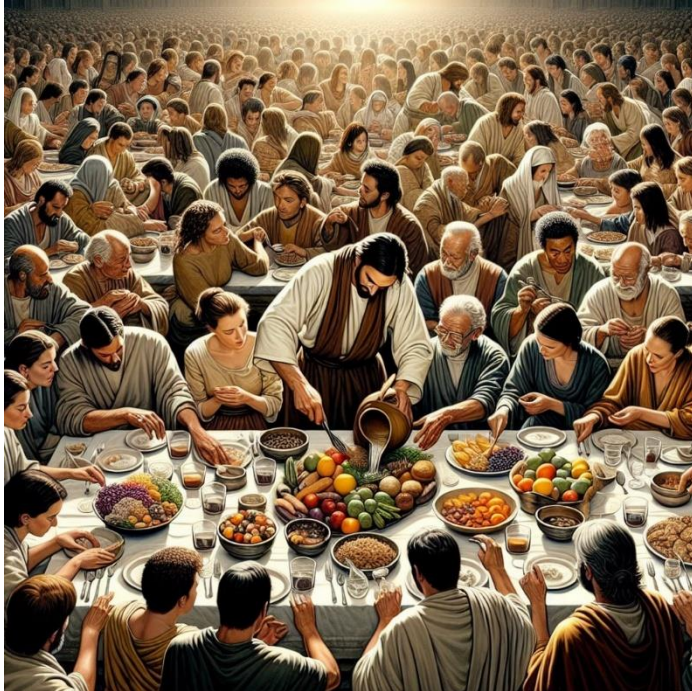


Sunday 31st August 2025

Ordinary 22



Sentence of the Day

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

(Romans 6:4)

Collect of the Day

**Ever-living God, grant us counter-intuitive understanding; a realisation that we are created for your glory, and that we are unhappy until fulfilled in you.
Through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

A Word from Jonathan

Well, Jeremiah doesn't mince his words, does he? He accuses Judah (remember he was long after the deportation of the Northern Kingdom to Assyria and was prophesying in the Southern Kingdom) of having 'committed two evils.' They 'have forsaken' God on the one hand, 'and dug out cisterns for (them)selves' on the other. In other words, created a space by denying God's place in it and replaced God's place with something else. Isn't that what so many systems over time have tried to do? From the Tower of Babel to Communism, and more recently unfettered Capitalism; all fly in the face of Christian values.

The incarnation, the making flesh of God, is at the heart of Jesus' rescue mission that involves thoroughly establishing his rule on earth. But it is not achieved without cost. Jesus died a cruel death before God resurrected him, a signal that resurrection was our future too.

We have heard the Good News. Jesus has come and will come again finally to accomplish the unification of heaven and earth. There is nothing shy about this cosmic event. God's great embrace of us in Christ, will see, like a flowering of buds in Spring, our experience of resurrection. As we say in the Great Thanksgiving, 'Come Lord Jesus, come!'

Readings

Jeremiah 2: 4 – 13

Psalm 81: 1, 10 – 16 *Pg 293 ANZPB*

Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16

Luke 14: 1, 7– 14

This morning's 8am service begins on page 476 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

DIARY: September

Tuesday	2	Women's Fellowship 10am in the hall
Friday	12	Contemplative Prayer Group 1pm
Sunday	21	Knightsbridge service 11am
Tuesday	23	Vestry meeting 7pm in The Gathering Place

Children's Ministry / Activities

is available in the Gathering Place during 9:30am Sunday services

SPRING SALE SATURDAY 18 October from 10am **Seven weeks and counting down..**

Volunteers are vital for the success of our Spring Sale. We hope to entice newer parish family members to participate and get to know others as a bonus! A sign-up sheet for people willing to help out on a stall on the day will be on the notice board in the church foyer shortly.

A4 posters are available in the foyer – please take one if you know somewhere to advertise the event. Small fliers are also available. If you would like a digital image of the poster to put on social media, let Alison know and she will send it to you.

Please bring along donations to the raffles – you can leave them in the brightly decorated box in the church lounge. Raffles are always popular. Talk to Meriel for suggestions.

Thank you for preparing seedlings, plants, preserves and for sorting through goods no longer needed but may be just what someone else wants. Please do not bring these items to church until closer to the date.

Two special requests: If you have a coat or hat stand that we can use for displaying handmade bags please let us know. Also, if you are happy to lend us a barbecue for a sausage sizzle on the day that would be wonderful.

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

The Parish Office will be closed Friday 4 September.

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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