



Welcome to St Mary's Church

Following Christ, serving you

SUNDAY SERVICES 15th September 2024

8.00am

HOLY COMMUNION

10:15am

PARISH COMMUNION

Anthem: Jesu Joy (Bach)

Hymns: 398, 432, 622, 468

6:00pm

EVENING PRAYER

16TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY SUNDAY

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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.

First Reading – Isaiah 50:4-9a

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 backwards. 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?

Second Reading – James 3:1-12

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.

Gospel Reading – Mark 8:27-end

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.' He 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 Prayer

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please pray for all preparing for baptism and marriage, those who are sick or in hospital, and those who have died, and all who mourn.

Church Diary

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES

Monday 9:15am - Morning Prayer
Wednesday 10:00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd September – 17th Sunday after Trinity Sunday
8:00am - Holy Communion
10:15am – Parish Communion
6:00pm – Choral Evensong

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

to help you prepare to worship next Sunday

Jeremiah 11:18-20 | James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a | Mark 9:30-37

Parish news and notices

FACULTY NOTICE – David Watkins is applying for a faculty to introduce a memorial on his grandfather's grave. Details of the proposed work are available on the noticeboard in the History corner.

BOOKBOX on Wednesday, 18th September at 8:00pm in the Community Hall – Respected author **Bashir Sakhawarz** offers us a searing and vivid account of the life of Deeba, an Afghan woman who faces insuperable odds as she and her family live through decades of foreign invasions and power struggles, from the Soviet Union, Mujahideen, to the British and American forces. *Escape from the Taliban: One Woman's Experiences in Afghanistan* is a riveting read. Copies will be available to order from Regency Bookshop. £10 tickets are now available from Regency Bookshop and Eventbrite.

FILM FRIDAY on 20th September at 2:00pm in the Community Hall – the film being shown is the 2019 comedy-drama **MILITARY WIVES** (with Kristin Scott Thomas and Sharon Horgan). Refreshments will be served afterwards. For more details please contact Joanne Hall on: 020 8398 5637 or email joanne-h@hotmail.co.uk

CAKE SALE on Sunday, 29th September after the 10:15am service (in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support). Please bring cakes for selling and money for buying – there will also be a 'Guess the Weight of the Cake' competition (£1 a go). All proceeds will go towards a very worthwhile charity.

QUIZ NIGHT SATURDAY 6th OCTOBER 6.30pm at Long Ditton Village Hall

Tickets £10 each - contact Joanne Hall joanne-h@hotmail.co.uk or Diana Jemmett diana.e.jemmett@gmail.com maximum 8 people per team. Bring your own food, drinks, glasses and money for the raffle. Always a fun evening, so start swotting up now!

HARVEST FESTIVAL this year will be celebrated on Sunday, 5th October. Please bring donations to any of the services that day (dried/tinned goods only please, e.g. tea/coffee/pasta/rice/cereal/soup). These will be taken to a local Women and Children's Refuge. Thank you!