

Living the Word

Psalm 80

This communal lament, probably with the northern kingdom of Israel as its main concern, is a plaintive cry to God for help in a time of distress. The Psalmist is at once sure that if God so wills it, he can restore the fortunes of Israel, but confused as to why it has not yet happened. Whenever we find ourselves angry with the Lord, it is partially because we know really that nothing is impossible with God; why shouldn't things be just as we want them? The Psalmist is pleading with God rather than being angry with Him – but understands that he must address God in his time of need. Think of the times we decide to turn our faces from God when we are angry rather than praying to Him, despite being told 'ask and you shall receive'.

Elements of the Mass

Candles

As Christians we say that Jesus is the 'Light of the World' and thus a candle can be seen as symbolising this fact. In particular the Paschal Candle is a sign of Jesus' presence with us. More generally, blessed candles have been seen as symbols of Christ's love for us. The candles which burn in church at Mass are there primarily to illuminate what is going on (coming from a time before electricity). They also symbolise God's presence with us. Before or after Mass, or perhaps when you visit a church you might light a candle for someone, a situation or yourself. The candle is a sign of your prayer. When you come to light it you may wish to kiss the candle and make the sign of the cross with the candle and then light it. This ritual suggests that you are not just lighting a candle at a dinner table but are taking part in a ritual and prayerful manner. In our dark world the candle burns brightly just as our prayers are small particles of light in the darkness. If you want to contemplate the power of the light of Christ go into a completely dark room and light a candle. See how brightly the candle burns. This is the light of Christ, a light no darkness can overcome.



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The Owner and the Tenants



What do you own? What is there in your life that you claim belongs to you absolutely and forever? There is one answer to those questions and that is 'not one thing!' There is one source and end of all things and that is God. In our lives we are stewards of what belongs to God. That includes our own self. If we accept the ownership of God as a fact and faithful stewardship as the essential task of living the whole world and our relationship to it looks different. The tragic truth is that for most of the time, most people find security in what belongs to them: my house, my family, and my church. As soon as we see everything and everyone in relationship is to 'mine' and 'ours' we close down the possibilities of God in our lives both individually and corporately. In the parable the tenants seek ownership of the vineyard and they kill the heir. In the same way the Jewish authorities desired control over the destiny of the people and killed the Christ. We have to be careful that our own desire for ownership does not wound Christ again.

From the Fathers

Is not the name of prayer usual to signify even all the service that ever we do unto God? And that for no other cause, as I suppose, but to shew that there is in religion no acceptable duty which devout invocation of the name of God doth not either presuppose or infer. Prayers are those 'calves of men's lips' [Hosea 14.2], those most gracious and sweet odours; those rich presents and gifts, which being carried up to heaven do best testify our dutiful affection, and are for the purchasing of all favour at the hands of God the most undoubted means we can use.

Richard Hooker, *Of the Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity*

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The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to our services today

9.15am Sung Mass at All Saints'

11am Sung Mass at Holy Trinity

1pm Baptism at All Saints'

6pm Evensong and Benediction at Holy Trinity

MASS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 11th October Feria

7.30pm at Holy Trinity

(Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 7pm)

NEXT SUNDAY (28th in Ordinary Time)

9.15am Sung Mass at All Saints'

11am Sung Mass and Baptisms at Holy Trinity

6pm Evensong and Benediction at Holy Trinity

Response to today's Psalm:

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel

Gospel Acclamation:

Cantor: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Cantor: I chose you from the world to go out and bear fruit, fruit that will last, says the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia is repeated after the Gospel reading.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING - your gifts of food and toiletries will be given to the local branch of Step by Step and they will be distributed to the young homeless in our locality.

HARVEST SUPPER - many thanks to the MU and HAMS for organising the Harvest Supper and to all those who contributed food for this most enjoyable supper. We must have all had our fill as there was very little left!

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 2018 - 10th -13th Sept. Please have a word with Pauline Scott for further details.

WALSINGHAM CELL -will meet on Sat 21st Oct 6.30pm at Holy Trinity. Everyone welcome.

HAMS - 8.15pm Monday 9th October in Trinity Hall. Our guest Maj (Retd) Ian Mattison, and former Churchwarden at Minley, will speak on the history of Minley Manor.

MU - 8pm Monday, October 16th in Trinity Hall. Speaker Helen Morgan will give another of her interesting talks.

BAPTISM AT ALL SAINTS' - we welcome Lilly Maria Taylor her parents, godparents, family and friends.

WALSINGHAM FESTIVAL - Chichester Cathedral on Saturday 14th October. £12 per adult. Those who have booked and paid for St Albans and this excursion, a £20 combined fare will apply. 17's and under can travel at £3 per trip. **Pick up Holy Trinity 9.15am: St Augustine's 9.40am. Leaving Chichester approximately 4.15 to 4.30pm.**

SINGING GROUP - Father Glyn is looking into the idea of forming an informal singing group to explore new music (ancient and modern). The main aim is to have fun so quantity first - quality will follow! To express an interest please contact Father Glyn at fatherglyn@hotmail.com

MEN'S QUIZ NIGHT - Friday 13th October 7.30pm at the St. Peter's Parish Centre. Local churches form teams of up to six challenging for the unofficial title of 'St Peter's Quiz

Champions of 2017'. Tickets £8 which includes a fish and chip supper. Soft drinks provided, bring your own alcoholic drinks. Contact Derek Bangs or Jim Rapley.

ALL SAINTS' DAY - Wed 1st Nov 7.30pm at All Saints'.

ALL SOULS' DAY - Thurs 2nd Nov 7.30pm at Holy Trinity. (A list is available in both churches, please place a tick against the name of your loved ones and include any omissions, **in capital letters please**, as we are unable to obtain last year's list.)

HOLLY FAIR - Saturday 18th November, Trinity Hall (time tbc). Diane Brown and Rachael Robertson are coordinating this fundraiser and welcome your offers to run a stall or provide donations.

ALL SAINTS ORGAN RECITAL - Sat 18th November 19:30 - 21:00 - Inaugural recital on new Viscount Envoy Organ - Stuart McSweeney (formally of Liverpool Met and Guildford Cathedral) now Salesian College. Admission £7 (tickets available in advance from Jim Rapley, Tony Evans, Dennis Goddard and Darren Neve). Money raised will be split between the Parish of Hawley and the charity FATN.

THE PCC has to produce a Parish Profile as part of the recruitment process for our new priest. Please speak to Cathy Mansell if you have digital photos of recent events which took place in the churches, Hawley Parish or beyond. (Email cathymansell@live.co.uk or telephone 01276 469086.)

CHRISTMAS ANGELS PROJECT - if you enjoy knitting have a word with Janet Murton for further details and the knitting pattern. There is also a 'Knit In' and an opportunity to meet other knitters on Saturday 21st October, North Camp Methodist Church 9.30 - 12noon.

FLEET ELECTRONIC ORGAN SOCIETY - Sat 21st Oct 7.30 for 8pm - David Thomas in concert playing popular music on his Roland Atelier Organ. Entrance £5 at the door. Venue: Church Crookham War Memorial Hall, Sandy Lane, GU52 8LD.

FLOWER FESTIVAL raised £1438.70 for church funds.

TEA AT TWO AT ALL SAINTS' - Fridays 2-4pm. Come and join us for tea, great cake and conversation.

DONATIONS in Fr Martyn's memory to BHF or The Leprosy Mission. In Pamela's memory to Parkinson's UK. Please send cheques care of: Ford Mears & Partners, [242 Farnborough Road, Farnborough. GU14 7JW](http://242FarnboroughRoad,Farnborough.GU147JW). Gift Aid forms can be download.

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