



THE SUNDAY SHEET  
THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY  
29<sup>TH</sup> 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

Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,  
fellow travellers on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christlight for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

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let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant, too.

*Richard A.M. Gillard b.1953*  
*Tune: Servant Song*

*The order of service can be found in the Eucharist Booklet*

## THE COLLECT

Blessed Lord,  
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:  
help us so to hear them,  
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them  
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,  
we may embrace and for ever hold fast  
the hope of everlasting life,  
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## I THESSALONIANS 2. 1-8

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are

determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

For the word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

*Please Stand*

*A new commandment I give unto you:  
that you love one another as I have loved you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you.*

By this shall all know that you are my disciples  
if you have love one for another.

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if you have love one for another.

You are my friends if you do what I command you.  
Without my help you can do nothing.  
You are my friends if you do what I command you.  
Without my help you can do nothing.

I am the true vine, my Father is the gard'ner.  
Abide in me: I will be with you.  
I am the true vine, my Father is the gard'ner.  
Abide in me: I will be with you.

True love is patient, not arrogant or boastful;  
love bears all things, love is eternal.  
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*Unknown based on John 13. 34-35*

**MATTHEW 22. 34-36**

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, ' "You shall love the Lord your God with all

your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ‘What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?’ They said to him, ‘The son of David.’ He said to them, ‘How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

“The Lord said to my Lord,

‘Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet’ ”?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?’ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

There is a land of pure delight,  
where saints immortal reign;  
infinite day excludes the night,  
and pleasures banish pain.

There everlasting spring abides,  
and never-withering flowers;  
death, like a narrow sea, divides  
that heavenly land from ours.

Sweet fields beyond the swelling flood  
stand dressed in living green;  
so to the Jews old Canaan stood,  
while Jordan rolled between.

But timorous mortals start and shrink  
to cross the narrow sea,  
and linger shivering on the brink,  
and fear to launch away.

O could we make our doubts remove,  
those gloomy doubts that rise,  
and see the Canaan that we love  
with unbeckoned eyes;

Could we but climb where Moses stood,  
and view the landscape o'er,  
not Jordan's stream, nor death's cold flood,  
should fright us from the shore!

*Isaac Watts 1674-1748*

*Tune: Beulah*

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord God,  
you have opened to us the scriptures:  
grant that in the breaking of this bread  
we may recognise the Word made flesh,  
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please turn to the Eucharist Booklet for the Eucharistic Prayer*

### HYMN AT THE END OF COMMUNION

Bless the Lord, my soul,  
and bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul,  
who leads me into life.      *Sing through 3 times*

*Please turn to the Eucharist Booklet*

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of all grace,  
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry  
with the bread of his life  
and the word of his kingdom:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your true and living bread;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## FINAL HYMN

Thy hand, O God, has guided  
thy flock from age to age;  
the wondrous tale is written,  
full clear on every page;  
our fathers owned thy goodness,  
and we their deeds record;  
and both of this bear witness:  
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings  
to greatest, as to least;  
they bade men rise, and hasten  
to share the great King's feast;  
and this was all their teaching,  
in every deed and word,  
to all alike proclaiming  
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us,  
nor leave thy work undone;  
with thy right hand to help us,  
the victory shall be won;  
and then, by men and angels,  
thy name shall be adored,  
and this shall be their anthem:  
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

*Edward Hayes Plumtre 1821-1891*

*Tune: Thornbury*

*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.

**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.

**All Souls.** There will be a Requiem Eucharist at the Parish Church at 10am on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Change to Services** During the weeks beginning Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October and Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November, Morning Prayer and the Eucharists that take place in the morning (i.e. Monday, Wednesday & Friday) will take place in the Parish Church. This is because the organ builders will be in working to put the organ back after its recent repair work.

**Kentigern Guild.** The next meeting of the Kentigern Guild will be at 2.30 pm in the Parish Church on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November. The speaker is Clive Hughes who will talk about Mountain Rescue.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### 30<sup>th</sup> Monday – Richard Hooker

9am Morning Prayer *at the Parish Church*  
9.30am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church*  
5pm Evening Prayer *at the Cathedral*

### 31<sup>st</sup> Tuesday – Vigil of All Saints

9am Morning Prayer *at the Parish Church*  
5pm Evening Prayer *at the Cathedral*  
6pm Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*  
7pm Bread of Life Study Group *at the  
Parish Church*

### 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday – ALL SAINTS

9am Morning Prayer *at the Parish Church*  
10.30am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish  
Church*  
5pm Evening Prayer *at the Cathedral*

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday – All Souls**

9am Morning Prayer *at the Parish Church*

10am Requiem Eucharist *at the Parish Church*

10.45am Prayer Group *at the Parish Church*

5pm Evening Prayer *at the Cathedral*

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Friday – Winifred, Abbess**

9am Morning Prayer *at the Parish Church*

9.30am Offeren (*Welsh Eucharist*) *at the Parish Church*

5pm Evening Prayer *at the Cathedral*

## **4<sup>th</sup> Saturday – Saints & Martyrs of the Anglican Communion**

9am Morning Prayer *at the Cathedral*

5pm Evening Prayer *at the Cathedral*

## **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Kingdom 1**

9.30am Parish Eucharist

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

1.30pm Holy Baptism *at the Cathedral*

3.30pm Evening Prayer

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### Parish Church Website:

[www.stasaphparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.stasaphparishchurch.org.uk)

### TODAY'S READINGS

#### LEVITICUS 19. 1-2, 15-18

We hear God's commandments about how his people, who are called to holiness, are to relate to each other with love and justice.

#### PSALM 1

#### I THESSALONIANS 2. 1-8

Paul speaks of how he shared the Gospel of God with the people of Thessalonica with gentleness and love, offering himself freely in service to them.

#### MATTHEW 22. 15-22

Jesus is once again challenged by religious leaders in Jerusalem, and challenges them back