

St. Mary the Virgin

Week beginning 11th September 2021.

Boiler: If you would like to sponsor a radiator they are £701 each. Fundraising craft - meeting will be on 16th Sept at 7 Bellegrave Close 2.00pm. Next fundraiser is meet a princess in Danson Park or Eltham park 18th and 19th Sept see attached notice. Then an organ recital by Francis on 3rd Oct. at 3.00pm - retiring collection, this will be followed by a cream tea £2.50 if you would like to have the tea please sign up at the back so we have numbers for catering. Bake for the boiler cake sale after the Harvest Church parade 10th Oct. www.gofundme.com/f/st-marys-church-boiler-fund for online donations.

Maggie J is organising a trip to the Bob Hope theatre (Dick Whittington) on 22nd January 2.00pm If you would like to go please contact Maggie on 8854 4626

Sign up sheets are at the back of church for this years charity giving please sign as soon as possible.

A bag is now at the back of church to receive your food items for Bexley food bank A list of items they need is on the doors at the back of church.

Tony is retiring after many years of brilliant service to the magazine so a new editor is **needed** from December

The Bridge Newsletter can be read and downloaded from: southwark.anglican.org/thebridge

Please Pray for the following:



Paul Allen, Diane Talling, Michael Callaghan, Chris Lawson, Michael Baxter, Bertie, Eileen and Alan Wiltcher, Julie Dow, Boy and Marion, Angela Bailey, Gillian T, Ruth Dykes Angie Houston Bob Keys Colin Winstone, Amara, Avril, Rachel, Victoria Nobes, Stephen North, Rhian Jack. Jenny Eva Keighley Ann and Brian Carnie, Ross, Jamie-Lynn Port, , Ros Collins, Julian, Shanti, Anne Cobbold, Jeremy D. Angela. Julie-Ann and family, Maddie and her family, Lindsay Wyatt, Raymond Henn, Irene Fielding. Wilma Macdonald Bob. Cordery . Rachel and Chris, Joe and Lisa, Kezia Iris Lock. Amelia Cope. Maddie. Barbara Falkerwitz James Brokenshire, . Katherine Baker.. Kate Watling. Peter Judge and family. Steve.

Recently departed: Nikki Clarke

Years mind for week beginning 11th Sept: Sun: Reg. Burrows. **Wed:** Violet Meacher. **Thurs:** Dave Davies

Readings for Trinity 16

Jeremiah 11. 18 – 20. James 3. 13 – end 4. 3, 7 – 8. Mark 9 30 – 37.

This Week's Services

Sundays – 8.00am (no zoom) 10.00am Service in church and on zoom. **Wed** – 10.00am on zoom Code 552 850 6788 password. 180615 Please continue to say prayers for the parish and the nation at 12.00 noon everyday.

Fr Neil will be working Tues. Wed. Thurs every week.

Meetings - Wednesday fellowship 1.45pm in the hall.

Birthdays This Week

Mon: Arthur Evans

Directory

Priest: Fr. Neil Nicholls .. 020 8856 1809..07485177596..... revn@hotmail.co.uk

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We also have a WhatsApp group Andy Hirons is admin.

Finance

Any new regular payments or one-off donations will be welcome, to help us through this ongoing challenging time.

Our bank details are: PCC Saint Mary the Virgin – Sort Code: 20-06-72 Account No: 80692638

Thank you for your continued support.

We believe in the equality of all peoples and value the richness that comes with racial and ethnic diversity. Racism is a sin; as such we oppose racism in all its forms.

There is neither Jew nor Greek... you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:28

Readings for Trinity 15 Year B

FIRST READING Isaiah 50.4–9a

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The servant of the Lord said:

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

SECOND READING James 3.1–12

A reading from the letter of James.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.

For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue – a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

GOSPEL Mark 8.27–38

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' Jesus asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'