



1st September 2024
14th Sunday After Trinity

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Notices

Contact Magazine

Many thanks to all who have offered to help with distribution of the new magazine. Please collect your bundle from the hall next Sunday, 8th September.

Thank You for the Music

Welcome back to the choir, returning from the summer break. Do you sing alto, tenor or bass? If you would like to join the choir, please speak to Tim Bayton today.

Harvest Supper

The harvest supper will take place on Saturday 21st September. On the following day, we will celebrate harvest festival at the Parish Eucharist and there will be a Fairtrade stall in the hall.

Collect

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

10.00 am Music

Music Setting: Inwood et al.

Processional hymn 19 All My Hope on God is Founded

Offertory hymn 244 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Communion anthem Laudate Dominum

Recessional hymn 493 O Jesus, I Have Promised

This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am

Online: Mon, Wed

In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

Mon 2nd September Luke 4: 16 – 30
7.00 pm Choir practice

Tue 3rd September Luke 4: 31 – 37
2.30 pm Churchwardens meet

Wed 4th September Luke 4: 38 – 44
12.00 noon Eucharist
3.30 pm Messy Church

Thu 5th September Luke 5: 1 – 11
7.30 pm Fr Brian's house group

Fri 6th September Luke 5: 33 – 39
2.00 pm Craft group

Sat 7th September Luke 6: 1 – 5

Next Sunday: 8th September

Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity

Mark 7: 24 – 37

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

TODAY

4.00 pm Celebrate Together

6.00 pm Evening Prayer & Benediction

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4: 1-2 & 6-9

Moses spoke to the people; he said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. [...] You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

Second Reading: James 1: 17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act – they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Gospel Reading: Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15 & 21-23

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' Jesus said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.' [...] Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. [...] For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'