



The Sick

Margaret House, Joan Chatwood, Sheila Shepherd, Robin Smith, Hugh Foster, Mary Wakeford, Jeannie Young, Rev Chris Clarke, Gill Ticehurst, Chloe Oram, Alan Sutton, and to all those known to us.

Recently Departed

Jonnie Helm, Fr Bill Scott, Joyce Morris

Years Mind

Pam Ansty

As the Lockdown eases please keep yourselves and others safe. Although we can meet other people, please remember the guidance, and social distancing is still important.

The Church is now open for private prayer, and for services - with restrictions. Please follow the guidance

Services this week

Tuesday to Friday 9.00am - all welcome in church

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Please pray for each other, ourselves and our neighbours, here in Petworth, Egdean, this country and the world, so that this health crisis can be resolved as soon as possible.

Please be in touch with Fr Mark at any time . We will always be glad to hear from you with any requests for prayer, updates on parishioners and their loved ones, and if we can assist in any practical way.

If you know that someone is alone or vulnerable at the moment, please try (as far as is possible and appropriate) to check regularly how they are and if they need any assistance.

We thank - and pray for - all those who are working tirelessly in these difficult times; workers in the NHS, care homes, police and the good neighbours who are looking out for the more vulnerable members of our society. Thank you - and keep yourselves safe.



Readings and Notices for Trinity 7

July 26th 2020

St Mary's
Petworth

St Bartholomew's
Egdean



(Said Service)

Hymn (recorded) (Praise the Lord)

Collect Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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. **Amen.**

1 Kings 3. 5-12

5At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' 6And 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. 7And 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. 8And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. 9Give 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?'

10 It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. 11God 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, 12I 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.

Psalm (Cantor) 105, verses 1-6

Response: 'Make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples'

O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises,
and tell of all his marvellous works. *Response*

Rejoice in the praise of his holy name;
let the hearts of them rejoice who seek the Lord.
Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his face continually. *Response*

Remember the marvels he has done,
his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,
O seed of Abraham his servant,
O children of Jacob his chosen. *Response*



The reign of God is like a mustard seed

Romans 8. 26-39 (God's Love in Christ Jesus)

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. 27 And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

28 We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

31 What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

32 He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? 33 Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. 35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: (Matthew)

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia

The word of the Lord endures for ever.

The word of the Lord is the good news announced to you.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Matthew 13. 31-33, 44-52 (Parables and Treasures New and Old)

31 He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; 32 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.'

33 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.'

44 '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.'

45 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; 46 on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.'

47 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; 48 when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. 49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous 50 and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

51 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' 52 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.'

Offertory Hymn (recorded) (Love divine)

Communion Hymn (recorded) ('Brother, sister let me serve you')

Post Communion Prayer: Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,

ever giving himself that the world may live:

may we so receive within ourselves

the power of his death and passion

that, in his saving cup,

we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;

for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Hymn (recorded) (Stand up for Jesus)

Organ Voluntary:

Fanfare on 'Shine, Jesus, Shine' - Christopher Tambling (1964-2015)