

Sunday 24th September 2017
15th Sunday after Trinity
9.00 am Holy Communion

President and preacher: Revd Alan Gadd

Readings: Jonah 3: 10 - 4: 11 OT page 876
Philippians 1: 21-30 NT page 194
Matthew 20: 1-16 NT page 20

10.00 am Morning Praise

Leader: David Gray; preacher: Dr Marion Gray

Readings: Psalm 56: 1-11 OT page 534
John 14: 1-11 NT page 105

At 10:00 am we continue our series of 'themed' sermons looking at discipleship. **Junior Church as usual.**

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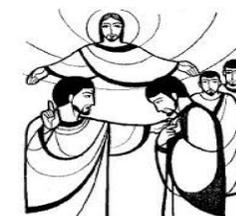
Sunday 17th September, 2017 ~ 14th Sunday after Trinity
10.00 Holy Communion with Baptisms

President and Preacher: Revd Neil Dawson

Readings: Genesis 50: 15-21 OT page 49
Romans 14:1-12 NT page 158
Matthew 18: 21-35 NT page 19

Collect

**Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen**



Diary Dates

11th September - 2nd October

- Elizabeth away from the parish on compassionate leave

Wednesday 20th September

- PCC meeting - 8:00pm in the Common Room.

Thursday 21st September

- CAIAS - in the Common Room - this week: Sing-a-long

Monday 25th September

- 1st session of "Leading your Church into Growth" - a course at Trinity House which a number of us will be attending.

Saturday 30th September

- Safari supper - see notice below

Note from Elizabeth...

Sadly I am not going to be around for the next three weeks as I am taking compassionate leave. Thank you all for your love and support, both Anne and I really appreciate your continued prayer. Mum's funeral is 12 noon at Yeovil Crematorium on Friday 22nd September 2017. Prayers appreciated while we do the distressing but necessary clearing of her bungalow and storing of 'treasures'.

Safari supper - Church Social Evening

This will be on Saturday 30th September 6.30pm onwards - all welcome, and everyone encouraged to share some food and spend some time together.

Shared meal with a twist - sign up from this week to join one of the groups providing either:

Meercats: arrival drinks and nibbles

Giraffes: starters

Lions: Main courses

Flamingos: Desserts

Prayer Pointers

- For Elizabeth and her sister Anne as they attend their Mum's funeral and deal with her affairs, including clearing her bungalow
- For the new Rector of St Leonard, Streatham, Anna Norman-Walker, as she begins her ministry
- For the "Leading Your Church into Growth" (LYCiG) course and those attending from Immanuel and St Andrew, that this will benefit our church and its mission
- For Athalaih, Esme and Florence being baptised today, their sponsors, families and friends

Welcome and thanks

A warm welcome today to Revd Neil Dawson, who is presiding at our worship and conducting the Baptisms. Thank you, Neil, for your ministry to us.

Start the Day Right

There will be no Start the Day right until further notice. If you need urgent prayer ministry please contact Dr Marion Gray.

Gift Day 2017—Sunday October 8th

This year we will continue to support our CMS mission partners in Tanzania and South East Asia, as well as St Michael's Fellowship. We will also be supporting Safe Passage UK, who work with refugees, finding them safe and legal ways to the UK. We will have a speaker from St Michael's Fellowship next week.

Please give generously in support of these projects, using the special envelopes which will be available from October 8th.

Musings 17th September - 1st October

I trust that you will understand that as I grieve the death of my beloved Mum I am finding it impossible to concentrate on musings themed to the week's readings and the reflections that they point us towards. What I can relate to is the Importance to me at this time of being a disciple of Christ and knowing His love.

Mum was a quiet, almost 'closet', disciple. She had been unable to attend church for the last decade due to caring for Dad and then her own failing health. It is quite possible that the last time she attended a church Service was here at Immanuel & St. Andrew! She thought you were all lovely and respected that you were prepared to struggle to live faith day by day. She knew first hand how hard that can be and although always supportive of both Anne and me, she found coming to worship when I was ministering difficult as she would tell folks "trouble is I know the real Elizabeth and I am afraid one day she won't practice what she is preaching ~ and I will know!" Mum had chosen not to attend church with Dad ~ partly because she ended up as a pew widow while he went to sing in the choir and sadly, over the years, she had witnessed the hypocrisy of churches, unlike ours, who failed to struggle with living their faith each day but came to worship apparently for show, treating church as a closed social club! That hurt her deeply and I know her prayer was that others would not be hurt in the same way! Having said that she never lost sight of the Lord who loved her, she 'fed' on the radio pause for thought and the more recent style Songs of Praise that looked at what the Lord equipped everyday folk to do to share their faith.

While I am away I invite you to consider how you practice what you preach and when you find it difficult.

Who knows you well enough to know when you risk being hypercritical and not being as good a disciple as you might be?

What is the Spirit prompting you to do to deepen your relationship with God?

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