

Welcome to St David's on Sunday 26 August 2018

13th Sunday after Trinity

Celebrant, Preacher Alison Whiting, Ian Cartwright
Readers Jenny Baker, Ann Watts
Prayers Bill Pattinson
6pm Evening Prayer, Bill Pattinson

HYMNS TODAY: 238, 780, 663, 258

Collect: Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord

Joshua 24.1-2a, 14-18: Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. 'Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.' Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

Ephesians 6.10-20: Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Post Communion Prayer: God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord

Please keep in your prayers: George Tout; Ben Grimsey; Arthur Osmundsen; James Meeke; Janine; Margaret Grimsey; Cathy Knowles (both Cathy and Margaret are making good recoveries - thank you for your prayers); our churchwardens, welcomers, treasurers and secretaries

Some dates for you:

9 September Edibles Stall

16 September Family Communion Service



30 September Traidcraft Stall

Wednesday 3 October 7:30pm EPCM

John 6.56-69: Jesus said: Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.' Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

Notices:

The funeral of Margaret Godsland will be held at St Stephen's Church (High Street) THIS FRIDAY 31 August at 1:30pm

We will be hosting BBC Songs of Praise on Thursday 6 September 6:30-9:30pm. See earlier service sheets at the back for details of how to apply for tickets. Many churches from the city will be joining us so it will be helpful to apply soon to avoid disappointment

Bible Study group starts 11 September. We will look at the Acts of the Apostles. Look for more about this on the boards and/or the tables at the back. There will be evening and afternoon courses this year

Coffee morning for Hospiscare here at St David's Saturday 15 September 10am-12noon

Extraordinary Parochial Church Meeting: you will remember from the APCM we said that we would need a further meeting to set out the finalised accounts for both churches. This will be on Wednesday 3 October at St David's Church at 7:30pm

Being a pilgrim evening Monday 22 October 7:30-9pm. More details to follow

Save the date! Wednesday 7 November pre-Advent Parish Quiet Day at Mill House Retreats near Tiverton. All Welcome. More details to follow

Two of our St David's friends are looking for self-contained accommodation until mid-November. Can you help with this? Speak to Earlise and Geoff

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