

Daily Bread

Feria of 21st Week of Ordinary Time

Monday, 26th August

2 Thessalonians 1: 1-5, 11-12;
Matthew 23: 13-22

Tuesday, 27th August

2 Thessalonians 2: 1-17;
Matthew 23: 23-26

Wednesday, 28th August

2 Thessalonians 3: 6-10, 16-18;
Matthew 23: 27-32

Thursday, 29th August

1 Corinthians 1: 1-9;
Matthew 24: 42-51

Friday, 30th August

1 Corinthians 1: 17-25;
Matthew 25: 1-13

Saturday, 31st August

1 Corinthians 1: 26-31;
Matthew 25: 14-30

Sunday, 1st September

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-9;
Psalm 15; James 1: 17-27;
Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Eucharist (St John's Church),
10.30am



Announcements

Next Sunday, 1 September: There will be no service at St Serf's Church on Sunday, 1 September. There will be a 1982 Eucharist at St John's Church at 10.30am. All are welcome.

Morning Prayer will be livestreamed at 9am on Facebook on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Vestry Meeting: The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, 28 August at St Serf's at 7.30pm.** All items for discussion for the agenda should be notified to Trudy Hill by today.

Days Off: Revd Tess takes **Thursday and Friday** as days off.

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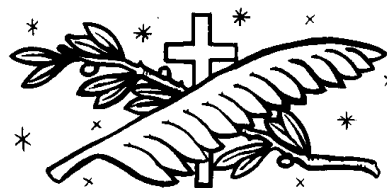
14th Sunday after Pentecost

25th August 2024

Welcome to our church for this Sunday's service; do stay for tea or coffee afterwards, we look forward to meeting you. If the morning service is the celebration of the Eucharist, all are welcome to make their communion here. Or if you prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward to the rail with arms by your sides.

Collect

Almighty and eternal God, by your generous love you grant to those who pray more than is desired or deserved: pour down your mercy upon us, forgiving what our conscience fears, and granting what we dare not ask; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.



Lectionary

Joshua 24: 1-2a, 14-18

A reading from the book of Joshua.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, 'Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.' Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.'

Psalm 34: 15-22

R I sought the Lord, and he answered me.

15 The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.

16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

R

17 The righteous cry and the Lord hears them and delivers them from all their troubles.

18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

R

19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.

20 He will keep safe all his bones; not one of them shall be broken.

R

21 Evil shall slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, and none will be punished who trust in him.

R I sought the Lord, and he answered me.

Ephesians 6: 10-20

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to

quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

John 6: 56-69

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Jesus said to the crowd:

‘Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.’ He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, ‘This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?’ But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, ‘Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.’ For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, ‘For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.’

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, ‘Do you also wish to go away?’ Simon Peter answered him, ‘Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.’

Post Communion

Living God, increase in us the healing power of your love. Guide and direct us that we may please you in all things, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Intercessions

Please pray for healing and comfort for:

Dorothea, David, Alex, Elizabeth, Valerie, Ina, Joseph, Liz, Harry John, Danut, Mihaela, Alan, Janet, Christina, John, Sarah and Ashley.

Faithful departed anniversaries:

Tony Langford, William Donald and Jean Gunnee.

Today's Readings

First Reading - Jos 24: 1-2, 14-18

Joshua gathers the elders of the tribes of Israel, affirms his own commitment to God's service, and invites them to rededicate themselves to the God who brought them from the land of Egypt. They agree.

Second Reading - Eph 6: 10-20

Paul, “an ambassador in chains” for the Gospel, urges his readers to put on the

armour of God against the powers of evil.

Gospel - John 6: 56-69

Jesus' teaching disturbs his disciples and he challenges their unbelief. Peter asks, to whom else should the Twelve turn, since Jesus has the words of eternal life?

Communion

“Lord, you alone have the words of eternal life”.

So answered Peter.

The words of Jesus truly brought life to people.

“Go in peace, your sins are forgiven”.
With these words he set sinners free.
“Fear not, it
when they thought they were lost.

“Launch is I”.
With these words he calmed the fears of his apostles out into the deep and let down the net for a catch”.
With these words he challenged Peter to try again after a long night of failure.
“This day you will be with me in Paradise”.
With these words he brought light into the dark world of a condemned man.

Jesus truly had the words of life.
Yet many of his followers refused to believe in him and left him.

We live in a world that is full of contradictory voices and false prophets.
May we not be led astray.
Jesus alone can give us eternal life, if like Peter we stay with him even when many forsake him.