

St JOHN THE EVANGELIST

25th AUGUST 2019

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

PARISH COMMUNION

**David is taking our service
and preaching today**

Everyone is very welcome at this service

If you have very young children there are busy bags with activities in you can pick up near the welcome table to use during the service if needed. If your child gets restless you are welcome to take them to the children's quiet area where there is a bit more space for them and books and paper and crayons for them to use.

HYMNS

Opening: Community of Christ (words printed)
Gradual: 55 Be thou my guardian and my guide
Offertory: 287a Just as I am
Final: 228 I danced in the morning

During this hymn a collection is taken. If you are a UK tax payer you can donate by Gift Aid and for every £1 you give, St John's gets an extra 25p. Please put your donation in one of the Gift Aid envelopes in the back of the seats, adding your name and address. If you would like to give regularly by Gift Aid please see Jo Need. Thank you very much for your support.

THE COLLECT

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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**

THE READINGS

ISAIAH 58.9b-end

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honourable; if you honour it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Thanks be to God.

HEBREWS 12.18-end

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.' This phrase 'Yet once more' indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL – LUKE 13.10-17

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you O Christ

POST COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of

your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings for next Sunday: Luke 14.1,7-14

With special thanks to George Short for playing the piano this week.

HYMN: COMMUNITY OF CHRIST

**Community of Christ,
who make the cross your own,
live out your creed and risk Your life
for God alone:
the God who wears your face, to whom all worlds
belong,
whose children are of every race
And every song.**

**Community of Christ,
look past the Church's door
and see the refugee, the hungry,
and the poor.
Take hands with the oppressed,
the jobless in your street,
take towel and water,
that you wash your neighbour's feet.**

**Community of Christ,
through whom the word must sound –
cry out for justice and for peace
the whole world round:
disarm the powers of war
and all that can destroy,
turn bombs to bread,
and tears of anguish into joy.**

**When menace melts away,
So shall God's will be done,
the climate of the world be peace
and Christ its Sun;
our currency by love
and kindness our law,
our food and faith be shared as one
for evermore.**

Shirley Erena Murray
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***APOLOGIES, BUT WE ARE UNABLE TO
PROVIDE REFRESHMENTS
DURING THE BUILDING WORKS***



FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Please pray for those who are ill and those
in particular need of prayer** Mick and Ann
Cooper, Florence Hicks, Alan Bennett, Bill and Luanne
Higgins, and Aleksandra. **And for those who have died.**



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SERVICES

SEPTEMBER

- Sun 1st 11TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
10am All Age Communion
- Sun 8th 12TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
10am Parish Communion & Children's Church
- Sun 15th 13TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
9am Holy Communion
10am Sacred Space with Children's Church
- Sun 22nd 14TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
10am Parish Communion & Children's Church
- Sun 29th ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS**
10am Parish Communion & Children's Church

WEEKLY DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Tues 7-8pm Yoga with Georgie Edwards
And Thurs 7.30-8.30pm the.knotted.yogi@hotmail.com
in the small room in church

Little Groovers, the Refugee Action Kingston Lunch Club and the Community Café are not on during the building works.

Team Outing to Rochester Cathedral on Saturday 21st September: An outing has been arranged for members of our church, All Saints and St John the Baptist to Rochester to see its Cathedral and visit the town. The plan is to travel by train and we can have a group tour of the Cathedral at a knock down price of £5. If you would like to go please sign the list on the welcome table.

Cleaves Almshouses: Current vacancy for a one bedroom ground floor flat for over 60s with a walk-in shower, now available at Cleave's. All applicants must be eligible according to the flyer, see notice board. The closing date is 6th October 2019. www.almshouses.org/resident-vacancies

A TREASURE HUNT FOR THE END OF THE HOLIDAYS?

If you'd like to support this year's **Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal** by collecting a box full of small gifts for a needy family or older person in Eastern Europe, why not start looking out for suitable items in the shops. There are some useful Back to School offers around now, and Wilko and the Pound shops are also good places to look. If you want to join in, please get this year's leaflet from Isobel and have a careful read before you begin, as some of the requirements for gifts and boxes are very specific. Thank you, and happy hunting!

All Saints Kingston Topical Lunch, Thursday 19 September: We welcome Kingston and Surbiton MP **Sir Ed Davey**, to answer the question we're all asking – Whatever is Westminster up to? Your chance to talk to our MP and share your views. Lunch at All Saints' East End Café from 12:00 pm – or bring your own sandwiches. Starts at 1:00 pm. Finishes 1:45 pm.