

St Mary the Virgin Twickenham



Sunday 23rd September

Trinity XVII

WELCOME to the Church`s worship on this the seventeenth Sunday after Trinity. Today`s Gospel refutes the world`s idea of what greatness is, suggesting that the noble spirit is that of someone prepared to serve others, as Christ Himself chose to do. Today we pledge ourselves anew to the service of others as His Disciples, as we renew our Baptismal Promises and welcome Reuben Haley into the Christian family. Refreshments will be served in the Hall after the Parish Eucharist, to which you are all invited. Our hosts today are 'After the Sermon'.

8.00 am	Holy Eucharist
Reading	James 3: 13 – 4: 3 & 7-8 (Antonio Carmona)
Gospel	Mark 9: 30-37
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist
Organ music	Suite Guilain
Hymns	393, 73, 107, 148
Gospel	Mark 9: 30-37
Organ Music	Magnificat Guilain
6.00 pm	Concert of flute and organ music by Vivaldi, Handel and Bach.

Intercessions

We pray for all members of our congregation. We pray for Mission for Vision.

We pray for all those seeking God's intervention, guidance and healing in their lives, amongst them:

Eileen Hayden	Dell Gillespie-Gilbert	Nick
Stephen Pilgrim	Jinny	Barbara Jenkins
Michael	Monica Palmer	Raoul Franklin
Ben	Imogen Snelling	Carmen Alonso
Nicholas	Craig	Sophy Newman
Beryl Mason	Ola	Lehni Norman
Jill Dennison	Kay Lawson	Christine Bartlett
Don McClen	James Donovan	Ann Falconi
Blaise Nelson	Bea Martin	Bernice McCabe
Careena Farquhar	Felicity-Louise	Susy Dawes

We pray for those who have died that they may know new and eternal life:

John Edwards
Sally Mellersh

If you would like the names of anyone included or re-added to the Intercessions list, please contact the Parish Office.

Please can we remind you to keep your valuables with you at all times while you are in church.

Thank you.

Today

Readers and Intercessors

The new rota is now displayed on the noticeboard at the back of church, please note both a reader and an intercessor are needed for next Sunday 30th September.

Thank you.

WALSINGHAM.

Next week parishioners from St Mary's will be making Pilgrimage to the Shrine Church of Our Lady of Walsingham. One of the main activities while we are there is spending time in intercessory prayer. If you would like anyone or anything included in those prayers, please jot them down on a piece of paper and hand them to Jeff our Vicar today

or email by Wednesday to hopkinwilliams@btinternet.com

Thank you.

**Music for flute and organ
at 6.00pm**

The programme will include Sonatas by Handel, Vivaldi, Bach and a Chinese folk song.

Given by Kuanyu Lai (flute) with Adrian Mumford (organ)

Kuanyu Lai, born in Taiwan, is a prizewinning flutist, pianist and composer whose compositions had been performed in Asia. He studied flute and piano on the music school, and Master in Composition, at Soochow University. He continued his studies in London with a UK Youth Mobility Scheme. He now works as a musician, music teacher, lecturer and travel manager in Taiwan.

The Concert will last about 50 minutes.

Forthcoming Events

Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning - Saturday 6th October, As many of you know, I'm holding a Coffee (and tea) Morning as above in order to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. I am so grateful to members of the congregation who've already volunteered to help set up, make cakes and clear away afterwards.

NOW I NEED PEOPLE TO COME ALONG, AND BUY COFFEE/TEA AND EAT CAKE! I'm suggesting a donation of £5 (as we do for Christian Aid) and a request that if you pay tax you sign the Gift Aid form provided by Macmillan. If you are able to come along I'd be most grateful if you'll let me know, either at Church or by phoning or emailing me as I need to have some idea of numbers.

Betty Miller 020-8943 3561 or email: k267miller@btinternet.com

St. Mary's Music 2018: Sunday 14th October - Opera explained in about an hour. Singers from St. Mary's will provide a lighthearted introduction to the world of opera.

Bishop's Teaching Evenings with The Rt. Revd. Dr. Graham Tomlin - WHY DOES GOD ALLOW SUFFERING? – If God is good, why does he allow bad things to happen in his world? In this interactive teaching evening, Bishop Graham will look at this age-old problem and suggest some approaches to understanding this mystery, showing how, rather than an objection to faith, our experience of suffering is in fact a pointer to it.

All are welcome from churches across the Kensington Area.

- 25th September – St Barnabas, Kensington at 7pm
- 16th October – All Saints Fulham at 7pm
- 5th November – St Michael & All Angels Bedford Park at 7.30pm
- 21st November – St Saviour's Sunbury at 7.30pm
- 5th December – St Stephen's Twickenham at 7.30pm

General Notices

Watering Cans !

Thank you to all those who decorated the church so imaginatively for our Harvest Thanksgiving celebrations. It looked wonderful.

HYMNS AND PIMMS - Many thanks to all those who came to welcome our ecumenical guests and provided such extravagant hospitality on our Patronal Sunday. It was a time of joyful singing and prayerful togetherness.

Food Bank - A massive "Thank you" for the generosity of food and toiletries given at the Harvest Thanksgiving service. It was much appreciated up at the Vineyard centre. Jenny Kelly

Notice is given of the closure of Church Street for filming all day on Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th September and on Thursdays 4th and 18th October, and between 11am-6.30pm on Friday 26th October.

Use of the Vestry during services - Children are very welcome in church. But parents and carers may now visit the Vestry room with their little ones at any point during the service. There is a baby changing unit in the larger WC.

Email and contact details - Please use the welcome card, available in the pews or at the back of church, if you wish to be added to the parish list or to update existing information and pass to a churchwarden or sidesperson. (this is NOT an alternative to completing the data protection form you are encouraged to complete).

Data Protection - Please complete a consent form! - Thank you to everyone who has completed and returned a data protection consent form, which is needed to enable the church to comply with the forthcoming General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). We are not intending on changing the way with which we communicate with you directly, but we need to update the details we hold and ask for you to 'opt in' to communications from the church. Consent forms are available at the back of the church. Please return completed forms to Sarah or Emily after the services, or return them to the church office. Additionally, our Data Privacy Notice has been updated and is available on the noticeboard, or on the website.

Giving to St Mary's - If you wish to give money to St Mary's to help fund its running costs you can do so by texting a donation in addition to using established giving schemes. Whilst we do not encourage people to use their mobile phones at all during the service, if you would like to donate this way as you leave the church, or whenever is convenient to you if you cannot be with us on a Sunday, please text STMY12 and the amount to be given to 70070 e.g STMY12 £10. You will receive a text message thanking you and asking if you want to gift aid the donation.

From the Archives

A series of occasional items from the Parish Archives.

The Patronal Festival of St Mary the Virgin

As you sit in church your eyes may be drawn upwards above the altar and the Victorian reredos with its Corinthian pilasters to light upon the round east window with its curious mix of colours: gold with blue, green and red features picked out on a clear white background with floral sprays and curlicues. The window depicts some of the many symbols of Mary and is the last in a series of stained glass windows.

The 1859 painting by James Gooch of the church interior before the 1860-62 alterations shows a plain window with radiating lines. Following the new Vicar George Master's comprehensive alterations – removing the box pews and west gallery, moving the pulpit and organ, raising the chancel and removing the cupola on the tower - a new east window was installed in 1861, dedicated to the previous vicar of 41 years, Canon Proby. A photograph of 1880 shows this window which apparently never found favour. It was replaced again in 1897 to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, but this window, along with all the Victorian glass, was blown out by local bomb blasts in 1944. It was repaired temporarily with plain glass and in 1952, when Alan Rogers was Vicar, a new design was installed showing Jesus with his hand raised in blessing and symbols of kingship (a sceptre, globe and the four winged creatures) and the inscription *His dominion shall be from one sea to the other*. This was replaced with the present window in 1964 when John Davies was Vicar.

At the top of the window are the initials VM for Virgin Mary below which is a crown symbolising her as Queen of Heaven, a title that dates from the 5th century Council of Ephesus when she was proclaimed *Mother of God*, *theotokos* (Greek) and *mater dei* (Latin). Pope Pius XII issued an encyclical *Ad Coeli Reginam* in 1946 explaining this title as mother of Jesus the King. Over the centuries she has also been named as Queen of Angels, Prophets, Martyrs, and many other groups (see the Litany of Loreto 1587). Many medieval paintings depict her Crown of Seven Stars, as here.

In the centre of the window is the Fountain in the Enclosed Garden, the *Hortus Conclusus* of the Song of Solomon where King Solomon's song to his bride became re-interpreted in Medieval and Renaissance poetry and art as describing the union between Christ and the Church, and many paintings showed Mary in or near a walled garden in which she was untouched and protected from sin, a garden containing the tall cedar, the rosebush, the well of living waters, and the olive tree as well as the fountain.

At the bottom is a heart pierced with seven swords, representing the seven sorrows (*dolors*) of Mary: the prophecy of Simeon, the flight into Egypt, the loss of the child Jesus for three days, meeting Jesus on his way to Calvary, the crucifixion and death of Jesus, Jesus' body taken down from the cross, the burial of Jesus. The celebration of the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows on 15 September dates from the 12th century. The image of swords is from Simeon's prophecy that a sword will pierce Mary's heart (Luke 2. v25). The iris or "sword lily" is a further emblem of Our Lady's Seven Sorrows

Filling the four spaces between the arms of the cross are various flowers, especially lilies, the symbol of virginity and purity. The leaves and petals shown may include other symbolic plants associated with Mary, such as the mystic rose with four petals, for Mary as Heaven's Rose; the pear as a symbol for the fruit of her womb; the almond as a symbol of divine favour; blue periwinkle, the "Virgin Flower" with pointed petals similar to the Star of the Sea; pansy, the "Trinity Flower" with three petals; fleur-de-lys, etc. The left arm of the cross has a six-point star, suggesting Mary's title as *Stella Maris*, Star of the Sea, an image which has obscure origins but has inspired many prayers of devotion: the right arm has *IHS*, initials which stands for *Jesus, Son, Saviour* in Greek.

Diana Wells
Parish Archivist

Please pray for these events which are taking place amongst the Church family during the coming week.

Monday	10.00 am-5.00 pm 8.00 pm	The organ will be in use. PCC meets in the vestry.
Tuesday	11.00 am-12.00noon 4.00 pm 7.45 pm	Minnows meeting in church. Rehearsal in church Richmond Concert Society - A performance will be given by London Conchord Ensemble.
Wednesday	10.00 am 11.00 am-1.30 pm 8.00 pm	Eucharist The church and vestry will be in use and will not be accessible to others. Bells practice
Thursday	10.00 am-12.00noon 4.30 pm-5.30 pm	The church and vestry will be in use for work on the archives. The organ will be in use.
Friday	9.30 am 10.00 am-5.00 pm	The Pilgrimage Coach will leave St Mary`s Church. The organ will be in use.
Saturday	12.00noon-1.00 pm 7.00 pm	The organ will be in use. The organ will be in use.

Sunday 30th September

Trinity XVIII

8.00 am Holy Eucharist	James 5: 13-20 Mark 9: 38-50
9.30 am Parish Eucharist	James 5: 13-20 Mark 9: 38-50

Please note

there will be no public recitation of Evening Prayer



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