

Sunday 19th June, First Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion

10-00am Parish Eucharist

This service can be viewed live on St Mary's Facebook page. It will be uploaded to Youtube once the service is finished. Service sheet attached.

Subtitles are available on Youtube. If you would find it helpful to read what is being said, click on the button marked CC, in the bottom strip under the picture. NB these are generated automatically and may contain errors. Subtitles might not be available immediately; if not, check again later.

Youtube recording link [here](#)

— Readings: Isaiah 65.1-9; Psalm 22.19-28; Galatians 3.23-end; Luke 8.26-39

Junior Church in the Hall this week.

Coffee in the Hall after this service

6pm Concert in Church – Choral Classics

No Zoom Prayers this week

I. SERVICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 19th June

Wednesday 22nd June

11-00am Holy Communion (livestreamed)

Thursday 23rd June

7-30am Eucharist

During the week

Morning Prayer Monday – Thursday 9am

Evening Prayer Monday - Thursday 5pm

The church is open for private prayer:

Monday - Saturday 9am - 5pm

- ***Receiving the chalice is entirely optional and if you would rather continue receiving the bread alone for the time being that is perfectly OK. Please do not dip your bread in the chalice. Communion will be administered at the chancel step.***
- *Hand sanitiser is available.*
- *Masks - please consider the vulnerability of those around you when deciding whether to wear a mask or not.*
- *Please respect people's social distance*
- *Please do not come to church if you are feeling unwell*

II. A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

“Here I am!”

“Here I am” is a cry we probably associate with the call of Samuel, yet through the prophet Isaiah we hear God repeatedly crying “Here I am” to a people who did not call upon him.

In this case the people are looking in many other places except the one place where God is, and that is right here! It is a reminder to us that we overcomplicate many things and especially our search for God and our relationship with God.

“You are all one in Christ” St Paul tells the Galatians. It is an encouraging description of the Church but it belies the many differences and divisions. And this fragmentation is a reflection of the fracturing of societies and peoples. Yet God says “Here I am” and St Paul says we are “all one in Christ”.

When we hear of Jesus healing of the man possessed of demons we have an image of the healing of our lives and our world. The man is possessed by “Legion” he is pushed and pulled in many different directions – a very modern sounding problem too. Jesus casts them out and refocuses the man on God. His neighbours find him sitting at Jesus’ feet “clothed and in his right mind”. It is a wonderful image.

Yet the local people are fearful at this change, not so keen on this new, simple focus, the outbreak of unity. The healing Jesus brings is judgement on fragmentation and everything that destroys our togetherness with one another and God. Are we fearful of the challenge and the joy of unity?

III. CHURCH NEWS

~ Jubilee Thank You

We want to say a big thank you to all who helped with the Jubilee Celebration in the baking, decorating, flower arrangement and setting out the tables . A particular mention to all who worked tirelessly in the kitchen and in serving the superb top class afternoon tea.

People were very generous but also in their praise of the whole afternoon.

When all expenses have been paid we expect to make in the region of £650 which we think is very good.

~ Holy Reading

Our first meeting will be on Monday 20th June at 10am. Contact the Rector for more details.

~ Walking Group

Future walking dates are

- Saturday 25th June (all day walk)
- Saturday 20th August (all day walk)
- Saturday 1st October (all day walk)

~ Concert on Sunday 19th June at 6pm

We continue our concert series on Sunday 19th June at 6pm for a 75- minute programme of well-loved choral classics by visiting choirs conducted by Grace Rossiter and Alison Fisher among others, including JS Bach's great motet 'Singet dem Herrn' , 'I was Glad' (Parry) and 'Zadok the Priest'

*(Handel). Refreshments served at the end The concert is offered in memory of Robin Daniel, former chorister at St Mary's.
Entry is free with a retiring collection for the church and churchyard fund.*

~ Seeking God

The next meeting of our discussion group will take place on Monday 27 June at 8pm at 46 Village Road, N3. We will discuss our monarch's title 'Defender of the Faith' and consider the alternative 'Defender of Faiths'. The meeting after that will take place on 25 July. All are welcome. Any queries to me, Nigel Wildish.

~ Parish BBQ

A date for your diary – 3rd July in the Rectory Garden.

~ St Mary's School Fair

*The school fair will be held on 3rd July from 2-5pm. There is plenty of time to come to the BBQ then go on to the fair, that is what the Rector is intending to do!
If you would like to help volunteer at the school fair please contact the Rector.*

~ Children's Society

Gladys Vendy thanks everyone who contributes to the Children's Society. She will be pleased to receive any boxes which need emptying and these can be given to her at the 10am service or left in the church office. Alternatively, if you wish to make a donation, this can be either by cash (in a clearly labelled envelope) or by cheque made payable to St Mary's PCC with Children's Society written on the back. This is so that it goes through the parish accounts as part of our mission giving. Gladys Vendy 020 8446 2907'

~ Ukraine Barnett Appeal :

We urgently require the following items to support the Ukraine refugees in Moldova:

- 1) Paracetamol.....or any other type of painkillers.*
- 2). Food*

*Please bring your donations to the church on Sunday.
Or speak to Manny..... Thank you.*

~ Ordination

Our new curate, Francesco, will be ordained in St Paul's Cathedral on Saturday 2nd July at 3pm. You can watch the service online by following this link: <https://youtu.be/oWtQU3HQclE>

~ Bible Study

Our new Bible Study group will be on Thursday afternoons, at 63A Holdenhurst Avenue at 2.30 on 30th June and 14th and 28th of July and will be looking at some of Jesus parables. All welcome. There will be an evening Bible Study group at a later date.

~ Student Accommodation required

The new language school in Ballards Lane are seeking people to take in a student or two for the summer months. Mari l'Anson is hosting a French student and wondered if others might be interested. They are from all over the world and it might help somebody who has a spare room and needs some company. Tel; 020 8343 8356. <https://nacelesl.co.uk>

~ Celtic Wisdom and the Glory of Wild Flowers No 11: The Feast of Corpus Christi

*The centuries have settled on this table
Deepened the grain beneath a clean white cloth
Which bears afresh our changing elements.
Year after year of prayer, in hope and trouble,
Were poured out here and blessed and broken, both
In aching absence and in absent presence.*

These opening lines of Malcom Guite's third sonnet for Corpus Christi leads into this week's reflection honouring the Feast of Corpus Christi and Day of Obligation which reminds us "that when two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them" (Matthew 18: 20).

Read Lynn's reflection here: <https://stmaryatfinchley.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Celtic-Wisdom-and-the-Glory-of-Wild-Flowers-No-11-Corpus-Christi.pdf>

—Pastoral issues & resources

The pastoral group hope to keep in regular contact with those who have requested it; but anyone who feels the need to talk to someone is welcome to give us a ring. (See the contact details below.)

—Parish prayer list

Marilyn, Tony Lewis, Kate Anderson, Joan Airey, Saul Venit, Les Zamit, George Palmer, Simone, Raphael, Naomi, Harry Prescott, Rebecca, Christopher Browne, Mark Harris, Sonia Singham, Janet Mary Whitford, Jill Russell, Robert Reed, Brenda Knight, Paul Heyman, Theresa, David Aprahamian Liddle, Jo Newton, Tom Jamieson, Leon Leonidou, Maria Psaras, Chris Leonidou, Judy Bird, Vera Predich, Faye Connelly, Tricia Crozier, Pam Leahy, Angela Brant, Goldie Graham, Shelley Ibe, Aileen O'Brien, Ellie-Lara, Shena Lee, Francie Simpson, Joyce Piper, Elizabeth Gregson, Andrew Elder, Jenny, Niina Dowuona-Hammond, Stella Okonkwo, the Gordon family, Emily Foster

RIP Kathleen Gordon, Mike Hill

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--Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stmaryatfinchley/>

--YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoEfGw89pMsshqD7aX5-R3A/>

CONTACT DETAILS

If you are concerned about yourself or other people—including requests for practical help—please contact the pastoral group: pastoralgroup.smaf@gmail.com

If you wish to speak to a priest:

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