

The Parish of St. Mary and St. John the Divine, Balham

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 14 October 2018



This Sunday

8am

President:

Said Eucharist (BCP)

Rev. Dr. Robert Tobin

10.30am

President:

Lay Deacon:

Preacher:

Readers:

Intercessor:

Setting:

OoS:

Readings:

Sung Eucharist

with admission of Christopher Serbutt as Lay Reader

Rev. Dr. Robert Tobin

Nicky Morton

Christopher Serbutt

Susanna Long

Benedict Long

Rose Harley

St. Thomas

Sundays after Trinity

Joel 2.21-27

I Timothy 2.1-7

Matthew 6.25-33

6.30pm

Officiant:

Psalm(s):

Readings:

Evening Prayer (BCP)

Christopher Serbutt

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Joshua 5.13-6.20

Matthew 11.20-end

Collect, Hymns and Readings

Introit:

For The Beauty Of The Earth
(NEH 285, 1st tune, omit *)

Collect:

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their
season:
grant that we may use them to your glory, for
the relief of those in need and for our own
well-being; 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.

First Reading:

Joel 2.21-27

- ²¹Do not fear, O soil;
be glad and rejoice,
for the Lord has done great things!
- ²²Do not fear, you animals of the field,
for the pastures of the wilderness are green
the tree bears its fruit,
the fig tree and vine give their full yield.
- ²³O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the Lord your God;
for he has given the early rain for your
vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.
- ²⁴The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
- ²⁵I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.
- ²⁶You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the Lord your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you. And
my people shall never again be put to shame.
- ²⁷You shall know that I am in the midst of Is-
rael,
and that I, the Lord, am your God and there
is no other.
And my people shall never again
be put to shame.

Second Reading:

1 Timothy 2.1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,

⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all

- this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this

I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I

am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher

of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Gradual:

Lord Of Beauty (NEH 265)

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 6.25-33

²⁵Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things;

and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Offertory:

Come, Ye Thankful People Come (NEH 259)

Communion Anthem:

A Celtic Benediction

Communion Hymn:

We Plough The Fields (NEH 262)

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for
your love in creation and have shared in the
bread and the wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence
for all that you give us and make us gener-
ous and wise stewards of the good things
we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Dismissal:

All Creatures Of Our God And King
(NEH 263, omit *)

Church News

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday October 14

All this morning's donations will go to support the work of Spires, a charity supporting homeless people.

TSUNAMI APPEAL

Sunday October 14

Recently, a tsunami devastated parts of Indonesia. Over 1400 people have died, and many more struggle to secure shelter, water, food. After the service, there will be a retiring collection on behalf of the Disasters Emergency Committee – please donate if you can.

ADDITIONAL PCC

Wednesday October 19, 7pm

There will be an additional PCC meeting on Wednesday October 19 at 7pm which will last no more than 30 minutes.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE

Sunday November 4

As some of you will know, Bishop Richard has recently had surgery and is undergoing a period of recovery. As such, it has been decided to combine the Tooting Deanery confirmation service scheduled to take place here at St Mary's with the South Lambeth Deanery service taking place at St Leonard's Streatham at 4.30pm. As such, there will be no service here on the afternoon of 4 November, and instead we will go to St Leonard's to support our deanery candidates.

ALL SOULS

Thursday 1 & Sunday 11 November

All Souls Day will be observed with two services this year: on the night of 1 November, a Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 8pm. Then, on the evening of 11 November at 6.30pm, a service of music and readings will take place, including the reading of names. Please make a note in your diary of these services.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Sunday November 11

2018 marks the centenary of the end of the First World War. A special observance will take place in Balham this year emphasising both the local impact of the war, as well as our need to work peace in our own day. To enable members of St Mary's to take part in the observance, our usual 8am and 10.30am services will be replaced on the morning of 11 November with one service at 9am. Those who so wish may then go on to the observance activities, which begin at 10.30am. More details to follow.

THE SERMON: UNPLUGGED

Wednesday October 17, 7.30pm

So what was that sermon all about? Maybe you have some ideas of your own.

Join us next Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Narthex to find out more and have your say.

All questions and comments welcome. The next session will be on Wednesday October 17, when we will be thinking about Sunday's readings from Joel, 1 Timothy and Matthew.

For more information speak to Chris Serbutt.

WEDNESDAY GROUP

Wednesday October 24, 1.15pm

The next meeting of the Wednesday Group will be on October 24 starting straight after the lunchtime Eucharist. Elaine will be leading a craft session.

MEN'S SPIRITUALITY DAY

Saturday October 27

An afternoon focusing on aspects of male spirituality will take place on Saturday, 27

October from 1-5pm. If you are interested in attending the session or want to learn

more, please contact Mike Mullins mikemullins1964@gmail.com or on 07973 642875.

HALLOWE'EN PARTY

Wednesday October 31, 7.30pm

Spooky fun and games. Fancy dress encouraged but not essential. Bring a bottle. For further details speak to Nicky and Charlie

CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday November 3

A cleaning and decorating day will take place at church from 10am-3pm on Saturday, 3 November. Sign-up sheets for various jobs are on a table at the back of church – please have a look and put your name down to help! Please see the Vicar or Karen Gray for more information.

FUNDRAISE FOR ST MARY'S, BALHAM WHILE SHOPPING ONLINE

Please use the link below to sign up for the Easyfundraising scheme and select St Mary's, Balham as your favourite cause:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/WMHHVE

When you are ready to go shopping, first login to your easyfundraising account and then click through to the shop of your choice. After you have made your purchase, the retailer will make a donation to St Mary's, Balham and there is no cost to you.

On behalf of the PCC, many thanks for your support. Anzo Francis

SAINSBURY'S LEGO CARDS

Sainsbury's are giving away a small packet of LEGO cards for every £10 spent. Please collect them and donate to TSM – the children love them! There is a box at the

TSM

BARCELONA IRONMAN CHALLENGE

TSM would like to extend a big thank you to those who sponsored Mr Goddard for the Barcelona Ironman. The current total is £920.

Unfortunately he was too slow in the cycling to be able to complete it.

Community

CAN YOU HELP SLRA ?

Can you help the South London Refugee Association? SLRA are looking for volunteers to join the team of cooks and kitchen helpers who produce a hot lunch for 40-50 refugees in the Narthex on Mondays during school term time. We have a rota so it doesn't have to be a commitment every week.

If you would like to find out more please contact Clare Syngé on 020 86755255 or email cfrancis@msyngé.plus.com.

CONCERT FOR SYRIA

Saturday October 20, 7.30pm

On Saturday, 20 October at 7.30pm, a concert by the 'Occasional Voices' Choir will take place at St Mary Magdalene Wansdworth Common in aid of the Awareness Foundation 'Little Heroes' initiative. This programme has already helped over 2,000 children displaced by the war in Syria. The concert is free, but there will be a retiring collection.

BALHAM YOUTH CLUB

A youth club is being started in Balham to help 10 to 14 year olds stay off the streets and out of trouble. It will be based at the Salvation Army Hall on Friday evenings.

If you are able to help in any way whether that's volunteering to help on the night or just to support them in other ways, please contact Ailsa Flinders (07407500920) or speak to Chris for more information.

If you have any games equipment you no longer need or you are skilled at filling in grant applications Ailsa would love to hear from you.

Box On The High Road

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During September we will be collecting for Mercy Ships, the largest charity-run hospital ship in the world delivering free, vital medical care to some of the world's poorest countries. A5 brochures are available at the back of the church. If you have any questions please speak to Diane.

Coming Up

Sunday 14 October *Harvest/Trinity 19*

8am Said Eucharist (BCP)
10.30am Sung Eucharist *with baptisms*
6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

Monday 15 October

8am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 16 October

8am Morning Prayer
7.45pm-9.15pm Confirmation Class (6)

Wednesday 17 October

8am Morning Prayer
9.30am Mary's Little Lambs
12.30pm Said Eucharist
7pm Additional PCC Meeting
7.30pm The Sermon Unplugged

Thursday 18 October

8am Morning Prayer

Friday 19 October

8am Morning Prayer

Saturday 20 October

7.30pm Concert For Syria
(Mary Magdalene)

Wednesday 24 October

1.15pm Wednesday Group

Saturday 27 October

6pm Concert 'Emotionally Volatile'

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Thursday 1 November

8pm All Soul's Requiem

Sunday 4 November

4.30pm Deanery Confirmation
(St. Leonard's)

Sunday 7 November

12-2pm Open Church

Sunday 11 November *Remembrance Day*

9am Parish Eucharist
10:30am Remembrance Observance
6.30pm Service for All Souls'

Sunday 2 December *Advent Sunday*

6.30pm Advent Carol Service

Sunday 16 December

6.30pm Carols by Candlelight

Our Prayers This Week

Our community:

- For the work of SPIRES and all other charities which help homeless people

Our world:

- For all journalists putting their lives at risk to tell the stories that need to be told
- For all those who will wake up hungry today
- For all those who provide the food we eat

A complete list of prayer requests can be found in the printed version of this pewsheet

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