

1st September 2024

14th Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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.

Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-9

Moses spoke to the people; he said:

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you.

You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

James 1: 17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act - they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.)

So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?'

Jesus said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, *This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.*

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.' Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly.

All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

Next Sunday: Isaiah 35: 4-7a; James 2: 1-10, 14-17; Mark 7: 24-37

Welcome

Sunday 1st September 2024

Choral Festival Weekend

Services Today



8am SAID EUCHARIST

9:15am CHORAL FESTIVAL PARISH COMMUNION

Do join us for Coffee in the Hall afterwards

Youth & Children's Church (YACC):

Age appropriate sessions take place during the service (in term time) for our younger people.

Groups for children age 2½ to 11 in the Hall

Groups for age 12+ in the Parish Room

Hymns: 380 omit * vs (1st tune) 233 (1st tune) 507 455

Congregational Setting: Tambling

Music sung by choir:

Leighton in D

Harris Behold the Tabernacle of God

CHORAL EVENSONG

Hymns: 380 (1st tune) 221 (1st tune)

Music sung by choir:

4pm

Introit Wood Oculi Omnium *Responses* Reading

Psalms 119 v1-16 Chants Bairstow, Jones

Canticles Walmisley in D *Anthem* Stanford Beati Quorum Via

Dismissal - Naylor Festal

Prayers: This week we pray for all who live and work in Stanborough Road and Stanborough Close

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Services & Diary Dates

Monday	2 nd	
Tuesday	3rd	1930 Said Eucharist
Wednesday	4th	1030 Said Eucharist 1100 Coffee for All 2000 Zoom prayer group
Thursday	5 th	1200 Thursday Lunches
Friday	6 th	1900 Choir Practice
Saturday	7 th	
Sunday	8th	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion



Saturday, 21st Sep, Quiz Night

5:30 to 8pm, Doors open @5pm

Adult: £5, Children: Free Entry!

Get your team together or come as you are and form a team with others!

Teams of 6, ideally. (BYO) Bring your own food and drinks.

Contactless payments on the night.

The Sign-up list is displayed on the main noticeboard.

Help! Volunteers needed to serve interval refreshments during Welwyn Garden Concert Club's season starting Saturday, 19th October.

The monies raised from the sale of refreshments goes back to our own church funds. The sign-up notice sheet is on the main noticeboard. Thank you.

News

The Funeral Service of (Jim) James Coldrey takes place in church on Tue, 17th Sep @2pm, with a reception in the Hall afterwards.

Sunday, 6th Oct - Garden Party

More details to follow.

Saturday, 9th Nov - Talent Show and/or Concert

An unforgettable evening showcasing many of our own SF talents!

More details to follow.

On going:

The Children's Society money box: *Only one box left...*

Help! Is anyone willing to take it home for a year, fill it up with loose change (coins or better yet, notes) and return it next year for counting.

All the monies goes directly to The Children's Society, the charity we support with the collections from our annual Christingle / Crib services.

We have been gifted with **handmade Bookmarks and Prayer Crosses in aid of church funds.**

They are on sale at the back of church, please put your donation in the pot.