



Welcome to St Mary's Church

Following Christ, serving you

SUNDAY SERVICES 11th August 2024

8.00am

HOLY COMMUNION

10:15am

PARISH COMMUNION

Rev. Carole Bourne presiding

Hymns: 278, 489, 467, 375

6:00pm

EVENING PRAYER

11TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY SUNDAY

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 – Ephesians 4:25-5:12

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. But fornication and impurity of any kind, or greed, must not even be mentioned among you, as is proper among saints. Entirely out of place is obscene, silly, and vulgar talk; but instead, let there be thanksgiving. Be sure of this, that no fornicator or impure person, or one who is greedy (that is, an idolater), has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of

God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes on those who are disobedient. Therefore do not be associated with them. For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light - for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly.

Gospel Reading – John 6:35, 41-51

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; 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

Wednesday 10:00am – Holy Communion
Canon Richard Truss presiding

Sunday 18th August – 12th Sunday after Trinity Sunday
8:00am - Holy Communion
10:15am – Parish Communion
6:00pm – Evening Prayer

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

to help you prepare to worship next Sunday

Ephesians 5:15-20 | John 6:51-58

Parish news and notices

THE COMMUNITY HALL KITCHEN is currently being refurbished and the work will potentially take up to four weeks to complete. Unfortunately, during this time, it will not be possible to serve coffee after the 10:15am service. Fortunately, though, the toilets can still be used!

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Office is currently closed while the kitchen is being refurbished and will reopen on **Monday, 12th August.**

BACON BUTTY BREAKFAST – To celebrate our Patronal Festival, a Bacon Butty Breakfast will be served in the Hall between the morning services on **Sunday, 8th September, 8:30am-9:30am** (a vegetarian alternative will be available). Cost is £5 (children eat free) and also includes juice/tea/coffee/tomato sauce! No need to book - just turn up!

A **PET BLESSING SERVICE** is being held on **Sunday, 8th September at 4:00pm.** If your pet is too shy or you are worried about bringing them to church, then please come along with a photo of your pet. **All are welcome!**