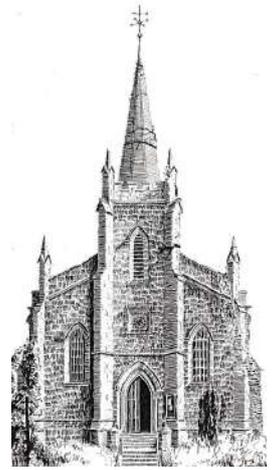


St Mary the Virgin

Riverhead with Dunton Green



Sunday 9th August 2020 - 9th Sunday after Trinity

1 Kings 19.9-18

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' Then the LORD said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.'

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Romans 10.5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 14.22-33

Immediately after feeding the crowd with the five loaves and two fish, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

For your information

St Lukes are now holding an 8.00am BCP Holy Communion Service, people will be asked to enter and exit via the North Porch. At 10.15am there is also a Parish Eucharist which is being zoomed for those not able to attend, but the code is not generally circulated until Saturday afternoon as a new one is used each week for security purposes. For this later service people arrive at 10.00am and are ushered to a seat, leaving promptly at the end, but can distance chat outside. There is no criteria for attending and anyone is welcome.

Loaves and Fishes There is probably an even greater need for this service during these very difficult times for us all. If you are shopping for food etc if you can pop something extra into your basket I am sure it would be greatly appreciated. Margaret Holman at 2 Cranmer Road has a basket in her porch into which goods can be placed and she will undertake to deliver them to St John's.

Services for the week

Tuesday team prayers : 7.15pm for about 20 to 30 mins via Zoom. Link information to follow

Wednesday Compline: from 7.45pm for 8pm start via Zoom. Service approximately 30mins. Usual link etc applies but copied below for ease of use:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6161461466?pwd=TnZxenFXRE1HYTNSMk84WWhxVFkzdz09>

ID is 616 146 1466

password stmarys

From the Churchwardens: The church is now open for private prayer from 10.00am to noon each Saturday until further notice. Please follow the instructions when visiting.

Zoom services - recording of services

As some of you may have noticed Daphne had been recording our Zoom services. The intention had been to place the audio only part of some of the services on our website so that those who are unable to join us using Zoom could at least listen to them at another time. Unfortunately we haven't yet mastered the technology to do this and so Daphne has deleted all recordings from her computer. We do not plan to record services until further notice (if for reasons of technological hiccups any services or part thereof are recorded then they will be deleted from Daphne's computer).

Zoom services - background concerns

Please remember that anyone who logs into the service can see the background you are sitting in front of. So if, for example, you have any priceless heirlooms or family photos you would prefer not to be open to "public viewing" please either remove them from camera shot, change where you sit or choose to use a virtual background in the meetings settings area of Zoom.

Please pray for Sarah Seuwing - The daughter of Peter Flynn's friend Pat who is very seriously ill

Bible Study and Prayer Group (suspended for the month of August)

A regular group meets for prayer and bible study each Monday morning in the Lady Chapel where there is a prayer board for people to pin up their prayer requests.

The meeting starts at 9.45 for prayer and this is followed by bible study. The meeting usually lasts approximately 1½ hours. To date we have studied Women of Faith, Life Changing encounters from the Gospel of John, Exodus 1-18, Romans 1-5, Guide to Psalms, Job and Philippians. We are currently studying Judges "The Good, The Bad and The Ugly". If you would like to join us you will be made very welcome. Please contact "Daphne Harrison" daphneharrison@yahoo.co.uk or "Ronnie Todd" vat.lady@hotmail.co.uk

PLEASE NOTE, DURING LOCKDOWN WE ARE MEETING VIA ZOOM

Coffee following Services Each Sunday for the time being we are staying on Zoom after the service - giving people a couple of minutes to pop out and make a coffee - and then come back and have a chat and catch up with some of the congregation you have not seen, just as we would if we were able to be in the church.

Virtual Coffee Morning We now meet for a virtual half hour coffee morning on Thursdays at 11.00am. Come and have a chat with some people you have not seen for some time. Sign on instructions are as below

Poverty and Hope

Dear Friend

In this time of global pandemic we are anxious not to forget marginalised people and communities living in poverty. Their needs remain and, in many cases, have been exacerbated by COVID-19.

Our annual Poverty and Hope Appeal aims to raise money to help such marginalised people address the causes of poverty. Projects work with the local Church so our support is a huge encouragement to our brothers and sisters in Christ as they reach out to help their local communities. We continue to support projects in Burundi, Sri Lanka, Syria, Zimbabwe and Kent.

We know that the pandemic has greatly affected many members of our communities and that these people need our help and prayers. But we hope that you will not forget people whose lives are disadvantaged by global poverty and will feel able to support the Poverty and Hope Appeal in whatever way you can.

Yours sincerely

Debbie Cooper, Coordinator, Diocese of Rochester Poverty and Hope Appeal
6 Calverley Park, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 2SH

How to donate

We know that the pandemic has greatly affected many members of our communities and that you yourself may be struggling. However, if you are able to do so please support the Poverty and Hope Appeal in whatever way you can. We have broadened the ways you can donate.

E-banking: You can make a donation by e-banking to following account: Rochester Diocesan Society and Board of Finance, sort code 20-54-29, account 90760099.. In the reference box, please put P&H so we can correctly allocate the money to the Poverty and Hope Appeal, and something to identify your church (or nothing if you wish your donation to be given anonymously). Please email povertyandhope@gmail.com if you need more details.

Give.net: You can donate by card via <https://www.give.net/povertyandhope/fundraising>. You can also gift aid your donation if you are a qualifying UK taxpayer. Give.net is part of Stewardship, a Christian charity that supports Christian giving.

Cheques: please make out to 'Rochester DBF' with 'Poverty and Hope Appeal' on the back and send them with any completed gift aid envelopes to: Finance Team Rochester Diocese, St Nicholas Church, Boley Hill, Rochester ME1 1SL.

You may increase the value of your giving by gift-aiding your donation. This allows us to reclaim the tax relating to your gift. Please download and fill in the attached form and return it with your donation to the Rochester Finance Team at the address above. If you would like to receive details of the gift aid scheme or how to make your donation by standing order please do contact us at povertyandhope@gmail.com

Regular Link to Services and Coffee Morning

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6161461466?pwd=z-ZBEpPZ2UtHf2kJiI6N7bM9HDuqg8>

Meeting ID: 616 146 1466

Password: stmarys

Opening hymn:

Fill you hearts with joy and gladness,
sing and praise your God and mine!
Great the Lord in love and wisdom,
Might and majesty divine!
He who framed the starry heavens
Knows and names them as they shine.

Praise the Lord, his people, praise him!
wounded souls his comfort know;
those who fear him find his mercies,
peace for pain and joy for woe;
humble hearts are high exalted,
human pride and power laid low.

Praise the Lord for times and seasons,
cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;
spring to melt the snows of winter
till the waters flow again;
grass upon the mountain pastures,
golden valleys thick with grain.

Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
peace and plenty crown your days;
love his laws, declare his judgements,
walk in all his words and ways;
he the Lord and we his children:
praise the Lord, all people, praise!

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness,
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
but wholly trust in Jesus' name (Repeat)

*Christ alone
Cornerstone,
Weak made strong
In the Saviour's love.
Through the storm
He is Lord
Lord of all.*

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace,
in every high and stormy gale
my anchor holds with the veil
my anchor holds with the veil.

Christ alone..... X3

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne.

Final hymn:

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian Sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm.