



THE SUNDAY SHEET
TRINITY 17
1ST OCTOBER 2023

*A very warm welcome as we gather for the Parish Eucharist.
An induction loop is provided.*

*Gluten free wafers are available for those who need them. Please inform one of the
stewards/sidespersons who will pass the information on to the clergy. Many thanks*

ENTRANCE HYMN

All hail the power of Jesu's name!
let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
to crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,
who from his altar call;
praise him whose way of pain ye trod,
and crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
ye ransomed of the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.

Let every tribe and every tongue
to him their hearts enthrall,
lift high the universal song,
and crown him Lord of all.

*Edward Perronet 1726-1792 & others
Tune: Miles Lane*

The order of service can be found in the Eucharist Booklet

THE COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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. **Amen.**

PHILIPPIANS 2. 1-13

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

For the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Please Stand

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen:

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Donald Fishel b. 1950

Tune: Alleluia No. 1

MATTHEW 21. 23-32

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus

said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

After the Sermon please turn to the Eucharist booklet for the Affirmation of Faith

OFFERTORY HYMN

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
first-begotten from the dead'
thou alone, our strong defender,
liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Jesu, true and living bread.

Here our humblest homage pay we,
here in loving reverence bow;
here for faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know thee now.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou are here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
as of old in Bethlehem,
here as there thine angels hail thee,
Branch and Flower of Jesse's Stem.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
We in worship join with them

Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished
once for all when thou wast slain,
in its fullness undiminished
shall for evermore remain,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly Manna,
stricken Rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna
worship thee, the Lamb who died,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
risen, ascended, glorified.

George Hugh Bourne 1840-1925
Tune: St Helen

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord, help us to see what is eternally good and true
and having seen to go on searching
until we come to the joys of heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please turn to the Eucharist Booklet for the Eucharistic Prayer

HYMN AT THE END OF COMMUNION

Jesus Christ, I think upon your sacrifice;
You became nothing, poured out to death.
Many times I've wondered at your gift of life,
And I'm in that place once again,
I'm in that place once again.

*And once again I look upon the cross where you died,
I'm humbled by your mercy and I'm broken inside.
Once again I thank you, once again I pour out my life.*

Now you are exalted to the highest place,
King of the heavens, where one day I'll bow,
But for now, I marvel at this saving grace
And I'm full of praise once again,
I'm full of praise once again.

Matt Redman b.1974
Tune: Once again

Please turn to the Eucharist Booklet

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

We have a gospel to proclaim,
good for all throughout the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of his birth and Bethlehem
not in a royal house or hall
but in a stable dark and dim,
the Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary,
hated by those he came to save,
in lonely suffering on the Cross;
for all he loved his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
empty the tomb, for he was free.
He broke the power of death and hell
that we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
by all creation glorified.
He sends his Spirit on his Church
to live for him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel-message we proclaim:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Edward Joseph Burns b.1938
Tune: Fulda

CCL No: 96172

NOTICES

Refreshments. Please do join us for refreshments after the service if you can.

Foodbank. The Foodbank box is now back in the Parish Church. Donations gratefully received.

Praying for Growth. Please pray for the growth and renewal of the Church here in this place. Here is the Leading Your Church into Growth Prayer (*card copies are available at the back of the Church*):

God of Mission,

Who alone brings growth to your Church,

Send your Holy Spirit to give

Vision to our planning,

Wisdom to our actions,

Joy to our worship,

And power to our witness.

Help our church to grow in numbers,

In spiritual commitment to you,

And in service to our local community,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Community Fridge takes place every Sunday from 5-7pm at the Parish Church.

Pray for 2 Challenge. I hope you have been praying for 2 people (or more) over the summer. It is now time to invite them to church. Invitation cards are available today to invite people to Harvest on 8th October (Next Sunday). They can be found on the table at the back of the Church. Get inviting and keep praying!

Sunday Sheet. Please take this sheet home with you for the notices for the

week and to pray for what is happening in the life of our Church.

Harvest Our celebration of the Harvest will take place on Sunday 8th October with services at the usual times at the Cathedral and Parish Church. As usual we will be accepting gifts for the Food Bank (based at the United Church in Rhyl).

Following the success of last year's Harvest Lunch, we will be holding another one at approximately 1pm on the same day. Tickets cost £15 and bookings can be made by contacting Esther: ekgcatering@gmail.com or tel: 01745539993 or 07954033192. Today is the final day for bookings!

Kentigern Guild. The first meeting of the new season for the Kentigern Guild will be in the Parish Church at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday 4th October. The speaker is Dr Jeff Williams who will be talking about the safaris he leads in Africa. The subscription for members remains at £10 and new members are warmly invited to join us. Further information and full details of the year's programme can be found on the notice boards in the Cathedral and Parish Church.

Bread of Life Autumn Study Group begins on Tuesday 10th October at 7pm at the Parish Church. Information leaflets can be found at the back of the Church.

All Souls. There will be a Requiem Eucharist at the Parish Church at 10am on Thursday 2nd November. If you would like departed loved ones remembered by name at this, please add names to the list at the Cathedral or Parish Church.

THE WEEK AHEAD

2nd Monday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holy Eucharist
5pm Evening Prayer

3rd Tuesday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer
5pm Evening Prayer
6pm Holy Eucharist

4th Wednesday – Francis of Assisi

9am Morning Prayer
10.30am Holy Eucharist
6.15pm Sung Evening Prayer

25^h Thursday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer
10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church*
10.45am Prayer Group *at the Parish Church*
5pm Evening Prayer

6th Friday – William Tyndale, Translator & Martyr

9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Offeren (*Welsh Eucharist*)
6pm Choral Evensong

7th Saturday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer
2pm onwards: Decorating the Church for
Harvest
5pm Evening Prayer

8th Sunday – Harvest

9.30am The Parish Eucharist
11am The Cathedral Eucharist
1pm Harvest Lunch *at the Parish Church*
3.30pm Choral Evensong

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www.stasaphparishchurch.org.uk

TODAY'S READINGS

EZEKIEL 18. 1-4, 25-32

Evil-doing brings its own punishment. It is not the Lord's injustice. We need to learn to take the consequences of our decisions, but to do good is to live in God.

PSALM 25. 1-9

PHILIPPIANS 2. 1-13

Just as Christ was self-effacing, without conceit and compassionate, so must we be in our dealings with others.

MATTHEW 21. 23-32

God's will is done not in words but in deeds. It is often sinners rather than the self-proclaimed righteous who hear his voice and enter his kingdom.