This is St Faith’s Church, viewed from the South West. Looks different, doesn’t it? It’s amazing how our perspective can be changed by coming at things from a different angle. Faith can be like that.

This week, why not try looking at the life of faith from a new angle? Try reading something new by a religious author (the Rector’s ‘Scribblings’ and ‘Lockdown Lines’ are now only £8 in St Faith’s Shop!). Or try attending Evening Prayer (a.k.a. Evensong) if you normally don’t. Or try opening the Bible at random, and see what wisdom may be available from its pages. Or take a ‘faith-walk’ in the countryside, being open to the voice of God in creation.

A new perspective may be available to you, if you’ll take the risk of trying something new!
The week ahead... at St Faith’s unless otherwise indicated

NOTE: Tom is on leave this week - returning Tuesday.

THURSDAY 07 Oct

1030 TRADITIONAL SAID COMMUNION with Canon Kathryn Percival (& preacher Dr Mike Fluck). Attend in person or watch online (See Sunday links).

SUNDAY 10 Oct

0930 PARISH COMMUNION President: Bishop John, with preacher Canon Tim Schofield. Come in person (seated 1m apart with masks if not in a bubble). Or watch online: click here to participate via Facebook) or www.stfaith.com (to only watch anonymously)

1000 PARISH COMMUNION at St Alban’s (and online)

1830 EVENSONG - Led by Reader Sandra Haggan with preacher Jackie Brookfield.

MONDAY 11 Oct

1000 MONDAY CLUB in church

1500 TEA & CHAT (via Zoom - click here)

TUESDAY 12 Oct

1030 TEA & CHAT in church

1330 FUNERAL of Geoff Robson

1330 FRIENDSHIP GROUP (at St Alban’s)

WEDNESDAY 13 Oct

1230 LUNCHTIME CONCERT Attend in person or watch online (same links as Sunday)

SUNDAY 0930 SERVICE SHEETS

Hymns, readings and prayers are included at the rear of this Chronicle Complete copies of Sunday morning services can be downloaded from https://www.stfaith.com/566-2/
What’s On? 2021

Your handy guide to life at St Faith’s and St Alban’s

All Sundays at 9.30am: Sung Parish Communion St Faith’s (and online)
10.00am: Sung Parish Communion St Alban’s (and online)
All Mondays at 10am: Monday Club (Social and Fun!)
All Tuesdays at 10.30pm: Tea and Chat - for all
All Tuesdays at 1.30pm: Friendship Group - for all, at St Alban’s
All Tuesdays at 7pm: Bell Ringers Practice (via side door). New ringers welcome!
All Wednesdays at 12.30pm: Lunchtime Concerts (in church and online)
All Thursdays at 10.30am: Traditional Said Communion (in church and online)
All LAST Thursdays at 2.00pm: ‘TAT’ - Thursday at Two (Social Club for all)
All Fridays at 9.30am: Little Lambs in Pallant Hall
All Fridays at 6.30pm: Choir Practice (in church) New choristers welcome!

Saturday Night at the Havant Pallant!

First Saturdays (mostly) - Supporting live & local music - cabaret-style. Bar. Doors open at 7pm
Saturday 04 December
The Portsmouth Shanty Men
Young Person's Safe Haven
Submitted by Will Coulston for MIND

Young Person's Safe Haven is continuing to offer one-to-one support sessions, wellbeing group sessions and arts and crafts. Young people aged 11-17 years, who live in the Havant Borough, can access these sessions at The Pallant Centre, Havant, PO9 1BE.

Our one-to-one support sessions can provide a confidential safe space whilst a wellbeing practitioner offers self-harm/suicide safety planning, teaching healthy coping strategies, mindfulness and signposting. Wellbeing groups run on a Wednesday evening and centre around a mental health and wellbeing topic, with small activities, open and safe discussions, a chance to meet other young people and much more. Each wellbeing group is then followed by an optional 45-minute arts and craft session.

Please book an appointment on 0300 303 1580 or email cypsafehaven@easthantsmind.org between 5pm – 8pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
Jeanne and Ivor married at St. Barrwg Church, Bedwas, near Caerphilly in South Wales. The parish church of Bedwas was originally a subsidiary of Bassaleg. It was first mentioned in 1102 when it was given to Glastonbury Abbey and then later to the See of Llandaff. It is dedicated to the seventh century Saint Barrwg, of whom little is known. The church’s saddleback tower is a feature found in a cluster of churches in south-east Wales, as well as in Brittany and Normandy. The apex of the tower roof is set transversely to the nave – a very unusual feature.

Traditionally at weddings the double gates were locked by the children with a piece of string and as the wedding party approached the gates; handfuls of pennies, sixpences and threepenny bits were thrown down for the children. In the photograph while the guests are getting their confetti ready the groom and best man are finding the coins. Jeanne remembers when she was a child taking part in this and gathering coins.

Jeanne lived in the village and Ivor in a nearby village. Jeanne remembers that there was no electricity in the house they had gas and coal fires. On the day of the wedding she washed her hair and then laid on the floor in front of the fire to dry her hair while combing it, all very different from today.

Jeanne wore a light blue suit and carried a prayer book, she walked to the church. It was a lovely day. The reception was at The Royal Oak which was just across the road and they all walked across to enjoy the celebration. Ivor was in the RAF and had a car and after the wedding they drove to Newport and went by train to London and then express train to Edinburgh where Ivor had family.

Jeanne stayed with her parents for a time until married quarters were arranged and then it was off to Abingdon and after several years to Singapore and then to Thorney Island.
Saint Jerome

A sermon from Rev’d Judy Henning on Thursday 30 September 2021.


Many people, and I hope all Christians in this country, have access to a Bible of some sort. I have umpteen translations at home and several on my phone! In the early centuries since Jesus, folk did not have this luxury. The Gospels and Paul's letters were written in Greek so many could not read them. The Old Testament was written in Hebrew. When Ezra read from the book of the law of Moses, he would have, of course, known the language it was written in. Over the years the Gospels and Letters were copied time and time again with the risk of errors creeping in. So in the 4th Century, Pope Damasus recruited one Jerome as his secretary giving him the job of translating the best Greek manuscripts into Latin. He completed the Gospels, and then turned his hand to the Psalms.

Jerome, who became Saint Jerome, and whose feast day is today, began his life in Stridon, believed to be in Slovenia, in around 347 AD. He had wealthy parents who sent him to Rome when he was just 12 to continue his education. Towards the end of his schooling he was baptised. He travelled widely, went on pilgrimages, made some good friends, and wrote many things, learning Greek as well as the Latin he was fluent in.

He had a very vivid dream in 375 that had a profound effect on him. He went off the desert to find inner peace. After some time there he returned to Rome where he led classes for noble Roman women who were interested in the monastic life. He began his translation of the Gospels while there. He was outspoken about what he saw as corruption in the Roman clergy, which together with his support of monasticism and his new version of the Gospels provoked considerable antagonism. So after the death of Pope Damasus, he left Rome and travelled to the Holy Land. He eventually settled in Bethlehem, mainly living in a monastery.

It was here, during the last 34 years of his life, that he wrote most of his works. He died in Bethlehem on September 30th 419
or 420 AD. His translation of much of the Bible became the Latin Vulgate Bible which was used in the Catholic Church for 1500 years.

He influenced many people throughout his life, questioned religious practices, had much to say about the controversies that were constantly cropping up and held very strong opinions that got him into trouble from time to time. Enabling millions of people to actually read the scriptures for themselves, albeit learned, educated people, meant his influence was world wide. The clergy were then able to read the Bible to all those who came to church.

We believe the disciples, with possibly the exception of Matthew, were not great scholars. But Jesus enabled and encouraged them to influence folk in a different way. He told the seventy to go out with nothing to help them, no means to support them, no change of clothing, no packed lunch or pre-booked place to stay. They had to rely totally on God. Scary or what! I don't know about you, but I like to know where I am going to stay, what clothes I need to take with me and nowadays where can I charge my phone!!

There are still people in our modern world who are called to create great works as Jerome was, or to go out into the world with nothing other than the clothes they stand up in, to preach the word of God, to help the poor in other countries and so on, but I am not one of them.

No, we are called to be loving and kind to all around us, to help when help is needed, to tell folk about our relationship with Jesus, when the time feels right, but above all to pray! Amen.

St Jerome in his study...an engraving by the Master Engraver, Albrecht Dürer (1471–1528)
Calling all cake-makers!
A plea from Sandra Haggan

Little Lambs is now up and running again and we like to serve the adult carers a slice of home made cake with their cup of tea.

If you can help, we only need one cake for each week. There is sign up sheet on the side-persons table in church. If you feel able to make a cake it would be very much appreciated.

St Faith’s & St Alban’s
Little Lambs
A brand new Christian-based group for pre-school children (0-5) and their parents and carers
FRIDAYS- 9.30 TO 10.30am
Come and play!

St Faith’s
Loving Praying Serving

in The Pallant Centre Hall
(down the road next to Waitrose)

Run by staff & volunteers from St Faith’s Church and St Alban’s Church
AUTUMN CELEBRATION SERVICE

Our thanks, once again, to Jonathan for leading us so ably in our Autumn Celebration Service. The turnout was small but we were again assured of quality, if not quantity and those present had an enjoyable and prayerful evening. In this time of Covid, we understand that some people are still avoiding indoor situations, but your thoughts and prayers are always welcome. God Bless you all!

Having spent many months having Board Meetings on Zoom, the Havant Passion Play Trustees are now mostly back to meeting together, with only two of our members still shielding at home. One of whom regularly joins us through the wonders of modern technology and zoom! However we meet, the ideas are still flowing and we are now trying to prepare something different again for our run up to Christmas 2021. See article below!

As mentioned above, at our most recent Board meeting our thoughts were turning to Christmas, it is only 12 short weeks away!

Two of our Trustees have recently had a meeting with the Education people at Staunton Animal Farm with a view to the possibility of HPP doing a short Nativity production there during the week before Christmas. This would be as part of their usual Christmas offering which usually attracts over 100 children and their families each day and includes a visit to Santa Claus and various Christmas crafts as well as visiting the farm.

If, and it is a big, IF, at this stage, it goes ahead, we will be looking for people to take part. As well as needing two teams of actors to take on the roles of the usual Nativity characters, we will also need several teams of stewards. Our ideal would be to be able to show the same short play 3 times each day from Saturday 18th December – Thursday 23rd December inclusive.

If you are interested in taking part, please contact us, via our website, address at the foot of this page. We look forward to hearing from you.

Let’s Pray Together!

Lizzy’s zoom prayer meeting will resume on Thursday 7th October at 6.30pm. Here is the link:- https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81422981436?pwd=cnZiNWxZb3dtN0oOQJhHU0g0S1WQT09

Meeting ID: 814 2298 1436

Passcode: 353798

www.havantpassionplay.org.uk

Charity Number 1154040
Dedication Festival Sermon

A sermon from Graham Kidd on Sunday 3 October 2021.

In a world where there is so much bad news, let’s begin today’s sermon with some positivity.

It is very good that we are able to meet together for our Sunday morning worship in the building again. And through the hard work of our volunteers who operate the live stream; those of us joining online can feel as though they are present in the building. It is especially good that we are able to be in St. Faith’s for our Dedication Festival.

It’s also good that we are able to meet together for fellowship after the service and I’m pleased to see that we are back to using the lovely mugs, proudly showing St. Faith’s church on it!

In a previous parish that I was involved in, the church commissioned mugs for what was I think the centenary of the building of their church. The wording on those mugs was: “praise for the past, hope for the future”.

And I think that’s an excellent way to sum up what a Dedication Festival is all about - an opportunity to remember with thanksgiving those whose vision and faith results in the place in which we habitually find the presence of God.

An opportunity to give thanks for those whose care and skill maintain this house of prayer.

But as we know, it’s not always plain sailing in any church all the time, or indeed across the Church of England as we heard in Canon Tom’s “Simpler, Humbler, Bolder” sermon two weeks ago. And it wasn’t plain sailing 2000 years ago either. In our Gospel Reading today, when St. John makes a point of writing that “it was winter” there’s actually a double meaning. The Gospel writer reminds us that the Jewish festival of Hanukkah commemorating the rededication of the Temple, takes place in the darkest months of the year. But, the Gospel writer is also making a statement about the faith, or lack of it, in the community of those who had gathered in the Temple.

The Jews were complaining to Jesus: “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly”. Jesus’ response: “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do...
The Jews had been told plainly enough; and not just in what Jesus has said to them, but most of all in what has done. Even when the real source of faith, hope and love was standing in their midst, they could neither see or hear it, their hardened, wintry hearts couldn’t hear Christ’s words.

So today, in 2021AD, how can we be better listeners? Perhaps we can take comfort from the current Diocesan vision: to live, pray and serve as Christians. In an increasingly secular and changing world, it’s not always easy to live as a Christian away from the church building. Indeed, over the years, people have been persecuted for their faith, including St. Faith, who was arrested and tortured during the persecution of Christians by the Roman Empire in the 3rd century. So we give thanks that we in this country are able to live our Christian lives and continue to pray for those persecuted for their faith around the world today.

Jesus said to the Jews: “The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me”. The Jews had been told thinking about how he lived his life; how he provided love and care and help to others. The same is true for each one of us: others can tell who we are by the way we live our lives. They will “know that we are Christians by our love.”

But it’s easier said than done isn’t it? We often “don’t have time” to live, pray and serve 24/7. We are all far too busy to do that every day. But, if we want to do something, we make time to do it! As part of my discernment, I have been getting better at setting time aside to read Evening Prayer most days. It took effort, but it’s now become part of my (almost) daily routine and is helping me to pray more regularly and know the Bible better.

Change isn’t always easy, but change isn’t always bad. The daily offices (such as Evening Prayer) make great use of the Psalms. One of the better known psalms is 98. The psalmist writes “O sing unto the Lord a NEW song”. When we sing a new hymn, we don’t always warm to it straight away, but as we keep singing it, it gradually becomes easier to pick up.

Jesus said to the Jews: “The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me”. Jesus teaches So today, we give “Praise for the Past” and “Hope for the
Future”. We give thanks for this beautiful building that stands as a testament to the faith of past generations as well as the faithfulness of us (the living stones) who gather here now. Today is an opportunity for us to rededicate ourselves, to live, pray and serve God every day, not just for an hour and a bit on a Sunday.

Today is also a reminder for us to be always learning to listen for the voice of God through the words of God’s Son. If we hear the voice of God in a way that we can trust, it is then that we are we able to be a real source of encouragement to one another, supporting one another – in the dark and cold times, helping each other not to be afraid to follow, and even take a risk in seeking to do God’s will, in these wintry times.

As we continue to do this, to be the living temple, holy and acceptable to God, people from the congregation will come and go; life will continue to unfold; pressure on our community and our finances will challenge us; but we will continue to be that holy priesthood, proclaiming the love of God in this place, continuing God’s ministry of love, redemption and action, being living stones of faith and truth. Then we will be and will to be those encourage others to be those encouragement to one another, sheep cared for by the one true shepherd. Jesus Christ, who is our Cornerstone, on him alone we other not to be afraid to follow, build. AMEN.

St Faith—6 October
**St Faith’s Charity & Bookshop**

**NON FICTION BOOKS NEEDED**
We are in need of more non-fiction books please, on any subject (no cookery books) for our second-hand book shop.
Thank you.

**THIS WEEK’S OPENING TIMES**
Tues to Thurs: 9.30am to 3pm
Friday & Saturday: 9.30 to 1pm
Please drop donations off at the shop during opening hours: (see above). Kindly don’t leave them outside when the shop is closed. We had to throw away a whole bag of books recently, because they had been soaked by the rain, even in a bin-bag!

Thank you to all those who have donated books over the past few months. The bookshop has now been up and running for a few weeks and going well. It is a very quiet space, where people can sit and read and children can sit on a bean bag, or at their little table to enjoy the books.
If you have a spare half an hour do pop in. We have wide range of novels, and Non Fiction books.
What is the Bible? Where did it come from? How was it written? Who wrote it? Why did they write it? What does it say to us today? These and many other fascinating questions will be answered over a 52 session course of one hour lectures (over two years, on a roughly fortnightly basis) with the Rev’d Barbara Watson Hammond, MA, ACP.

The first session will commence on **Sunday 17th of October, at 4.30pm.** You don’t have to attend every session (and there is no exam at the end!) - though of course you’ll get the most out of it if you can attend each lecture! Notes will be provided at each lecture - and there is no homework to worry about! The lectures will be held at St Faith’s, Havant, and livestreamed on our homepage at [www.stfaith.com](http://www.stfaith.com).

**Course Dates for Part One (all dates are Sundays at 4.30pm)**

**Part ONE: The Age of the Patriarchs (2000 to 1000 BC)**

1) October 17   Abraham, the Semitic Peoples & the origins of Religion
2) October 31   The Patriarchs and Joseph
3) November 7   Moses, from Egypt
4) November 21   Passover, Exodus and the Covenant
5) December 5   Onwards from Sinai, for ‘40 years’
6) December 12   Joshua
*** Christmas break***
7) January 9   The conquest of Canaan, and the Judges
8) January 16   Samuel
9) January 30   King Saul, and ‘Monarchy’
10) February 6   Decline of Saul, and the rise of David
11) February 20   David, King of the Golden Age
12) March 6   The Court Chronicle
13) March 20   Solomon, Wisdom, and the Temple
14) April 3   Collapse of Empire, and the ‘Yahwist’.
SATURDAY NIGHT at the Havant Pallant!

FIRST SATURDAYS (MOSTLY) - SUPPORTING LIVE & LOCAL MUSIC - CABARET-STYLE. BAR. DOORS OPEN AT 7PM

This Season’s Headliners

4th September
The Courtiers
Tickets available now at: https://tinyurl.com/ysys4adw

2nd October
Alistair Goodwin
Tickets available now at: https://tinyurl.com/425374vf

13th November
The DiElle Trio
Tickets on sale now at: https://tinyurl.com/fvaz26sw

4th December
The Portsmouth Shanty Men
Tickets on sale now at: https://tinyurl.com/trs9tyaw

Hosted by:
The DiElle Trio
Safe-seating protocols will be in effect

Tickets also on sale in St Faith’s Church and Shop, prior to each event.

THE PALLANT CENTRE
Our Harvest service will be on Sunday 17th October and as in previous years we will be supporting the Beacon Food Bank.

Items that they are currently short of are:
Shampoo, shower gel, soap, pump action hand wash, pot noodles, microwavable rice, tin fruit, tin puddings, coffee, jams, marmalade, spreads: chocolate spread, peanut butter, etc. Thank you.

Thank you

The Bell Ringers MacMillan Coffee Morning on Saturday 25th September raised £253.00. The ringers rang a quarter peal and then offered tours of the tower, while in the church delicious cakes and tea and coffee were available. Thank you to all who supported this event.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

I am the Poppy Appeal organiser for Havant and Emsworth. I really need more kind people to offer their time to man stalls in Tesco, Asda, Meridian Centre selling poppies and other Poppy Appeal items. I would also like sellers to be in Park Parade and Emsworth.

I want to make this a really good year and raise as much money as possible. Money raised helps people of all ages who have served in the armed forces and are needing help after injury, illness and social problems. Please contact me if you feel you can help.

Anne Newcombe 02392 452473. Email: newcombeanneowen@aol.com
LUNCHTIME CONCERTS FOR OCTOBER

WEDNESDAYS 12:30 - 1:15PM
ALSO LIVE-STREAMED VIA ST FAITH’S FACEBOOK PAGE

6TH OCTOBER
SIEL DUO
CRISTINA GRIGORE  FLUTE
LILIANA CHIRITA  GUITAR

13TH OCTOBER
DAVID CAIN  ORGAN

20TH OCTOBER
MARK DANCER  PIANO

27TH OCTOBER
PHIL DAISH-HANDY  CELLO
MARTIN PENROSE  PIANO

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

RETIRING COLLECTION.
ALL PROCEEDS AFTER EXPENSES WILL GO TO OUR FUND TO IMPROVE PARISH BUILDINGS
The Children's Society

If you have one of the Children's Society collection boxes please could you bring it to church so that we can send the monies off to The Children's Society. If you do not have a box but would like one to collect your change and support this excellent charity do let me know. Sandra Haggan

Parish Office open on Thursday mornings

Pauline will be in the office on Thursday mornings 9am to 12am when the office will be open. Please wear a mask before entering and keep a 1 metre distance, thank you.

Christmas Shoebox Collection

The annual Christmas Shoebox is now under way in association with the Rotary Club of Havant. Instructions on completion of the box are on the leaflet giving suggested items to include.

The “Do not include” is of prime importance due to Customs regulations. Wrapping paper should allow the box to be opened for inspection and the part of the leaflet giving gender of the child and age group taped on the top of the box. Completed boxes should be brought to the 09.30 service for blessing and collected by Rotary on Sunday 31 October. Leaflets are available in church.

Any queries can be directed to Colin Warlow on 02392 475447. If you require a shoebox, there are some available in church.
FIRST SATURDAYS (MOSTLY) - SUPPORTING LIVE & LOCAL MUSIC - CABARET-STYLE. BAR. DOORS OPEN AT 7PM.

Saturday 13 November
The DiElle Trio


Hosted by: Tom Kennar
The Rocking Rector!

Supported by: Hayling Island Folk and Acoustic Club

Tickets £11.01 each from: 
https://tinyurl.com/fvaz26sw (includes booking fee)
Or £10 each, or £54 for six, from St Faith’s Shop, (at Pallant Centre) or the church (no booking fee).
Morning Service - Sunday 10 October

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity
President: Rt. Rev’d John Hind
Preacher: Rev’d Canon Tim Schofield
Organist: Graham Kidd

Processional Hymn
Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)
Tune: Little Cornard (282), Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

1. Lord, as the day begins
   lift up our hearts in praise;
take from us all our sins,
guard us in all our ways:
our every step direct and guide
that Christ in all be glorified!

2. Christ be in our work and skill,
serving each other’s need;
Christ be in thought and will,
Christ be in word and deed:
our minds be set on things above
in joy and peace, in faith and love.

3. Grant us the Spirit’s strength,
teach us to walk his way;
so bring us all at length
safe to the close of day:
from hour to hour sustain and bless,
and let our song be thankfulness.

4. Now as the day begins
   make it the best of days;
take from us all our sins,
guard us in all our ways:
our every step direct and guide
that Christ in all be glorified!

Collect

O God, forasmuch as without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
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.
A reading from the letter to the Hebrews (4.12-16)

The Writer speaks of Jesus the Great High Priest, and the Word of God. Indeed, the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

(Mark 10.17-31)

Jesus tells his followers how they can enter the Kingdom of heaven. As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, ‘Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: “You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother.”’

He said to him, ‘Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.’ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, ‘You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.’

When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, ‘How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!’ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, ‘Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.’

They were greatly astounded and said to one another, ‘Then who can be saved?’ Jesus looked at them and said, ‘For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.’ Peter began to say to him, ‘Look, we have left everything and followed you.

‘Jesus said, ‘Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.’
Offertory Hymn (551)
Words: Robert Grant, based on Psalm 104 (1779-1838)
Tune: Hanover, William Croft (1678-1727)

1. O worship the King
   all glorious above;
O gratefully sing
   his pow’r and his love:
our shield and defender,
   the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour,
   and girded with praise.

2. O tell of his might,
   O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light,
   whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath
   the deep thunder-clouds form,
and dark in his path
   on the wings of the storm.

3. This earth, with its store
   of wonders untold,
almighty, thy pow’r
   hath founded of old:
   hath established it fast
   by a changeless decree,
   and round it hath cast,
   like a mantle, the sea.

4. Thy bountiful care
   what tongue can recite?
   It breathes in the air,
   it shines in the light;
   it streams from the hills,
   it descends to the plain,
   and sweetly distils
   in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust,
   and feeble and frail,
in thee do we trust,
   nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender,
   how firm to the end!
Our maker, defender,
   redeemer, and friend.

6. O measureless might,
   ineffable love,
   while angels delight
   to hymn thee above,
thy humbler creation,
   though feeble their lays,
   with true adoration
   shall sing to thy praise.

Hymn (625)
Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879)
Tune: Nottingham, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791) adapt.

1. Take my life, and let it be
   consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
   let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2. Take my hands, and let them move
   at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
   swift and beautiful for thee.
3. Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.

4. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect, and use ev’ry pow’r as thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will, and make it thine: it shall be no longer mine; take my heart: it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

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**Hymn (538)**

Words: Samuel Trevor Francis (1834-1925)
Tune: *Ebenezer (Ton-Y-Botel)*, From an anthem by Thomas Williams (1869-1944)

1. O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free; rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.

Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love; leading onward, leading homeward, to my glorious rest above.

2. O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore, how he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore; how he watches o’er his loved ones, died to call them all his own; how for them he intercedeth, watcheth o’er them from the throne.

3. O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev’ry love the best; ‘tis an ocean vast of blessing, ‘tis a haven sweet of rest.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! ‘Tis a heav’n of heav’ns to me; and it lifts me up to glory, for its lifts me up to thee.

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**Post Communion Prayer**

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
1. God of mercy, God of grace,    2. Let the people praise thee, Lord;
show the brightness of thy face;    be by all that live adored;
shine upon us, Saviour, shine,     let the nations shout and sing
glory to their Saviour King;
fill thy Church with light divine; at thy feet their tribute pay,
and thy saving health extend    and thy holy will obey.
unto earth’s remotest end.

3. Let the people praise thee, Lord;
    earth shall then her fruits afford;
   God to us his blessing give,
    we to God devoted live;
   all below, and all above,
    one in joy and light and love.
Sunday Evening Prayer
Sunday 10 October
Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity
Leader: Sandra Haggan
Preacher: Jackie Brookfield

Hymn (262)
Words: Robert Bridges (1844-1930)
based on ‘O quam juvat’ Charles Coffin (1676-1749) alt.
Tune: Binchester, William Croft (1678-1727)

1. Happy are they, they that love God,
Whose hearts have Christ confessed,
Who by his cross have found their life,
And ‘neath his yoke their rest.

2. Glad is the praise, sweet are the songs,
When they together sing;
And strong the prayers that bow the ear
Of heav’n’s eternal King.

3. Christ to their homes giveth his peace,
And makes their loves his own:
But ah, what tares the evil one
Hath in his garden sown!

4. Sad were our lot, evil this earth,
Did not its sorrows prove
The path whereby the sheep may find
The fold of Jesus’ love.

5. Then shall they know, they that love him,
How hope is wrought through pain;
Their fellowship, through death itself,
Unbroken will remain.

Psalm 127

Except the Lord’ build the’ house:
their labour ‘is but’ lost that’ build it.
Except the Lord ‘keep the’ city:
the watchman ‘waketh’ but in’ vain.
It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early,
and so late take rest, and eat the ‘bread of’ carefulness:
for so he giveth ‘his be’lov-ed’ sleep.
Lo children and the ‘fruit of the’ womb:
are an heritage and gift that ‘cometh’ of the’ Lord.
Like as the arrows in the ‘hand of the’ giant:
even so’ are the’ young’ children.
Happy is the man that hath his quiver ‘full of’ them:
they shall not be ashamed, when they speak
with their ‘enemies’ in the’ gate.
Glory be to the Father, and ‘to the ‘ Son:

*and ‘to the ‘Holy Ghost;*

As it was in the beginning, is now and ‘ever’ shall be:

*world without’ end.’

A’men.

Joshua 5:13-6:20

Once when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing before him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went to him and said to him, ‘Are you one of us, or one of our adversaries?’ He replied, ‘Neither; but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come.’ And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshipped, and he said to him, ‘What do you command your servant, my lord?’ The commander of the army of the Lord said to Joshua, ‘Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy.’ And Joshua did so.

Now Jericho was shut up inside and out because of the Israelites; no one came out and no one went in. The Lord said to Joshua, ‘See, I have handed Jericho over to you, along with its king and soldiers. You shall march around the city, all the warriors circling the city once. Thus you shall do for six days, with seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the ark. On the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, the priests blowing the trumpets. When they make a long blast with the ram’s horn, as soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and all the people shall charge straight ahead.’ So Joshua son of Nun summoned the priests and said to them, ‘Take up the ark of the covenant, and have seven priests carry seven trumpets of rams’ horns in front of the ark of the Lord.’ To the people he said, ‘Go forward and march around the city; have the armed men pass on before the ark of the Lord.’

As Joshua had commanded the people, the seven priests carrying the seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the Lord went forward, blowing the trumpets, with the ark of the covenant of the Lord following them. And the armed men went before the priests who blew the trumpets; the rearguard came after the ark, while the trumpets blew continually. To the people Joshua gave this command: ‘You shall not shout or let your voice be heard, nor shall you utter a word, until the day I tell you to shout. Then you shall shout.’ So the ark of the Lord went around the city, circling it once; and they came into the camp, and spent the night in the camp.

Then Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the Lord. The seven priests carrying the seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the ark of the Lord passed on, blowing the trumpets continually. The armed men went before them, and the rearguard came after the ark of the Lord,
while the trumpets blew continually. On the second day they marched around the city once and then returned to the camp. They did this for six days.

On the seventh day they rose early, at dawn, and marched around the city in the same manner seven times. It was only on that day that they marched around the city seven times. And at the seventh time, when the priests had blown the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, ‘Shout! For the Lord has given you the city. The city and all that is in it shall be devoted to the Lord for destruction. Only Rahab the prostitute and all who are with her in her house shall live, because she hid the messengers we sent. As for you, keep away from the things devoted to destruction, so as not to covet and take any of the devoted things and make the camp of Israel an object for destruction, bringing trouble upon it. But all silver and gold, and vessels of bronze and iron, are sacred to the Lord; they shall go into the treasury of the Lord.’ So the people shouted, and the trumpets were blown. As soon as the people heard the sound of the trumpets, they raised a great shout, and the wall fell down flat; so the people charged straight ahead into the city and captured it.

Matthew 11:20-30

Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done, because they did not repent. ‘Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I tell you, on the day of judgement it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven?

No, you will be brought down to Hades. For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I tell you that on the day of judgement it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you.’

At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’
1. I heard the voice of Jesus say, ‘Come unto me and rest; lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon my breast.’ I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn and sad; I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say, ‘Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live.’ I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, And now I live in him.

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say, ‘I am this dark world’s light; look unto me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright.’ I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and in that light of life I’ll walk till trav’ling days are done.

Hymn (310)
Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

Hymn (428)
Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) alt.

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav’n to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.

2. Jesu, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter ev’ry trembling heart.

3. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into ev’ry troubled breast; let us all in thee inherit, let us find thy promised rest.

4. Take away the love of sinning, Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, at its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

5. Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy grace receive; suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.

6. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above; pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

7. Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee.

8. Changed from glory into glory, till in heav’n we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.