

Newsletter – 13th October 2019



St. Mary the Virgin, Hartfield
Holy Trinity, Colemans Hatch

Today's Readings

Psalm 98



Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvellous things;
his right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.
The LORD has made his salvation known
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.
He has remembered his love
and his faithfulness to Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with music;
make music to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of singing,
with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—
shout for joy before the LORD, the King.
Let the sea resound, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it.
Let the rivers clap their hands,
let the mountains sing together for joy;
let them sing before the LORD,
for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

Philippians 4: 1-9

Closing Appeal for Steadfastness and Unity

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

Revd Julie writes:

Over the past six years. I have conducted many funerals and services of Thanksgiving.

Living in a village, one can't help but be aware that loss and sadness affects us both individually and corporately. In November, we have a special day of Remembrance to remember all who have died at the hands of war.

We remember those who fought bravely in our own parishes. But on a more personal level, we sometimes feel we need to have an opportunity to remember loved ones who have died. To have an opportunity to give thanks for all that they have meant to us.

We come seeking to learn of God's love and to open our lives to the strength that he can give us as we continue on the journey of life without them. To pray for ourselves and all who mourn that we would be comforted.

We will be holding a service on the **1st November at midday in St Mary's Church**. This service is for everyone who has experienced loss recently or in the past. It may be that you haven't been to church for a while but I want to invite you to come and have an opportunity to listen to the words and music. To give thanks for the life you remember as we light a candle and offer prayers.

There will be a Book of Remembrance as you come in. These names will then be read out during a time of reflection and remembrance.

At the end of the service you are invited to stay for a simple lunch of bread and soup. Please let me know if you are coming. Rev Julie 01892 770 436 or revjuliesear1@gmail.com

Harvest Appeal

We are delighted to be able to confirm that the we raised over £2,000 in aid of Toilet Twinning. This will be sufficient to provide around 30 new toilets!

Thank you to you all for your generosity. **Revd. Julie**



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Pauline Maynard has confirmed the final amount raised at the coffee morning was £945.64. Thank you to all who contributed so generously and to Pauline and all the team who worked so hard to make the event such a success. **Revd. Julie**



a prayer for the nation

God of hope,
in these times of change,
unite our nation
and guide our leaders with your wisdom.
Give us courage to overcome our fears,
and help us to build a future
in which all may prosper and share;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



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Join with us as we pray for our political leaders and civil servants as they navigate the course to our future relationship with the EU.

“I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.” 1 Timothy 2:1 – 4

Pray as if they can hear you

We sometimes read 1 Timothy 2:1 – 4 as if the “kings and all who are in high position” would never be interested in us. But this was not guaranteed for the first Christians, including Paul himself, who often appears before these rulers to answer questions about his faith. Later, the early Christian apologists described how they prayed as a way of showing their suspicious leaders what Christianity was like. Paul’s life gives us a number of principles that can guide our prayers for those in authority. Please pray that they nurture Christian ideas about what we want society to become.

New! Together @4



Just a reminder that our new tea time service will commence on October 20th. Guest speaker will be Lloyd Harp from Rudgwick. Hot chocolate/coffee/lots of cake/Everyone welcome.

Administrator

If you have items for our newsletter please contact Trevor Sear on 01892 770 436 email: tgsear57@outlook.com Working days Tuesday am and Thursday.

Forthcoming Services

October 13th - 17th Sunday after Trinity

St Mary's 8am Holy Communion BCP*

9:30am Morning Praise

Readings: Philippians 4: 1-9 Psalm 98

Holy Trinity 11am Holy Communion BCP

Readings: Philippians 4: 1-9 Psalm 98

October 20th - 18th Sunday after Trinity

St Mary's 9:30am Holy Communion and Sunday Discoverers

Readings: Acts 16: 11-15 2 Timothy 1: 1-10

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Holy Trinity 11am Matins

Readings: Acts 16: 11-15 2 Timothy 1: 1-10

October 27th - 19th Sunday after Trinity

St Mary's 8am Holy Communion BCP

9:30am Morning Praise

Readings: Genesis 18.23-32 Ephesians 4.17-32

Holy Trinity 11am Holy Communion BCP

Readings: Genesis 18.23-32 Ephesians 4.17-32

November 1st - All Saints Day

St Mary's 12noon All Souls Service and Lunch

November 3rd - 20th Sunday after Trinity

St Mary's 9:30am Holy Communion, Sunday Discoverers, Big Breakfast

Readings: Proverbs 9.1-6 Ephesians 5.15-21

Holy Trinity 11am Sunday Praise

Readings: Proverbs 9.1-6 Ephesians 5.15-21

6:30pm Choral Evensong

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