

Sunday 9th May Rogation Sunday



Welcome one and all to our Service today!

Let us ask God to have mercy on our tired land,
and to prosper the work of our soiled hands.

Let us ask God to forgive our delusion of self-sufficiency
so that we may praise him for his provision and goodness.

Hymn 1

Morning has broken

Hymn 3

For the beauty of
the earth



Hymn 2

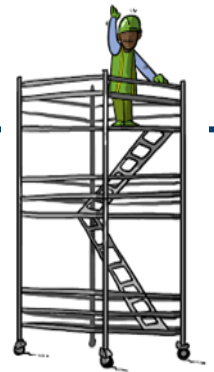
Lord, teach us how to
pray aright

Anthem

Love is come again

Do you have a Scaffold Tower we can use ?

If anyone has a DIY scaffold tower, could they please lend it to the Churchwardens for a while? We have some maintenance that needs to be done but we need longer arms! See/phone/email Richard or Jeff



Sunday Club

As lockdown eases and we get back to some sense of normality, Sunday Club will run in person once a month (usually on the first Sunday of the month) and online once a month (usually on the third Sunday of the month). It is open to all children from age 4 upwards.

Join our Facebook group | **St Mary's Bletchingley- Sunday Club** or email Katedoody2012@gmail.com

See page 5 for details of last weeks club !



Online Services

Although we have returned to services in church we will remember and pray for all those who feel unable to return yet.



Services continue to be premiered on YouTube (under videos):
[Benefice of Bletchingley and Nutfield - YouTube](#)



THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR...**The Worldwide Church and the life of our Diocese**

Rector Revd. Phaedra Pamphilon-Green C.A.



Her Majesty The Queen We pray for our Queen and her family, and for those who govern in her name. Give them health and strength, wisdom and courage, so that they may carry out their many duties in the best interests of all our people.

The Communities of our United Benefice Father, we pray for our neighbourhood. Thank you for the blessing of family, home, friends, food, faith, security and health. We pray for the elderly, lonely, vulnerable and those disconnected from loved ones. We pray for those living with dementia. We ask for your presence to bring order over inner chaos and security over confusion. Give us eyes to see, hearts to love, words to speak, and hands to care for. We pray for all who work in this community, and ask for your strength, energy and protection as they bring your caring touch. Amen.

Ministry with Christ Church South Nutfield

Our World and its needs We praise you, Lord, that you came to this world to bring peace on earth. We pray that the leaders of the nations and people everywhere may turn to you, the Prince of Peace, so that war and terror, cruelty and hatred may end, and peace and justice, kindness and love may reign. We ask this so that your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven, for your name's sake. Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

Our Link with Zimbabwe The people of Zimbabwe and for Bishop Ignatius as he leads the diocese in trying to meet the needs of the people.

Those who are unwell In mind, body or soul. Lord, help them to place their burden into your hands - their fears, weakness, their vulnerable self. Be their strength Lord, be their shield, be their hiding place and grant them Your peace we pray. Amen.



We remember Those whom we love and see no more and those who mourn their loss. With the angels and saints, each day and each night, each shade and each light, I bend my knee in the eye of the Father who created me, in the eye of the Son who redeemed me, in the eye of the Spirit who cleansed me. In love and affection, in wisdom and grace, in love and in fear, for ever and ever. Amen.

R e a d i n g s

Collect Prayer

Almighty God, whose will it is that the earth and the sea should bear fruit in due season: bless the labours of those who work on land and sea, grant us a good harvest and the grace always to rejoice in your fatherly care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

First Bible Reading James 1. 22-end

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

*But be doers of the Word, and not merely
listeners to it, betraying yourselves
James 1: 22*



If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. NRSV

Second Reading Psalm 65

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed, O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come.

When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.

Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might.

You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.

You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy. NRSV

Gospel Reading John 16. 23b-end

Very truly, I tell you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.

Peace for the Disciples

"I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures, but will tell you plainly of the Father. On that day you will ask in my name. I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. I came from

the Father and have come into the world; again, I am leaving the world and am going to the Father."

His disciples said, "Yes, now you are speaking plainly, not in any figure of speech! Now we know that you know all things, and do not need to have anyone question you; by this we believe that you came from God." Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? The hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each one to his home, and you will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone because the Father is with me. I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!". NRSV



Post Communion Sentence

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. CW



Admission of the Churchwardens

It is with regret that we announce that the Archdeacon's Visitation Service, where Churchwardens are sworn in their role for the coming year, will not be held again this summer. Therefore the swearing in has been delegated to Rev Phe who will perform this during today's service.

We welcome Jeff Marks who is returning to the role after a break of a few years and also to Richard Fowler who is continuing in the role. We offer our prayers and thanks to them both.

Prayers for the week

God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us, may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us, and may the gifts of your Holy Spirit equip us to serve and worship you, now and always. Amen

I am no longer mine but yours. Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will: put me to doing, put me to suffering; let me be employed for you or laid aside for you, exalted for you or brought low for you; let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing; I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal. And now, glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. So be it. And the covenant now made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

Govern all by your wisdom, O Lord, so that my soul may always be serving you as you will, and not as I may choose. Do not punish me, I beg you, by granting what I wish or ask if it offends your love which should always live in me. Let me die to myself, so that I may serve you; let me live for you, who in yourself are the true life. St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)



Daily Readings for the Week 10 May to 15 May

Monday	10 May	Psalm 93	Deuteronomy 7:1-11	1 Timothy 6:11-12
Tuesday	11 May	Psalm 93	Deuteronomy 11:1-17	1 Timothy 6:13-16
Wednesday	12 May	Psalm 93	Deuteronomy 11:18-21	Mark 16:19-20
Thursday	13 May	Ascension of the Lord		
Friday	14 May	Psalm 47	Exodus 24:15-18	Revelation 1:9-18
Saturday	15 May	Psalm 47	Deuteronomy 34:1-7	John 16:4-11

U p c o m i n g S e r v i c e s

Thurs 13 May	8pm	Ascension Day Holy Communion
Sun 16 May	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sun 23 May	9.30am	Pentecost Sunday Holy Communion
Sun 30 May	9.30 am	Trinity Sunday Holy Communion

Other Services at St. Mary's Monday to Saturday

The church is open daily from 9am to 5pm for morning and evening prayer.

Sunday Club in the Churchyard



We returned to our first real live Sunday Club in a while on Sunday and luckily the rain held off and the sun shone on us. We started off by tying ourselves together- there was only one rule- everyone had to end up with one end of the string around their waist and another end of a different string around one wrist. It was more challenging than you may think! Once we were all tied up we read John 15:5: "I am the vine, you are the branches" and thought about how we are all connected together, and all connected to God. Then we went off to hunt for fruits of the vine in the churchyard in teams of two or three (still tied up, which required some good teamwork!). We worked together to create a picture of a vine, and used our fingerprints to make bunches of grapes. We even found a few leaves to stick on.



Have a look at our creation next time you're in Church! We finished with a quick game of "grapes, grapes, bananas", more traditionally known as "duck, duck, goose"!



Floristry Team

Further to last week's announcement that Averil was handing over the running of the team to Vicki Gillespie, Vicki is delighted to announce that Jenny Davenport has kindly agreed to stay on and deputise for Vicki.



Photo: Christian Aid/Adam Finch



Christian Aid Week 10-16 May 2021

Due to the continuing Covid-19 limitations, there will not be the usual door-to-door collection again this year. However, Christian Aid Week is still happening, and Christian Aid's work must go on. We will have a collection in church, and will give out envelopes this Sunday 9th, for you to return them on Sunday 16th, the final day of Christian Aid Week. The envelopes will be available in church during the week, with Instructions to drop them off to Church House post box.

Please give as generously as you can again to help those for whom just surviving is a real struggle, particularly as donations were reduced by last year's lockdown. You

can also donate online at: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>, or just **caweek.org**, and click the **Donate** button.

If you are unable to donate online, you can do so by telephone, using a credit or debit card, on: 020 7523 2269. *Richard Fowler*

Florence's Story

A woman sings a deep, joyful tune. Her song lifts the spirits of the other women on the farm. This is Florence. She is full of life, love and laughter. The women in her farming group look up to her. She's courageous, kind and a survivor. A few years ago, her husband died, leaving her a widow. At that time, she had no water to grow crops. Her children were hungry. She had to walk for hours on a dangerous journey to collect water. 'Life was miserable,' she told us.

Florence could easily have been defeated. But Florence is a fighter, and she shows the women in her farming group that they can be fighters too. Next to her farm, Florence is proud to show us something remarkable - a dam, full of fresh water. It's thanks to Christian Aid Week donations like yours that Florence and her community have built this water dam, with the help of our partner ADSE, just a short walk away from her village.

"I have been sustained by the earth dam. My life has changed. I am very happy. You can see it in my face: my face is shining. I have strength and power." - Florence Muthiani.

With this dam, Florence can grow tomatoes, onions, papayas and chillies on her farm. Her children can eat healthy, nutritious vegetables. It's her source of life and joy.

Florence also uses the water from the dam to keep honey bees. She sells the rich, golden honey for cash at the market. Now, Florence is reaping a good life for herself and her family.

The dam gives Florence strength to withstand even the most unpredictable weather. It's a reliable water source, whether she faces long drought or relentless rainstorms.

"I am thankful to people who have donated to build this earth dam. I am praying God will increase their giving." - Florence Muthiani.

Florence is generous, and she knows other people are struggling to cope without a reliable water source. 'There is a village nearby - they don't have an earth dam. They travel for a long way to come to this water point. They are suffering.'

Give today and help more people like Florence stop this climate crisis.

Your generosity this Christian Aid Week could help another community build a dam. Many more people will have the water they need to sustain their families.

Watch Florence's story on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d2g2VYJ2sxc>

Getting in Touch

Rev Phe.

If you are unwell, have any problems, would like help, if you, or someone you know, would like to talk to, or be prayed for at our daily prayers during the week, then please do contact Rev Phe (if you are asking on behalf of someone else please seek their permission).



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Hatch & Match with Rev Phe



If you would like to discuss a baptism or are planning to marry, then please, in the first instance, contact Elaine in the office to arrange a meeting with Rev Phe.



Copy Deadline

Please send notices to Elaine via the office as above, by 10am each Tuesday for inclusion in the next Sunday sheet, thank you.



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