

**Collect: Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

A very warm Welcome

We sing God's praise

1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus,  
His the sceptre, his the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood.  
Jesus, out of every nation,  
Has redeemed us by his blood.

2. Alleluia! Not as orphans  
Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us;  
Faith believes nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him  
When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget his promise,  
"I am with you evermore"?

3. Alleluia! Bread of angels,  
Thou on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! Here the sinful,  
flee to thee from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
earth's Redeemer, plead for me;  
Where the songs of all the sinless,  
sweep across the crystal sea.

4. Alleluia! King eternal,  
Thee the Lord of Lords we own;  
Alleluia! Born of Mary,  
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne.  
Thou within the veil hast entered,  
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;  
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim,  
In the Eucharistic Feast...

[Music – St Michael's Singers – Coventry Cathedral]



We confess our sins and receive God's forgiveness

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
We are heartily sorry,  
and repent of all our sins.  
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.

We pray to God - McKie family

We sing God's praise

1. Just as I am, without one plea,  
But that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee  
O Lamb of God, I come!

2. Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt  
Fighting within and fears without  
O Lamb of God, I come!

3. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind  
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find  
O Lamb of God, I come!

4. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve  
Because Thy promise I believe  
O Lamb of God, I come!

5. Just as I am, Thy love unknown  
Hath broken every barrier down;  
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come!

6. Just as I am, of that free love  
The breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
Here for a season, then above,  
O Lamb of God, I come!

We declare our faith in God

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living  
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

God's Word: Isaiah 58:1-12 Margaret Knight

<sup>1</sup>“Shout it aloud, do not hold back.  
Raise your voice like a trumpet.  
Declare to my people their rebellion  
and to the descendants of Jacob their sins.  
<sup>2</sup>For day after day they seek me out;  
they seem eager to know my ways,  
as if they were a nation that does what is right  
and has not forsaken the commands  
of its God.  
They ask me for just decisions  
and seem eager for God to come near them.  
<sup>3</sup>‘Why have we fasted,’ they say,  
‘and you have not seen it?’  
Why have we humbled ourselves,  
and you have not noticed?’  
“Yet on the day of your fasting,  
you do as you please  
and exploit all your workers.  
<sup>4</sup>Your fasting ends in quarrelling and strife,  
and in striking each other with wicked fists.  
You cannot fast as you do today  
and expect your voice to be heard on high.  
<sup>5</sup>Is this the kind of fast I have chosen,  
only a day for people to humble themselves?  
Is it only for bowing one’s head like a reed  
and for lying in sackcloth and ashes?  
Is that what you call a fast,  
a day acceptable to the LORD?”

<sup>6</sup>“Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen:  
to loose the chains of injustice  
and untie the cords of the yoke,  
to set the oppressed free  
and break every yoke?  
<sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your food with the hungry  
and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter  
- when you see the naked, to clothe them,  
and not to turn away from your own flesh  
and blood?  
<sup>8</sup>Then your light will break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing will quickly appear;  
then your righteousness will go before you,  
and the glory of the LORD will be your  
rear guard.  
<sup>9</sup>Then you will call, and the LORD will answer;  
you will cry for help, and he will say:  
Here am I.

“If you do away with the yoke of oppression,  
with the pointing finger and malicious talk,  
<sup>10</sup>and if you spend yourselves in behalf of  
the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the oppressed,  
then your light will rise in the darkness,  
and your night will become like the noonday.  
<sup>11</sup>The LORD will guide you always;  
he will satisfy your needs in a  
sun-scorched land  
and will strengthen your frame.  
You will be like a well-watered garden,  
like a spring from whose waters never fail.  
<sup>12</sup>Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins  
and will raise up the age-old foundations;  
you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls,  
Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

We praise God and reflect on His word

**1. My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To Him who bore my pain;  
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace  
And gave me life again;  
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness  
And clothed me in His light  
And wrote His law of righteousness  
With pow’r upon my heart.**

**2. My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To Him who walks beside;  
Who floods my weaknesses with strength  
And causes fears to fly;  
Whose ev’ry promise is enough  
For ev’ry step I take,  
Sustaining me with arms of love  
And crowning me with grace.**

**3. My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To him who reigns above,  
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace,  
Whose ev'ry thought is love.  
For ev'ry day I have on earth  
Is given by the King;  
So I will give my life, my all,  
To love and follow him.**

[Music - The Best Of Stuart Townend Live]

God's Word Mark 2:13-22 Hugh Rankin

<sup>13</sup> Once again Jesus went out beside the lake. A large crowd came to him, and he began to teach them. <sup>14</sup> As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him. <sup>15</sup> While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. <sup>16</sup> When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

<sup>17</sup> On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but those who are ill. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

<sup>18</sup> Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. Some people came and asked Jesus, "How is it that John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees are fasting, but yours are not?" <sup>19</sup> Jesus answered, "How can the guests of the bridegroom fast while he is with them? They cannot, so long as they have him with them. <sup>20</sup> But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them, and on that day they will fast.

<sup>21</sup> "No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. Otherwise, the new piece will pull away from the old, making the tear worse. <sup>22</sup> And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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Meeting Jesus means Celebration - Hubert

<p>1. Who called you to be a Christian? Did you celebrate? 2. Who are the 'outcasts' of our society? How often do you eat with them? If not, why not? What should we do or be prepared to do? 3. Do we have any old ways (patches and old wineskins) that we cling onto in being a Christian? What should we do about them? 4. In Jesus' Kingdom, how do we navigate the tension between fasting and feasting?</p>
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**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen**

We praise God as we sing

**1. When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
save in the death of Christ, my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them through His blood.**

**3. See from His head, His hands, His feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did ever such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were n offering far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

[Music: The Best Hymns Album, St Michael's Singers]

Before Virtual Coffee, we receive God's blessing

May God give you  
his comfort and his peace,  
his light and his joy,  
in this world and the next;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
be among you and remain with you always.  
Amen.

# Notice Sheet

## Zoom Meeting Details

For **After Church Coffee**, the Tuesday/Thursday **Prayer Hubs**, the number is **352 987 984**  
To join by phone dial 0330 088 5830,  
then enter the meeting number followed by #.  
Password if required 333.

## Virtual Picnic Opportunity!

We were hoping Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August we'd finally head over to Bewl Water for a picnic: sadly, it doesn't seem the right time. Instead, let's get creative (another of Pete's passions!) and think about alternative 'get-togethers'. Which church friend or friends could you schedule a catch up with? Many of us are getting used to Zoom, but what about a virtual picnic or afternoon tea via Zoom/dial in? Or if the weather's kind a garden catch up - bring your own picnic etc. Or just pick up the dog and bone and catch up with someone that way. *Let's relish the opportunities we do have, rather than being consumed by the list of things we can't do...*



## Holy Communion Opportunity!

Feasting and fasting are in today's passage: so long without Communion feels like an unwelcome fast, we long for Jesus, the Bread of Life! Although our main service continues to be online at 10am, Pete and the Wardens felt it was important to provide an opportunity for people to celebrate Communion as soon as we can do so safely. So, instead of Compline, we are holding two simple said Communion services: 2<sup>nd</sup> August at Trinity, and 9<sup>th</sup> August at St Mary's. All are welcome to choose whichever date suits best, and 'book in' via email or call by 6pm the day before. If we have more people than seats, we will additionally offer a 5pm Communion, so please can you also let us know if you would be available at 5pm if the need arises. For 2<sup>nd</sup> August please contact Penny on [duriepj@aol.com](mailto:duriepj@aol.com) or 712612; or for 9<sup>th</sup> August please email Joanna on [Joanna.beech97@gmail.com](mailto:Joanna.beech97@gmail.com) or 852312. Any questions please keep an eye on the websites, or speak to Pete or one of the Wardens.

## Today! 11-11:30am...

Virtual After Church Tea/Coffee  
by zoom or dial-in – all welcome!

Tonight! 6pm Compline At St. Mary's

## Tues 28th July Prayer Hub

10-10:45am each Tuesday morning  
by zoom, or dial-in.

Tues evening Night Prayer/Compline  
Audio tab on website or 01580 234185.

## Wed 29th July NO SPACE

## Thurs 30th July NO Prayer Hub

HUGS meeting this week

## Fri 31st July BCP Night Prayer/Compline

Audio tab on website or 01580 234185.

## Face coverings in church buildings

Following C of E guidelines 'People are also encouraged to wear face coverings in enclosed public spaces where there are people they do not normally meet, such as a place of worship. We strongly advise that face coverings should be worn by all those attending a place of worship, including ministers, worshippers, staff, volunteers, contractors and visitors, where there may be other people present; remembering that they are mainly intended to protect other people, not the wearer, from coronavirus COVID-19 and that they are not a replacement for physical distancing and regular hand washing.'

## Private prayer times:

**Trinity Church** - Thursday 30th July 12-1pm  
and Sunday 2nd August from 5.30pm  
**St Mary's** - Thursday 30th July 9.30-10.30am

## **Sunday 2nd August 2020 Trinity 8**

United Benefice of Sissinghurst  
with Frittenden

**10am Agendas Changed by Meeting Jesus online**  
**6pm Said Communion at Trinity, Sissinghurst**