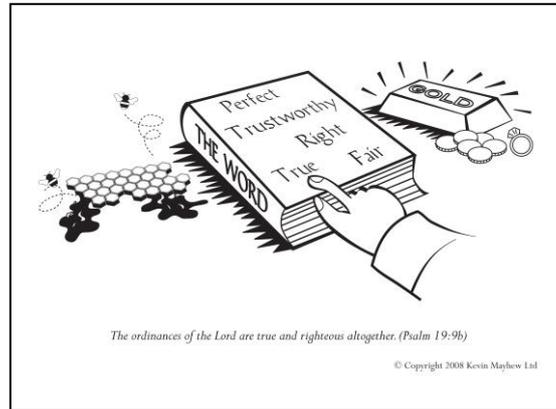


St Andrew's Church

Bible Sunday



Newsletter for 24th October 2021

10.00am Mass in Church and on YouTube

Celebrant and Preacher; Fr Peter Spencer

If you are in church, please remember to turn off your mobile phone during the service. Please take this sheet home with you at the end of the service. There are prayers which you may like to use at home at the end of the newsletter.

Hymn numbers for the Mass 11 334 715 87 684 834

Collect

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Reading

Isaiah 55;1-11

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Gospel

John 5;36b-end

Jesus said to the Jews, "The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent. You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?"

Post Communion Prayer

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please pray for people who are sick or in need of prayer: Margaret, Rianne, Hayden Lewis, Viki Sidhu, Gloria Boothe, Gloria James, Beryl Clayton, Linda, Deb Jones, Adeola Okoi, Beverly and Elaine Mitchell.

For those who have recently died: Norah Pottinger

Anniversary of death: Mabel Thursfield

Birthdays:

Notices

All Souls' Day Sunday October 31st. Service in church 4pm. The pandemic has added extra difficulties for those who have lost loved ones in the last two years. **Today** please give names of anyone who has died during this period if you would like them read at this service. There are cards at the back of church to fill in, or give names to Stuart by email or on WhatsApp.

Magazine The next magazine is in preparation. Please send articles to Eileen at parishmagazine949@gmail.com or on paper in the box at the back of church. Eileen particularly wishes to feature music or words (a hymn? a song?) that have helped to see you through the pandemic.

Prayer

We pray for all members of St Andrew's congregation, worshipping in church or at home. We pray for the newly baptized, the newly confirmed, and those preparing to make their first communion. God bless us all. Amen.