

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, SANDFORD ON THAMES

October 2021

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On November 1st the COP26 climate talks will bring together heads of state, climate experts and campaigners to talk about ways we can tackle climate change.

Let us pray in advance of this meeting that sustainable solutions to mitigate the very worst effects of the climate crisis can be agreed.



Creator God, giver of life,
you sustain the earth and direct the nations.
In this time of climate crisis, grant us clarity
to hear the groaning of creation
and the cries of the poor.

Challenge us to change our lifestyles.
Guide our leaders to take courageous action.
Enable your church to be a beacon of hope.

And foster within us a renewed vision
of your purposes for your world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
by and for whom all things were made.
Amen.

A Quiet Reflective Study afternoon

Teresa and the Garden of our Souls

given by Sister Clare-Louise SLG. Two Zoom sessions of 45 minutes on 23rd October from 2.0 – 4.0. Cost £20. (Limited space for personal attendance at St Michael at the North Gate). Please register online for this event or contact us by email or phone for personal attendance:

The Oxford Centre for Spiritual Growth
07523 529 621

Karen and Kevin are admirably taking on the Virgin Virtual Marathon challenge and raising money for Oxfordshire Mind. You can support them by going to <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/giving/> and searching for **SchmooBu**

Many congratulations,
to **Sharon and Emma**, for skipping up Snowdon in the fog on the Sandford Church outing on the 25th
and to **Cristina** for bringing better weather to the peak on the 20th.

St Andrew's PCC meeting

The Finance meeting of the PCC will be held at 7.30 on Thursday 14th October in the Harris Room

Pewsheets meeting (Bible study)

A monthly meeting to think about the readings for the month – why we are reading them and what they mean to us today. Next one: 6 pm in church Thursday 30th September

All Souls Evensong

Sunday October 31st at 6.30 p.m.

The annual Sunday evening 6.30 sung service, at which many departed friends and family are remembered with candles.

Those who would like people to be remembered by name and/or who plan to light a candle are asked to tell the vicar or wardens.



Talking Shop

which has done such a great job in staying open for us through the past months, are planning for life after covid, and really want to know what we think is good about the shop and cafe, and, more importantly, what's not so good.

They are carrying out a survey, which is an opportunity to say what you think and what change you might like - you can complete it online at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NNWDNDC> or pop into the shop to get a paper copy.

THANK YOU to the Flower team and the Fete committee for the huge amount of work that went into making it such an amazing Festival weekend. Appreciative comments have been flowing in ever since -

and the Porch

would like to thank all the congregation and villagers who donated Harvest gifts. They were really grateful – even more so this year as the need for support has greatly increased.



SUNDAYS in October 2021 Year B

Sunday 3rd October Proper 22 Trinity 18

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

Job 2.1-10 *God allows Satan to test Job. His wife is not pleased.*

Or Genesis 2.18-24 *Creation of Eve: 'it is not good that a man should be alone'.*

Psalms 8 *What are mortals that God is mindful of them?*

Hebrews 1.1-4 and 2.5-12 *God's Son tells us God's glory and deals with sin.*

He is the Son of Man, lowly and glorified, the first-born of many brothers and sisters made right with God.

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Sunday 10th October Proper 23 Trinity 19

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

Job 23.1-19 *Job's bitter complaint about his suffering. It's unfair.*

Or Amos 5.6-15 *The prophet attacks social evils – and those leaders responsible for injustices. God is on the side of the needy and will be gracious to a remnant of the people when the state collapses.*

Psalms 90.12-17 *So teach us to number our days and apply our hearts to wisdom.*

Hebrews 4.12-16 *God's word is sharp, revealing our hearts and minds. As a human high priest Jesus can sympathise with our weakness - hold fast to your faith, draw near to him and find grace to help in time of need.*

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Sunday 17th October Proper 24 Trinity 20

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

Job 38.1-7 (+34-41?) *God answers Job – sort of. What do we know of God's grand design?*

Or Isaiah 53.4-12 *A prophecy of a suffering servant Messiah which we see points to Jesus.*

Psalms 104.1-9 *God our Creator – in wisdom has made everything.*

Hebrews 5.1-10 *Jesus as Son of God and High Priest did not need to suffer, but did – on our behalf.*

Mark 10.35-45 *Ambition is not what discipleship, following Jesus, is about. Unlike earthly rulers, the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and give himself for us in love. We too.*

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Sunday 24th October Proper 25 Trinity 21

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

Job 42.1-17 *Job answers God, recognizing his limitations and is blessed.*

(The happy ending was perhaps added by someone who missed the Point – or reshaped the story/poem)+.

Hebrews 7.23-28 *More about priests – but Jesus is different because without sin.*

Mark 10.46-52 *The blind beggar Bartimaeus is healed and follows Jesus in the way (or on the way – to Jerusalem and costly discipleship?).*

6.30 p.m. MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THE DEPARTED

Sunday 31st October ALL SAINTS/ALL SOULS

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

Wisdom 3.1-9 *The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God.*

Psalms 24.1-6 *The earth belongs to the Lord*

Revelation 21.1-6 *The prophet John's vision of a new heaven and a new earth – God among us.*

John 11.32-44 *Lazarus comes from the tomb – a symbolic pointer to the resurrection of Jesus.*

Online services

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>.

O Almighty and most merciful God,
of thy bountiful goodness
keep us, we beseech thee,
from all things that may hurt us;
that we, being ready both in body and
soul, may cheerfully accomplish those
things that thou wouldest have done;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BCP collect for 20th Sunday after Trinity

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

the people of Afghanistan and all refugees;

those we know who are unwell, especially Kevin Lewis, Jayne Moore, Jean Lee, Gwen Beaver, Catherine Lamiot, Jenny Tinson, and for Ray Tinson, recently admitted to the JR;

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.