

8th September 2024
15th Sunday after Trinity

Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.

Isaiah 35: 4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

James 2: 1-10, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please,' while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there,' or, 'Sit at my feet,' have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him?

But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you?

If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Mark 7; 24-37

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet.

Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go - the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him.

He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears

, and he spat and touched his tongue.

Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it.

They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

Welcome

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Services Today



8am SAID EUCHARIST

9:15am 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: 163 383 109 621

Congregational Setting: Tambling

Music sung by choir:

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Walford Davies God be in my head

3pm WILD CHURCH (*Meets in Sherrardspark Woods*)

Prayers: This week we pray for all who live and work in High Grove and The Valley Green

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Services & Diary Dates

Monday	9 th	
Tuesday	10 th	1930 Said Eucharist
Wednesday	11 th	1000 ToddleTime playgroup 1030 Said Eucharist 1100 Coffee for All 2000 Zoom prayer group
Thursday	12 th	1200 Thursday Lunches
Friday	13 th	1900 Choir Practice
Saturday	14 th	
Sunday	15 th	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion



Saturday, 21st Sep - SF 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 list is displayed on the main noticeboard. Thank you.

News

IMPORTANT: Changes to our banking arrangements and Moving on to Parish Giving Scheme (PGS):

You should have received this e-mail on Friday. If anyone has not received this and would like to, please e-mail the Parish Office with your contact details. Printed copies are also available in the porch for anyone who needs them.

Please refer to the details in the Parish Giving Scheme flyer enclosed (how to move your current Standing Orders (for regular givers) to Direct Debits into PGS) and tax-efficient giving for new givers.

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

Message from Eric:

"Thank you so much, everyone, for the gifts I received last weekend on my retirement as Interim Director of Music. I am overwhelmed by your generosity. I look forward to hearing the same volume in the hymn singing on Sundays in the future as I heard during the rendition of my 'leaving song'!"

Sunday, 6th Oct - Garden Party

More details to follow.

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

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