



THE SUNDAY SHEET
TRINITY 8
30TH JULY 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

Come, Holy Spirit, come!
Inflame our souls with love,
transforming every heart and home
with wisdom from above.
O let us not despise
the humble path Christ trod,
but choose, to shame the worldly-wise,
the foolishness of God.

Come with the gift to heal
the wounds of guilt and fear,
and to oppression's face reveal
the kingdom drawing near.
Where chaos longs to reign,
descend, O holy Dove,
and free us all to work again
the miracles of love.

Spirit of truth, arise;
inspire the prophet's voice:
expose to scorn the tyrant's lies,

and bid the poor rejoice.
O Spirit, clear our sight,
all prejudice remove,
and help us to discern the right,
and covet only love.

Michael Forster b.1946
Tune: Diademata

The order of service can be found in the Eucharist Booklet

THE COLLECT

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

1 KINGS 3. 5-12

A reading from the first book of Kings.

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your

word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

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:
he is the King of creation.

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Donald Fishel b.1950

Tune: Alleluia No.1

MATTHEW 13. 31-33, 44-52

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

‘Have you understood all this?’ They answered, ‘Yes.’ And he said to them, ‘Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.’

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

God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
now fulfil thy Church’s story,
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways;
from the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children’s warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton selfish gladness,
rich in goods and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal.

Set our feet on lofty places,
gird our lives that they may be
armoured with all Christlike graces
in the fight to set men free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
that we fail not earth or thee.

Harry Emerson Fosdick 1878-1969

Tune: Regent Square

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord, Jesus Christ,
according to your command we bring these
gifts of bread and wine:
grant that your precious body and blood
may keep our souls and bodies in your eternal life;
who are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please turn to the Eucharist Booklet for the Eucharistic Prayer

HYMN AT THE END OF COMMUNION

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you;
allelu, alleluia.

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
allelu, alleluia.*

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
seek and ye shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you,
allelu, alleluia.

We shall not live by bread alone,
but by ev'ry word
that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord,
allelu, alleluia.

Karen Lafferty b.1948

Please turn to the Eucharist Booklet

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

The Lord is King! He set the stars in space,
and fashioned all our varied human race.
Creator God whose hand sustains us still,
your kingdom stands, and all things serve your will.

The Lord is King! He sent his Son to earth,
his glory laid aside in human birth.
O Saviour Christ, who died and rose again,
your kingdom comes where in our lives you reign.

The Lord is King! He sent his Spirit here
to heal and save, to banish doubt and fear.
Spirit of truth, exalt the Living Word,
whose kingdom grows till all shall own him Lord.

The Lord is King! From all in earth and heaven
be blessing, honour, praise and glory given.
While earthly kingdoms fade and cease to be,
God's kingdom lasts for all eternity.

*Brian Hoare b.1935
Tune: Woodlands*

CCL No: 961722

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. If each of us only prayed for 2 people over the summer period and they responded, imagine the number of new people there could be in church for the Harvest celebrations. So let us spend the summer each praying for 2 people come to know the Lord and join our church. Then invite them!

Prayer Group This will now meet *every* Thursday at the Parish Church at 10.45am All Welcome!

Parish Church Website has been revamped and hopefully easier to use. Some of the pages are without content but will be sorted over the coming weeks. This is in an effort to improve our communication. Take a look: www.stasaphparishchurch.org.uk

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.

Churchyard Work Party on Saturday 5th August 10am to noon, with refreshments provided. We would be very grateful for your help!

THE WEEK AHEAD

31st Monday – Ignatius of Loyola

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Eucharist

5pm Evening Prayer

1st Tuesday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

6pm Holy Eucharist

2nd Wednesday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

10.30am Holy Eucharist

5pm Evening Prayer

3rd Thursday – Germanus, Bishop

9am Morning Prayer

10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church*

10.45am Prayer Group *at the Parish Church*

5pm Evening Prayer

4th Friday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Offeren (*Welsh Eucharist*)

6pm Choral Evensong

5th Saturday – Oswald, King & Martyr

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

6th Sunday – Transfiguration of Our Lord

9.30am The Parish Eucharist *at the
Parish Church*

9.30am Holy Eucharist *at St Mary's Cefn*

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

3.30pm Evening Prayer

Contact:

Parish Church: 01745 535957

Fr Rex: 07393 639813

Parish Church Website:

www.stasaphparishchurch.org.uk