAVIOUR,
Lord, there is none like You.
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
Tower of refuge and strength,
Let every breath, all that I am,
Never cease to worship You.

*Shout to the Lord all the earth, let us
sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down
And the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands.
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the
Promise I have in You.*

BEAUTY FOR BROKENNESS,
Hope for despair,
Lord, in Your suffering world
This is our prayer:
Bread for the children,
Justice, joy, peace;
Sunrise to sunset,
Your kingdom increase!

Shelter for fragile lives,
Cures for their ills,
Work for the craftsman,
Trade for their skills;
Land for the dispossessed,
Rights for the weak,
Voices to plead the cause
Of those who can't speak.

*God of the poor,
Friend of the weak,
Give us compassion we pray:
Melt our cold hearts,
Let tears fall like rain;
Come, change our love*

Please pray for those people living in:

Monday: Buckland Road, Bull Hill
Tuesday: Burton Road, Buttgarden Street
Wednesday: St Mary's Flats, Capern Road
Thursday: Cedar Way, Chanters Lane
Friday: Chanters Road, Chantry Avenue
Saturday: Chapel Street, Chestnut Drive

Please pray for those who are sick:

Jean Bale, Amanda Beer, Maryanne Benson, Trish Bishop, Pauline Carpenter, Tim Cotter, Nicky Day, Alan Hooper, Tyler Hooper Graham and Karel Johnston, Eileen King, Alan Power, Beryl Pullin, David Sharp, Kevin Smith, Phyllis Ward, Iris Way, Marion Woolf

Please remember the souls of the departed, particularly Leonard "Sam" Wrey, and the families of those who have recently been bereaved, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

ENTRANCE HYMN

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS
O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not
Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been
Thou forever will be
Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
And all I have needed Thy hand hath provid-
ed
Great is Thy faithfulness
Lord unto me
Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer
And to guide
Strength for today
and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside

COLLECT

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your
kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

FROM HEAVEN YOU CAME, helpless babe,
Entered our world, Your glory veiled;
Not to be served but to serve,
And give Your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow Him,
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears,
My heavy load He chose to bear;
His heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not My will but Yours,' He said.

Come see His hands and His feet,
The scars that speak of sacrifice;
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered.

So let us learn how to serve,
And in our lives enthrone Him;
Each other's needs to prefer,
For it is Christ we're serving.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 14: 1, 7 -14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

OFFERTORY HYMN

YE SERVANTS OF GOD,
Your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad
His wonderful name;
The name all-victorious
Of Jesus extol;
His kingdom is glorious
And rules over all.

God ruleth on high,
Almighty to save;
And still He is nigh,
His presence we have;
The great congregation
His triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation
To Jesus our King.

Salvation to God,
Who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud,
And honour the Son;