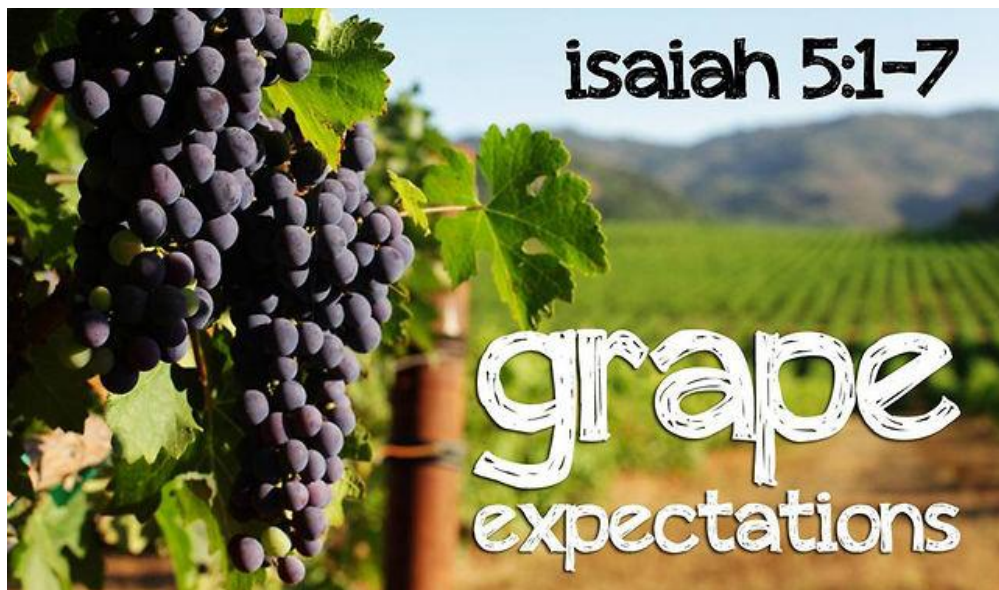


Sunday 17th August 2025

Ordinary 20



Sentence of the Day

I will sing for my beloved, my love song concerning his vineyard.

Isaiah 5: 1a

Collect of the Day

Judge eternal,

you love justice and hate oppression;

you give peace to those who seek it,

and you condemn the rage of violence.

Give us courage to take our stand

with all victims of bloodshed and greed,

and, following your servants and prophets,

look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Amen.

Welcome to Rev'd Frank Nelson who will lead both services.

A Word from Jonathan

Most of us would be aggrieved if we discovered that someone we became friendly with had an agenda to change us. We'd challenge the nature of that friendship pretty quickly.

Sometimes we become friends with people and the change that happens is unplanned and unexpected. That's what happened when someone called Victoria casually asked me at the water cooler, "Have you ever ridden a mountain bike?" Neither of us had the faintest idea how that conversation would change my life!

People can influence us significantly in ways we (and possibly they) do not expect. Someone invited me to attend a church, and a few years later I married the pianist. That's why we need to be concerned at the people our children take on as friends.

A few years before that, my friend Neil invited me to attend a chapel service. Two days later I became a Christian. Neil introduced me to a new friend!

There is one friend who does have an agenda to change us, and that is God. And thankfully he does! Being open to that change is the best growth strategy we can assume. God has our best, and his Kingdom objectives in mind, and they never conflict. God, thank you for changing me.

Readings

Isaiah 5: 1 -7

Psalm 80: 1-3, 8-18 *Pg 291 ANZPB*

Hebrews 11: 29 – 12: 2

Luke 12: 49– 56

This morning's 8am service begins on page 404 ANZPB
and the 9:30am service will be on the screens



All are welcome to join us after the service for a cuppa and fellowship over morning tea in The Gathering Place.

Flu /Covid Season: The 'flu season/Covid is well under way so let's all keep safe. A reminder that if we are coughing or sneezing, we should not come to church.

ONE 9am SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY 24 AUGUST

followed by a Blessing of the New Kitchen – all welcome

Facing Trials: At our ONE 9am service next Sunday 24 August, Elena Burduk will talk about Ukraine and the situation there. It will be relevant to all of us as we all face trials in life. More details to follow...

DIARY: August

Sunday	17	Knightsbridge service 11am
Sunday	24	ONE 9am Service and Blessing of New Kitchen
Tuesday	26	Vestry meeting 7pm in The Gathering Place

SPRING SALE SATURDAY 18 October from 10am

Please mark this date in your diary and calendar. An info sheet and a sign-up sheet for people willing to help out on a stall on the day and

A4 posters and small fliers will be available soon! If you have any queries at all, contact Alison in the office or Jenny Shaw 021 953 940
Jenny's email and the office email are on the back of this newsletter

Gaza Update from The Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem In the strongest possible terms, we condemn the attack by Israeli forces on the Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza (*June 2025*), killing three journalists and a father bringing his son for treatment. We call upon the leaders of the international community to enforce the combatant's adherence to the Fourth Geneva Convention with respect to protection for hospitals, medical personnel, journalists and civilians in general. We bid Christians and others of goodwill around the world to join us in continued prayers and efforts to bring a speedy end to this situation and a lasting peace in our Beloved Holy Land. (*The hospital, which has been attacked several times by Israeli forces is part of the Anglican mission in Gaza, open to all residents, with specialist care for cancer patients and dates back to 1882 as part of Anglican Mission*)

Diocesan Synod

Please pray for our Diocesan Synod meeting 4 – 6 September in Holy Trinity Cathedral and particularly for those attending from this parish: Jonathan Gale, Alison Bargh and Gill Barthorpe.

Regular Parish Activities

Sunday 9:30am service – children's ministry available during service

Monday 10am Home Group - in members' homes.
(1st & 3rd Mondays) Ring Ursula 094798036.

Tuesday 10am Women's Fellowship – Hall (1st Tuesday)
Ring Jenny Shaw 021 953 940

Tuesday Vestry 7pm - The Gathering Place (4th Tuesday)

Wednesday 10:00am - Holy Communion Service

Friday Contemplative Prayer Group 1pm - Church (2nd Friday)
Stephen Warnes

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Feedback welcome

If you have feedback on any aspect of parish activities,
please do contact the wardens Chris and Sandy – contacts as above
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