

Daily Bread

Feria of 24th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday, 16th September

1 Corinthians 11: 17-28, 33;

Luke 7: 1-10

Tuesday, 17th September

1 Corinthians 12: 12-14, 27-31;

Luke 7: 11-17

Wednesday, 18th September

1 Corinthians 12: 31 - 13: 13;

Luke 7: 31-35

Thursday, 19th September

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11;

Luke 7: 36-50

Friday, 20th September

1 Corinthians 15: 12-20;

Luke 8: 1-3

Saturday, 21st September

1 Corinthians 15: 35-49;

Luke 8: 4-15

Sunday, 22nd September

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 11: 18-20; Psalm 54;

James 3: 13 - 4: 3, 7-8a;

Mark 9: 30-37

Eucharist (St Serf's Church),

10.30am



Announcements

Next Sunday, 22 September: There will be a 1982 Eucharist at St Serf's Church at 10.30am (no service at St John's). All are welcome.

Cheese & Wine Night: There will be a Cheese and Wine Night at **St Serf's** on **Saturday, 21 September** at **7pm**. There is no charge for this event so why not come along and enjoy a relaxing social evening with your friends and family. All are welcome

Morning Prayer will not be livestreamed while Tess is on annual leave and will restart on Monday 23rd September.

Annual Leave: The Revd Tess will not be available till Saturday, 21 September.

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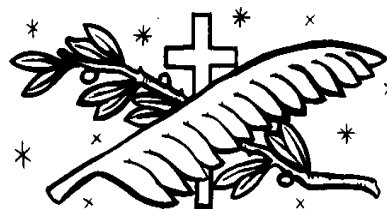
17th Sunday after Pentecost

15th September 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

Guard your Church, O Lord, with your perpetual mercy: and since without your aid we lose our way, draw us always, by your help, away from harm, and steer us towards salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.



Lectionary

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The servant of the Lord said:
The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Psalm 116: 1-8

R I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; I came to grief and sorrow.

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3 Then I called upon the name of the Lord:
'O Lord, I pray you, save my life.'

4 Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

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5 The Lord watches over the innocent; I was brought very low and he helped me.

6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has treated you well.

R

7 For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling.

8 I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

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James 3: 1-12

A reading from the letter of James.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the

human species, but no one can tame the tongue – a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Mark 8: 27-38

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

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' Jesus asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life

will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Post Communion

God of peace, in this eucharist we have been reconciled to you and to our neighbours. May we who have been nourished by holy things always have the courage to forgive. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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.

Today's Readings

First Reading - Isaiah 50: 4-9a

The Lord's servant has listened to God and given ear to the teacher. Many hurled insults and physical blows, but he did not retaliate, knowing that God would vindicate and was near. If the Lord helps, who can declare the servant guilty?

Second Reading - James 3: 1-12

Not many should become teachers. They will be judged more harshly. Although small, the tongue is a fire which no one can tame. It blesses God, but also curses those who were made in the likeness of God.

Gospel - Mark 8: 27-38

Jesus asks his disciples who people say that he is. John the Baptist or Elijah, they reply. He then asks who the disciples say that he is and Peter declares, "You are the Messiah." Jesus then foretells his death and resurrection and Peter rebukes him. But Jesus tells them that those who want to follow him must take up their cross.

Reflection

"Faith without good works is dead". So says the apostle St James.

A watch that has a gold chain but which does not tell the time is worthless.

A fruit tree which in spring is full of blossoms and leaves, but when autumn comes has no fruit, is false and is only taking up space.

It is the same with faith. A faith that does not lead to works of love - such as kindness, compassion, forgiveness – is false and useless and dead.

Mother Teresa put it like this: "If we believe, we will love. If we love, we will serve".

It is as simple as that.