



Notices for 2nd of June 2024

The First Sunday after Trinity

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

Collect:

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son.

Hymns:

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| 163 | All hail the power of Jesu's name |
| 513 | Lord, the light of your love is shining |
| 621 | Who would true valour see |
| 384 | Be still my soul |
| 598 | There's a wideness in God's mercy |

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:

Deuteronomy 5.12-15

Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

Mark 2.23-3.6

One sabbath he was going through the cornfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, 'Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?' And he said to them, 'Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.' Then he said to them, 'The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.'

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, 'Come forward.' Then he said to them, 'Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?' But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

Post-communion prayer:

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Vacancy Notices and Dates

On Weds 17th April, the PCC held what is known as a “Section 11 Meeting”. In this meeting it was agreed that the Parish Profile is now finalised, we will proceed to advertise the position in the Church Times during May, and Dan and Peter are now elected as the parish representatives for the interview process. Dan and Peter will meet with Revd Alex Stevens, Archdeacon Martin Breadmore and Bishop Paul Davies in early June to consider applications for interview in early July.

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

Monday 10th June Knit and Natter next session is in The Leverton Room at 7.30pm.

Saturday 15th June 10:30am to 3pm- Big Day Out

We will be taking part in this year's Big Day Out in Shadbolt Park and It will be good to have a strong presence for the event to promote our church in the community. If you are able to help out for all or part of the time, please add your name to the list at the back of the church or contact David Eames.

Saturday 22nd June 3pm - Midsummer tea party

Tickets are now on sale 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

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.*

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.

latest top 5 Requirements for Epsom & Ewell foodbank donations.

1. Cooking Sauces 2. Tea Bags 3. Custard 4. Instant Mash 5. Sponge Puddings