

Please remember in your prayers

Pray for those who are not well at this time and pray for the souls of the recently departed, may they rest in peace.



The Church of England

Holy Cross Church

The church at the heart of our community

Macmillan Coffee Mornings

This week we are holding two coffee mornings in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care - Thursday 27th and Saturday 29th. Please try to support one of them. Offers of cakes would be appreciated.



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(10am-12noon Monday-Friday)



Memorial Service

Next Sunday we are holding a Memorial Service at 4pm. Do join us and light a candle in memory of a loved one. Jill

HARVEST

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Service is on Sunday 7th October. Please bring your gifts with you for this special service.



After the 10.45am Eucharist there will be a shared lunch and an auction of the Harvest Gifts.

TWAM 'Gifts for the Journey'

This year TWAM are asking for cash donations to buy 'Gifts for the Journey' There is a list of suggested gifts at the back of Church. These gifts are for the journey of Life and the use and appreciation of them can be found in the TWAM booklets. If you wish me to arrange for folders or gifts to be collected please get them to me by today (September 23rd). Rosemary

Ministry Team – new date

The Ministry Team will now meet at 7.45pm on Tuesday 2nd October.

Church Hall

The Hall will be 'out of bounds' for about seven weeks. The Choir Vestry is still available.

Janet & Mike

List of items for The Well

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| Milk (UHT or powdered) | Tea/Coffee |
| Squash/Fruit Juice (UHT) | Cereal |
| Pasta/Rice/Noodles (dried) | Sugar |
| Fruit /Puddings (Tinned) | Soup |
| Vegetables (Tinned) | Meat (Tinned) |
| Instant Mash Potato | Fish (Tinned) |
| Baby wipes/shampoo/lotion | Couscous/Pulses |
| Ladies/Men's toiletries | Pasta Sauce (Jar) |
| Nappies (any size, sealed pack) | Biscuits/snack bars |

Please check and ensure that all food items are 'in date'.

Sunday 23rd September

Trinity 17

10.45am Sung Eucharist

(Celebrant: Revd Allen Roberts)

Sorry, we are unable to serve Coffee/Tea during the refurbishment of the Hall.

(But you are still welcome to stay for a chat!)

Hymns for Sung Eucharist

Introit: 242 – Immortal, invisible

Gradual: 15 – All my hope on God is founded

Offertory: 148 – From heaven you came

Communion: Take this moment, sign and space (choir)

464 – Take my life and let it be

Recessional: 426 – Praise to the Holiest in the height

(Richmond)

This Week

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| Mon | 24 | 2pm Bible Study Group |
| Tue | 25 | 2pm Craft Group 7pm Eucharist |
| Wed | 26 | 6.30pm Friendship Club |
| Thu | 27 | 9.30am Eucharist 10am Macmillan Coffee Morning – Coffee Pop-In (in Church) |
| Fri | 28 | 12noon Eucharist |
| Sat | 29 | 10am Macmillan Coffee Morning – Place of Welcome |
| Sun | 30 | 10.45am Sung Eucharist 4pm Memorial Service |

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

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 forever.

FIRST READING Wisdom of Solomon 1.16 – 2.1, 12–22 **A reading from the book of Wisdom.**

The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death; considering him a friend, they pined away and made a covenant with him, because they are fit to belong to his company. For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves, 'Short and sorrowful is our life, and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end, and no one has been known to return from Hades. Let us lie in wait for the righteous man, because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions; he reproaches us for sins against the law and accuses us of sins against our training. He professes to have knowledge of God and calls himself a child of the Lord. He became to us a reproof of our thoughts; the very sight of him is a burden to us, because his manner of life is unlike that of others, and his ways are strange. We are considered by him as something base, and he avoids our ways as unclean; he calls the last end of the righteous happy, and boasts that God is his father. Let us see if his words are true and let us test what will happen at the end of his life; for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him, and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries. Let us test him with insult and torture, so that we may find out how gentle he is, and make trial of his forbearance. Let us condemn him to a shameful death, for, according to what he says, he will be protected.' Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray, for their wickedness blinded them, and they did not know the secret purposes of God, nor hoped for the wages of holiness, nor discerned the prize for blameless souls;

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING James 3.13 – 4.3, 7–8a **A reading from the letter of James.**

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of

partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL Mark 9.30–37 **Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.**

All: Glory to you, O Lord

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ

POST COMMUNION

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.

Sunday 23rd September 10.45am

Welcomers: Sue, Victor

Reader: Rosemary

Prayers: Andrea

Offertory: Rita, Sheila, Jill

Assist: Mike, Janet

Pebble Pool: Mike

Sunday 30th September 10.45am

Welcomers: Jill, Julie

Reader: Rebecca

Prayers: Mark

Offertory: Gill, Mary, Victor

Assist: Mike, Mark

Pebble Pool: Mary