

All Saints' Church, Brenchley



Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity, October 24th 2021

Collect (The Special Prayer for today)

Grant, we beech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind, 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

Old Testament Psalm 70

¹ Be pleased, O God, to deliver me. O LORD, make haste to help me!

² Let those be put to shame and confusion who seek my life.

Let those be turned back and brought to dishonour who desire to hurt me.

³ Let those who say, 'Aha, Aha!' turn back because of their shame.

⁴ Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you.

Let those who love your salvation say evermore, 'God is great!'

⁵ But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay!

Epistle Ephesians Ch 4 vs 17 – 32

¹⁷ Now this I affirm and insist on in the Lord: you must no longer live as the Gentiles live, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of their ignorance and hardness of heart. ¹⁹ They have lost all sensitivity and have abandoned themselves to licentiousness, greedy to practise every kind of impurity. ²⁰ That is not the way you learned Christ! ²¹ For surely you have heard about him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus. ²² You were taught to put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts, ²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. ²⁵ So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. ²⁶ Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸ Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹ Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹ Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³² and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Gospel Mark Ch 2 vs 1 – 12

When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ² So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. ³ Then some people came, bringing to him a paralysed man, carried by four of them. ⁴ And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. ⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.' ⁶ Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ⁷ 'Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?' ⁸ At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, 'Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? ⁹ Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, "Your sins are forgiven", or to say, "Stand up and take your mat and walk"? ¹⁰ But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins—he said to the paralytic— ¹¹ "I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home." ¹² And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, 'We have never seen anything like this!'

NOTICES.

Annual Service of Remembrance for the Departed will take place in Church on Sunday November 7

Suggestions for readings and hymns would be very welcome, and should be sent to Peter Hungerford-Welsh preferably by email to pjhw@city.ac.uk

Church of England Children's Society It is time to return your Boxes to Margaret Maw

Churchyard Committee Sale

The retiring Churchyard Committee members would like to thank all those who supported their recent sale, The magnificent sum of £726.90 was raised.

I know that some of you will for a variety of reasons be concerned about attending. Below is a list of measures the Churchwardens, PCC, and I have agreed in order to reassure people and to make the safety of our 'at risk' members a top priority. You will of course still be able to watch the service on Facebook. Thank you for being patient as we trial 'streaming'. Before purchasing expensive equipment, we will continue to feel our way forward on this. We do understand that some of you have had issues with the sound quality though this may be to do with your own devices rather than the church's. If you are experiencing difficulties, please let us know and someone will be happy to visit or telephone you to correct this.

1. The North Aisle will be reserved for those wishing to wear a FACE MASK and maintain SOCIAL DISTANCING.
2. In the building itself we ask people to maintain a responsible loving distance between each other, respecting especially those wearing face masks.
3. Please sanitise your hands in the porch before entering.
4. Air circulation is very good inside the church building and we will be keeping all doors open. Congregational singing is now permitted.
5. Communion is in both forms now. The consecrated wafers will be set out on The Lord's Table and the wine in biodegradable tiny cups on a table next to it. Please approach the table in a clockwise direction from the north side, keeping a 2 metre space between you and the person in front (unless a 'bubble'), take and consume the wafer and then the wine, taking the cup with you and return to your seat continuing in a clockwise direction. Churchwardens/Sidesmen will assist on distanced circulation.

We still need some volunteers!!!

SAFEGUARDING

Two separate roles: **Safeguarding Officer** (lay person) in tandem with the Vicar. **Maintaining** the (already existing and up-to-date) record of individual's Safeguarding clearance.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Becoming a member of the team (one Sunday a month, never the first Sunday). Safeguarding requires additional adults to be present – a good way to see what the role involves!

MISSION PARTNER LINK

Keeping in touch with the Jaffa link and keeping the church family up-to-date.

WELCOMERS

Being part of a team of welcomers to our services. This is very much an all-age task: children really enjoy doing it together with mum or dad!

CHURCHYARD REPRESENTATIVE/S

Following the retirement of our Churchyard Committee after many loyal and hugely appreciated years of service, our wonderful churchyard with its varied flora and fauna, its wild areas and rewilding programme, needs some green-fingered enthusiasts to keep an eye on it, to note what jobs need to doing, and to help organise bi-annual clear up days.

Please send any information that you wish to be included, by Thursday evening of each week,
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