

Coffee/Tea in Church after Mass - all welcome.
Today: 3.0pm Harvest Praise at URC Chapel

2nd October, 2022

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM
27th Sunday of Year C

This week - Divine Office - Psalter Week 3

Mon: 9.30am. Mass – (Gal 1 v 6-12; Luke 10 v 25-37)
Int.our care of our neighbours

Tues. St. Francis of Assisi
9.30am. Mass – (Gal 1 v6-12; Luke 10 v 38-42) Int: our care of our planet
10.00-12.00 Coffee and Cake in Church

Wed. 9.30am. Mass (Gal 2 v 1-2, 7-14; Luke 11 v 1-4)
Int :Deepening of our prayer life

Thurs. No Mass at Mendlesham: Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Fri. Our Lady of the Rosary
8.00am Mass (Acts 1 v 12-14; Luke 1 v 26-38).
Int: Society of Mary
10.00am School Harvest Service in church – all welcome

Sat. 10.00am 1st Mass of Sunday. (Readings as on Sunday)
Int: All who work on the land
4.00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

NEXT SUNDAY: **28th of Year C. Harvest Thanksgiving.**
9.30am Parish Mass & Address and blessing of harvest gifts
2 Kings 5 v 14-17; 2 Tim 2 v 8-13; Luke 17 v 11-19

NOTICES:

1. October newsletter is available for those who do not have it delivered.
2. Please would those going to Walsingham on Thursday stay behind so we can arrange transport? I suggest that those who are passengers each pay £10 to the driver.
3. Harvest Thanksgiving next Sunday: please bring cans, jars, packets, + fruit and veg to be taken to St Martin's Housing Trust, Norwich for the homeless
4. Please support and advertise the next tour of church (last this year) – Saturday 8th October. 2.00 – 4.00pm £5 per adult inc refreshments, for Friends of St Mary's
5. List in church for November candles to be blessed on Sunday 30th October. Because of rising costs of candles, these will be £8 (which includes 2 large candles for the month)

THEME: There should be no room for pessimism for Christians. Our faith is not in ourselves or the world, but in Jesus who is victorious. And the Spirit he gives is the spirit of power.

Entrance Hymn: 262 v. 1 – 5.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant: Lord, forgive us in the spirit of discouragement and timidity. Lord have Mercy. **People:(sing) Kyrie Eleison** (*Ukrainian setting*)

Celebrant: Lord, forgive our lack of faith in your risen power.

Christ have mercy. **People: Christe Eleison**

Celebrant: Lord, forgive the times we do not transmit your love and joy to others. Lord have mercy. **People: Kyrie Eleison**

CELEBRANT PROCLAIMS GOD'S FORGIVENESS

GLORIA: 'Sanctus' setting.

OPENING PRAYER: *Let us pray that God will forgive our failings and bring us peace.* Father, your love for us surpasses all our hopes and desires. Forgive our failings, keep us in your peace and lead us in the way of salvation.

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

1st Reading: Habakkuk 1 v. 2-3; 2 v. 2-4: The prophet, deeply upset by the extent of oppression and injustice, cries out to God who responds with a word of hope and a call to all upright people to remain faithful.

How long, O Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny?

Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said, 'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 94

Ⓜ **O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;

hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks,

with songs let us hail the Lord. Ⓜ

Come in; let us bow and bend low;

let us kneel before the God who made us

for he is our God and we

the people who belong to his pasture,

the flock that is led by his hand. Ⓜ

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work'.

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2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1 v. 6-8, 13-14: The young priest, Timothy, is reminded that the gift of faith is something very precious, which he needs to protect and nourish if he is to be an effective witness to the Lord in the face of opposition and hostility.

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Gospel Hymn: 262 v. 6 & 7.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 17 v. 5-10: Jesus makes clear to us our need of a living faith. Our good deeds are not enough to make us children of God.

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

Blessing of toiletries and blankets etc for those cared for by St Martin's

Address Creed – NICENE (pg 9 of hymn book)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: Let us now turn to the God and Father of Jesus Christ and make our prayers to him in faith and trust.

Reader: Let us pray that the church may persevere in prayer and action and not lose faith and trust in God, even if at times it cannot hear his voice.

Let us pray for all who have lost hope – for the depressed, lonely and for those near to suicide. We pray for all cared for by St Martin's Housing Trust, Norwich.

Let us pray for those who do not have faith in God's presence to encourage them – especially for those bereaved and those who suffer from terminal illness.

Let us pray that the Lord may help us to serve him, not out of a sense of duty like slaves but out of love, as befits his sons and daughters.

Let us pray for employers: that they may pay decent wages and treat their employees in a way that enhances their human dignity.

Let us pray for peace: lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth; from despair to hope; from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace and let peace fill our hearts, our world and our universe.

Let us pray for Emma and Chris, who were married yesterday, that they may grow in love of God and for each other.

Let us pray for those who are suffering in mind or body, that they may be led through their difficulties to His wholeness and peace; especially Margaret Maundrell, Hazel Lockwood and Billy Carter and all prayed for in Shrine Prayers

We remember those who have died in the hope of resurrection especially those dear to us. We ask the Lord to bring them into his presence, especially William Walker, William Mason, Charles Ward, Tania Cammidge, Malcolm Cammidge, Frances Spalding, Alice Ball, Lynn Fraser, Arthur Calver, William Pitt, Hilary Taylor, Ivor Bulmer-Thomas and Edward Sanders; whose anniversaries are this week.

Let us pray with Mary, who gave her Son food, drink and shelter. **Hail Mary, full of grace, The Lord is with Thee. Blessed art thou among woman and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

S I L E N C E

Father, your reply when we turn to you is a still, small voice. May we not lose faith and trust, but learn to recognise your voice, following the example of your own Son who lives and reigns with you for ever. Amen

Offertory Hymn: 75 v. 1-2 **Offertory Prayers: Hymn: 75** v. 3 - end.
(*Mass continues on p.9 of Hymn Book*)

SANCTUS: 'Sanctus' setting.

Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ, in the most Holy Sacrament. Hosannah! Hosannah! Hosannah in excelsis! (*Mass cont. p 11 of Hymn Book*)

AGNUS DEI: 'Sanctus' setting.

Holy Communion is now given in 2 kinds. If you do not wish to receive from the chalice, please bow your head as it passes by. Communicants of other denominations are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you are not a Communicant, you are welcome to go to the altar rail for a blessing; please carry a hymn book.

Hymns at Holy Communion: 409 and 508. Please join in.

Hymn at Ablutions: 179

Post Communion Prayer **Angelus** Notices **Blessing**

Recessional Hymn: 585.