

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, SANDFORD ON THAMES

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Do this in remembrance of me . . .

Was ever another command so obeyed?
For century after century, spreading slowly
to every continent and country and among
every race on earth, this action has been
done, in every conceivable human
circumstance, for every conceivable human
need from infancy and before it to extreme
old age and after it, from the pinnacles of
earthly greatness to the refuge of fugitives in
the caves and dens of the earth. We have
found no better thing than this to do for
kings at their crowning and for criminals
going to the scaffold; for armies in triumph
or for a bride and groom in a little country
church; for the proclamation of a dogma or
for a good crop of wheat; for the wisdom of
the Parliament of a great nation or for a
woman afraid to die; for a schoolboy sitting
an exam or for Columbus setting out to
discover America; for the famine of whole
provinces or for the soul of a friend;
because the Turk was at the gates of Vienna;
for the settlement of a strike; while the lions
roared in the nearby amphitheatre; on the
beach at Dunkirk; while the hiss of the
scythes in the thick June grass came faintly
through the windows of the church - one
could fill many pages with the reasons why
we have done this, and not tell a hundredth
part of them. And best of all, week by week,
month by month, on hundreds of successive
Sundays, faithfully, unfailingly, across all the
parishes of Christendom, the people of God
gather in response to the command:
Do this, in remembrance of me.

Paraphrase of Dom Gregory Dix

Bishop Steven's blog

<https://blogs.oxford.anglican.org/>

is regularly updated and is well worth
looking at. It's packed with thought-
provoking reflections and meditations, as
well as numerous other prayer resources.

Sandford Village Fete

will be on September 4th this year. It seems a long way
ahead, but we will be holding our usual raffle for St
Andrew's - an important part of our fundraising and which
we of course missed out on last year. So please keep it in
mind if you have anything you could donate as a raffle prize.

The Fete committee would also be grateful for donations
and offers of help: see page 5 of the summer Link magazine
(if you've lost your Link,
you can find it online at www.sandfordchurch.org.uk)

ST ANDREW'S

FLOWER FESTIVAL

will be on September 4th and 5th, during the village festival
weekend which will include the Fete on the 4th,
and Harvest Festival Communion at 10.0 a.m.
and Harvest Choral Evensong at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday 5th.

Diary dates:

Sunday 4/5 September:	Village Festival weekend.
Sunday 5 th September:	10.0 Harvest Festival
	6.30 Festival Evensong
Wednesday 8 th September:	Open Choir Evening
Saturday 11 th September:	Ride and Stride
Sunday 31 st October:	6.30 Memorial Service for the Departed
Sunday 14 th November:	10.0 Remembrance Sunday
Sunday 19 th December:	6.30 Carol Service

Support for Hongkongers

300,000 residency applications from Hongkongers are
expected over the next five years. Oxford diocese plans to
support them as they arrive in a strange country, with help
in learning English and in finding a job. They currently have
over 300 people registered, but just 16 volunteers – could
you help by giving two hours of your time online each week
as a teaching assistant? No formal teaching skills needed
and loads of support. See
www.oxford.anglican.org/support-people-from-hong-kong/

As we meet for the Sunday services,

we still put in place all the recommended Covid precautions and hygiene.

Those who need to wait a little longer before coming to 'in-person' services can join

Littlemore church's Sunday Zoom service - see <http://www.littlemorechurch.org/whats-on.html>.

Also for Zoomers - more information on joining in: <http://www.littlemorechurch.org/whats-on.html>

Silent Prayer: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays at 7.0 a.m. Contemplative Prayer: Thursdays at 7.0 p.m. fortnightly

SUNDAYS in August 2021 Year B

Sunday 1st August Proper 13 Trinity 9

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

2 Samuel 11.26 – 12.13 *The prophet Nathan brings David to see the wickedness of what he has done and says it will bring divine judgment on him.*

Ephesians 4.1-16 *Christian life is described as humility, gentleness, patience, tolerance, love in the unity of the Spirit.*

John 6.24-35 *Jesus follows up the feeding of the 5,000 by teaching the crowd to seek the Bread of Life, bread from heaven, the Christ.*

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Grant to us, Lord,
we beseech thee, the spirit
to think and do always
such things as be rightful;
that we, who cannot do
any thing that is good without thee,
may by thee be enabled
to live according to thy will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
*Book of Common Prayer
Collect for Trinity 9*

Sunday 8th August Proper 14 Trinity 10

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

2 Samuel 18 *Absalom's rebellion against king David is defeated, but David mourns the death of his son.*

Ephesians 4.25 – 5.2 *Moral instruction – speak the truth, do not harbour grudges, share what you have with those in need. Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another as God in Christ has forgiven you. Live in love, as Christ loved us – in self-giving.*

John 6.35 *Jesus is the bread of life – bringing life in its fullness. His Judean hearers are sceptical. Jesus promises those who are united with him will live life on another level.*

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Sunday 15th August Proper 15 Trinity 11

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

2 Kings 2.10-12 and 3.3-14 *Solomon succeeds David as king and asks God for wisdom.*

Or Proverbs 9.1-6 *Divine Wisdom lays a table and invites us to partake.*

Ephesians 5.15-20 *More moral and liturgical instruction. Sing to God in psalms, hymns, spiritual songs, giving thanks to God always and for everything, in the name of Christ.*

John 6.51-59 *Jesus is the bread from heaven, received in the eucharist.*

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Sunday 22nd August Proper 16 Trinity 12

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

1 Kings 8.22-43 *Solomon dedicates the new Temple in Jerusalem, BC 950. Foreigners will be welcome in it and the nation will prosper if it keeps God's law.*

Ephesians 6.10-20 *We are involved in a cosmic struggle against evil, so need Christian armour.*

John 6.56-69 *Union with Christ is vital, grounded in the vision of Christ with the Father. Some say, no thanks! Peter speaks for all disciples: we believe and know that Jesus is the Holy One of God.*

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Sunday 29th August Proper 17 Trinity 13

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

Song of Solomon 2.8-13 *A love song can illuminate the relationship between Jesus and his followers. He speaks to us and comes to us and invites us to be with him.*

James 1.17-27 *Moral advice. Be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger. Be doers of the Word, not hearers only.*

Mark 7.1-23 *Discussion of hand-washing and purity leads to a list of things that defile us – they come from an impure heart.*

Among the many people who need our prayers, please especially keep in mind

those we know who are unwell, especially Jayne, Jean Lee, Gwen Beaver, Catherine Lamiot;
all those in care, including Joan Inston, Tom Dalton, Betsy Livingstone and Brenda Graham,
and residents of Vale House, especially Gwyneth, Father John Bagley and the staff who care for them.

Rest in peace

Martin McGann, the Cuddesdon student who worshipped with us, who died unexpectedly last week.