

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, SANDFORD ON THAMES

September 2024

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CAN YOU HELP?

Sandford Toddlers Group meets every Monday except during August in the Village Hall from 9.30 to 11.30. At the moment numbers are low (between 6 and twelve) but we hope to gain new members through an autumn party – see below.

Christa has kindly taken on the role of organizer, being there and welcoming newcomers. A couple of Mums help, but it would be good to have two or three other people who would be willing to join her from time to time and step in occasionally when she can't be there.

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For your diary:

10.0 a.m.

Harvest Communion

Sunday October 6th

Parents, grandparents,
carers and toddlers are
all invited to a

TODDLER PARTY

Monday 14th October in
the Village Hall 10.0–11.30



Food – play – fun – make friends

RIDE + STRIDES for Churches

The annual bike/stride/walk/run/ etc around churches near us will this year be on Saturday 14th September. Our church will as usual be open to welcome and refresh visitors – offers to help with the rota to Mick Hills please.

HARVEST OF TALENTS

Littlemore's annual celebration of community art will be on 14th September – 19th October, Any paintings, photos, sewing, pottery, knitting, poetry or other creative items for the exhibition warmly welcomed (see porch noticeboard for info).

**An open invitation
to come to the Village Hall at 5.0 p.m.
on Thursday September 26th
to a drinks reception**

to include the presentation of prizes to the winners of the Photography Competition and to introduce the new programme of monthly workshops and activities in the Village Hall. There will be something for everyone – come along and find out more!

SACaS (Sandford Arts Crafts and Skills)

The Village Hall will be putting on a monthly arts, crafts and skills group on the 3rd Thursday of the month from 6.0 – 7.30 from September.

A varied programme is taking shape – from wine tasting to solving basic computer problems

If you would like to receive an occasional email letting you know what is going on, please email

Thames Valley Annual Choirs' Festival Service

Saturday 28th September 2024

at Christ Church Cathedral from 6.0 – 7.0

All singers are welcome: choir registration from 2.30 pm. Rehearsal start 3.00 pm: £7 adults; £5 under 18s for choir. Come and join for choir rehearsal at 2.30 or come at 6.0 to join in the service as part of the congregation.

John Henry Newman as Preacher: A series of three lectures from 16-18 September, one in Littlemore church, on our next door neighbour Cardinal Newman. *No charge – all are welcome. See porch noticeboard*

SARAH HAGER: An A-Z of God's creation. An exhibition in Littlemore church Mondays and Wednesdays 10-12. *See porch noticeboard*

COMMUNITY LUNCH at Talking Shop Next one 11th September 12.30 – 2.0

A delicious three course lunch cooked by volunteers to save food waste. Pay what you can. No need to book.

AFTERNOON TEAS in the Village Hall on the first Wednesday of the month:

Next one: 4th September 2.0 - 4.0 Cost £4. Join us by booking at pruereynolds96@gmail.com

SUNDAYS in September 2024 Year B

Sunday 1st September Proper 17 Trinity 14

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

Deuteronomy 4.1-9 *Moses tells the people to keep God's commands and so be wise. Others will then be drawn to God. Make sure your children and grandchildren get the message.*

James 1.17-27 *God has given us the word of truth to shape us up. Be a good listener, patient. Welcome with gentleness and humility God's word implanted in your souls. And do it. And watch your language. And care for those in need.*

Mark 7.1-23 *Genuine purity is about the heart. What comes out of it from inside us can defile us.*

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Sunday 8th September Proper 18 Trinity 15

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

Proverbs 22. *A selection of wisdom sayings. A good reputation matters. Justice and generosity are what God expects from us.*

James 2.1-17 *Don't kowtow to rich people and neglect the poor. God honours those who are poor in material possessions. The royal law is to love your neighbour as yourself. Avoid partiality. Keep the whole law and be merciful and generous.*

Mark 7.24-37 *A Syrian woman asks Jesus for help. His priority is the nation he is sent to be God to tell of God's kingdom, but he sees her need and acts to help her in making her daughter better, and also healing someone who is deaf and dumb.*

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Sunday 15th September Proper 19 Trinity 16

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

Isaiah 50.4-9a *The prophet celebrates his joyful teaching ministry. He is a good listener too, attends to God and copes with unfair criticism. He will continue, with God's help.*

James 3.1-12 *Teachers will be judged more strictly. Watch your tongue – it can do damage.*

Mark 8.27-38 *Peter recognizes Jesus is God's Messiah but is silenced – Jesus prophesies his suffering and vindication, warning us that following a crucified Messiah will be costly – but will be vindicated.*

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Sunday 22nd September Proper 20 Trinity 17

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

Proverbs 31.10-31 *A man-ideal of a perfect wife. Very efficient, wise, kind. She should be recognized and rewarded.*

James 3.13-18 *James the brother of Jesus teaches wisdom. Envy and selfish ambition bring trouble. Ask God for the right things and avoid quarrels.*

Mark 9.30-37 *Jesus again tells of his impending death and resurrection and teaches his disciples what being a Christian involves: not to be top dog but to serve. A child serves as an example. Whoever welcomes a child or a vulnerable person welcomes Christ – and so God.*

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Sunday 29th September Proper 21 Trinity 18

Genesis 28.10-17 *Jacob has a dream: a ladder from heaven with angels on it, preparing us for the gospel revealing God.*

John 1.47-51 *Nathaniel recognizes Jesus as Messiah, King of Israel, Jesus says he will see more. The heavens opened on Jesus the revelation of God. The Son of Man from heaven.*

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
BCP collect for Trinity 17

Among the many local people who need our prayers, please especially keep in mind

all those we know who are unwell, including Dick Rudman, Gwen Beaver, and Martyn Akrigg, and for John Bardwell and the other residents of Vale House, and those who work there.

And we also remember **Geoff Cowan**, whose ashes are being placed in the Garden of Remembrance on the 1st September, and **Pauline Gibbons**, once of Henley Road.