

Sunday 13th October 2024

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 a.m. Family Communion with Children's Church

4.00 p.m. St Luke's Day Service of Wholeness & Healing

Collect for Today

God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Service Readings

Amos 5:6-7,10-15 (*p.868*); Hebrews 4:12-end (*p.217*) and Mark 10:17-31 (*p.44*)

Please pray for

... Margaret Arni, Clive Daborn, Jo Dwyer, Robin Holdsworth, Chris Lambert, Jean and Tony Reed, and Roger Young.

... the family and friends of Pauline Dean, Mary Walford and Mary Doughty whose anniversary of death is at this time.

... those who live and work The Oval, The Quadrangle and The Square.

... the Koens family in Papua New Guinea supporting the work of Bible translation through vehicle maintenance, teaching, missionary care.

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Dear Friends

Our Gospel reading for this morning comes from Mark chapter 10, recording an encounter between Jesus and a rich young man. It's worth remembering that Jesus himself was a young man at the time; and one who had left behind the riches of heaven to embrace the poverty of our human nature.

The encounter is a well-known one: a young man approaches Jesus, and asks the question, 'What must I do to inherit eternal life?'. It's a sincere question from someone who had kept the Jewish law all his life, and done everything that had been required of him. Yet this young man also sensed that there was more to life than he was experiencing at the time. He also sensed that Jesus might hold the key to the life he was searching for.

As we know, Jesus called this young man to a radical form of discipleship – giving away all his possessions, and then following Jesus on an adventure that would lead to eternal life. It was a shocking and disturbing moment in the young man's life; and sadly – as we know – he walked away.

Jesus continues to call us to a radical form of discipleship today. It's a call to recognise the things we hold more dearly than Jesus himself; a call to leave behind the things that hold us back from following Jesus today; a challenge to prioritise the Lord's call on our lives above all other things. It's also a call to an adventure in faith that will lead us into a daringly new life; one in which we take Jesus at his word, and follow where he leads. The challenge for us too is whether to take up Jesus' invitation, or – as that young man did – to walk sadly away.

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Mission Focus for October: ReSkilled

ReSkilled is a charity based in Bellfields that aims to provide individuals who have long-term unemployment, with skills needed to move into sustainable employment. The participants learn a range of generic work skills alongside some practical woodwork skills. They build up a portfolio of the work they have done as evidence for future employers. Please pray for the participants and volunteers and that successful employment can be found for those seeking it. More information in the magazine and on their website - reskilled.org

Notices

Gift Day for The Big Build: On Sunday 24th November we'll be launching our fundraising campaign for the Big Build project. The cost of the project will be in the region of £750,000 and we will need to raise £300,000 of this ourselves. Please begin to think and pray about what you may be able to give. This is a once in a generation event for our church, so please put the date in your diary.

St Luke's Day Service of Wholeness & Healing: TODAY at 4pm. We will be providing an opportunity for personal and individual prayer. Do bring friends or family with you.

William Lowries will be joining us at our 10am service next week to talk about ReSkilled, one of the mission organisations that we're supporting this year. You may remember William from his time with us during his lay ministry training. Do come and welcome William back and hear more about this Guildford based charity.

Youth Group: Our next Youth Group is on Sunday 20th October at 5.30pm. If your secondary school aged child would like to come along, then please let Jeanette know as soon as possible (jeanette.whiteman@gmail.com)

The Men's Wellbeing Group is having a social evening on Tuesday 22nd October at the Wells' house (53 Curling Vale) from 7:30pm onwards. All food is provided and some drinks (so please help with some drinks if possible). We'd love to see you so please let Andy Wells know if you can come, so he can cater for you all. Contact: familywells@mac.com or 07411985218 (also on WhatsApp).

Bonfire & Fireworks tickets: Over half of the tickets sold in the first day this week and so if you're planning on coming to the event, please get your tickets asap. Go to bit.ly/as-bonfire24 to buy online, or see Trish in the office if you can't buy online.

Greenery for the bonfire: The bonfire construction team would very much like any fresh garden greenery with which to pack out the bonfire. If you have some, please contact Simon Moulden (07790 020130) to coordinate delivery.

All Saints' Choir: Our choir director, Jeremy Barham, would like to invite new people to join our choir. We have two special events coming up – Choral Evensong for All Saints' Day on 3rd November and our Carol Service on 15th December. If you'd like to sing at these events, please do let Jeremy know at j.barham@surrey.ac.uk.

Cashier: we're looking for someone to work alongside our bookkeeper as cashier. This involves counting money once every three weeks and banking it at HSBC in town. If you have an hour or two to spare, please have a chat with Eve.

Diary for the Coming Week

Morning prayer Mon, Tues, Weds 9.15am in the Reading Room and Zoom.

Thurs Holy Communion at 9.30am in the Reading Room.

- Mon 14th Pastoral Team Meeting, Vicarage, 10.00am
Barnabas Group, 26 Manor Way, 4.00pm
Worship Vision Group, Vicarage, 5.30pm
- Tues 15th Safeguarding Team Meeting, Zoom, 6.30pm
- Weds 16th Dray Court Harvest Festival, 2.30pm
Deanery Synod Meeting, St Nicolas Church, 7.30pm
Mission Vision Group, 4 Litchfield Way, 6.00pm
Sharing & Learning Group, 6 Scillonian Road, 7.45pm
- Thurs 17th Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am
Finance Team, Office, 10.30am
- Fri 18th Baby & Toddler Group, Church, 9.30am
Friday Group, Reading Room, 3.00pm
- Sat 19th First Aid Training, Church, 9.00am
- Sun 20th BCP Communion, Reading Room 8.00am
Morning Worship with Children's Church with speaker from ReSkilled, Church, 10.00am
Tea Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm
Youth Group, Church Hall, 5.30pm

Daily Readings for the coming week

- Mon 14th Ps. 126, 2 Kings 21:1-18, 1 Timothy 1:1-17
- Tues 15th Ps. 132, 2 Kings 22:1-22:3, 1 Timothy 1:18-end of 2
- Weds 16th Ps. 119:153-end, 2 Kings 23:4-25, 1 Timothy 3
- Thurs 17th Ps. 143, 2 Kings 23:36-24:17, 1 Timothy 4
- Fri 18th Ps. 145, Isaiah 55, Luke 1:1-4
- Sat 19th Ps. 147, 2 Kings 25:22-end, 1 Timothy 5:17-end

Service Readings for Sunday 20th October: Trinity 21

Isaiah 35:3-6, 2 Timothy 4:5-17 and Luke 10:1-9

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