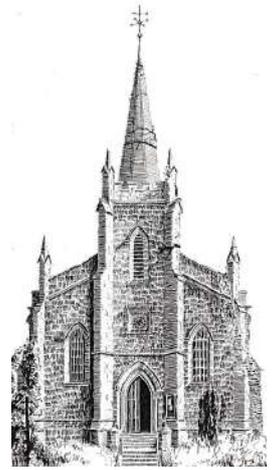


St Mary the Virgin Riverhead with Dunton Green



Sunday 16th August 2020 - 10th Sunday after Trinity

Romans 11.1-2a,29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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 15:21-28

Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

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=TnZxenFXRE1HYTNSMk84WWhxVFkzd09>

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

ACTS

Last Sunday Michael Gentry, the Area Dean was speaking to us about the incident in Matthew, when Jesus walked on the water to His disciples and then encouraged Peter to do the same. Peter started to sink when he stopped looking at Jesus and needed Him to rescue him. Jesus said Peter lacked faith. Michael was saying we were very similar to Peter and he was encouraging us all to remember to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and to grow and strengthen our faith in Him by prayer. He was saying that we can so easily neglect praying until life gets difficult and then it was very easy for our prayers to become a list of requests. He encouraged us to pray at all times using different kinds of prayers. This would deepen and strengthen our relationship with Christ. He suggested using the following mnemonic ACTS to help us

Adoration

Confession

Thanksgiving

Supplication

Adoration: to remind ourselves how great and awesome God is - and that He is always loving in His dealings with us.

Confession: to acknowledge before Him all that we have done that we shouldn't have and the many things we have not done that we should have (our sin)

Thanksgiving: to remember all the many blessings we have from Him - especially that He is our Saviour Who died to save us from the result of all our sin.

Supplication: to ask Jesus for His help for ourselves and others to live in truly loving ways.

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

Opening hymn:

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me lie in pastures green;
He leads me by the still, still waters;
His goodness restores my soul.
*And I will trust in you alone
and I will trust in you alone
for your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my way in righteousness
and he anoints my head with oil
and my cup, it overflows with joy;
I feast on his pure delights.
And I will trust in you alone....

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one;
for you are with me, and your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.
And I will trust in you alone....

Final hymn

Praise my soul, the King of Heaven,
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who will me his praise should sing?
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise Him still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, He tends and spares us,
well our feeble frame He knows;
in His hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
widely as His mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore Him;
ye behold Him face to face;
sun and moon bow down before Him,
dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
praise with us the God of grace.

**Play out to the anthem *There's a wideness in
God's mercy* by Maurice Bevan**



Induction of
Revd Mark Bridgen

