



St. Andrew ♦ Holy Cross

14th October 2018 – The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

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Welcome to our Worship this morning.

The Collect

God, our light and our salvation:

illuminate our lives,

that we may see your goodness in the land of the living,

and looking on your beauty

may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

First Reading – Hebrews 4. 12 -16 (Church Bible page 1203)

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to feel sympathy for our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Gospel Reading – Mark 10.17-31 (Church Bible page 1014)

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. 'Good teacher,' he asked, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' 'Why do you call me good?' Jesus answered. 'No one is good – except God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honour your father and mother."'

'Teacher,' he declared, 'all these I have kept since I was a boy.'

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Jesus looked at him and loved him. 'One thing you lack,' he said. 'Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.' At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said 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.' The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, 'Who then can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.' Then Peter spoke up, 'We have left everything to follow you!' 'Truly I tell you,' Jesus replied, 'no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields – along with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.'

Post Communion Prayer

**God our Father,
whose Son, the light unfailing,
has come from heaven to deliver the world
from the darkness of ignorance:
let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding
that we may know the way of life,
and walk in it without stumbling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**



Pray for....

All the people from our churches and around the deanery who are preparing for Baptism and Confirmation on Sunday 21st October.

Prayer

If you have a particular need for prayer, please approach a member of the prayer ministry team who will be pleased to help you. If you prefer to write down your prayer request, cards are available in the entrance lobby in St Andrew's and on the welcome table in Holy Cross. Place your completed card in the box: these prayers are offered during daily Morning Prayer. For urgent prayer requests please contact Richard (01268 520688) or David and Marion (01268 523565).

Appeal for help

We would like clean empty jam jars for MakeLunch during the October half term. Please bring them to either church and give them to Nicola Firth or Jackie Stubberfield. Thank you.



From the curate:

Thank you all so much for your marvellously warm welcome to me and to Doug. We are delighted to be part of this worshipful and caring parish. I am particularly grateful for the book you have given me on my ordination; we are all going to get to know more of the people of our Christian tradition: Gregory the Enlightener, Abbot Cybi, Mechtild, to name a few; I have so much to learn! I am so happy that we journey together.

Love and God bless, Shirley.

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Day off Monday.

Date for your Diary

Christmas Fayre

24th November 11:00am – 2:00pm,
at St Andrew's

Stalls and attractions to include:-

Cake stall; Handicraft stall; Children's craft table;
Tombola; Table games; Raffle;
and Second hand book stall.

Donations welcome, all new goods please,
except second hand books.



Music at Holy Cross

Anne has started working with a group of young people at Holy Cross on Saturday Mornings to learn and practice the music for the monthly evensongs. Plan also is to prepare some music for the Advent Carol Service. Anyone who would like to join in, please just come up to Holy Cross at 10:30am on Saturday morning. The more there are the better the sound !!

Just to let you know.....

Dry Street Memorial Church's Friday Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support raised £275! Many thanks to all those who came along and supported us. You made a difference!

Terry Sumpter

We have received an email via Churches Together in Basildon about Terry Sumpter. Terry and his first wife Olive were well known throughout Christian circles in Basildon.

I am sorry to have to inform you that Terry passed away recently. He had not been very well for some time but was coping with the help of his second wife, Marge who was also not in the best of health. He fell over in the garden and sustained a broken hip. Although the operation to repair it was successful, he never improved and slowly "went downhill".

Please inform anyone that may remember Terry & Olive. The funeral will take place at 12 o'clock on Monday 15th October at Pitsea Crematorium.
Many Thanks & best regards, Martin Case

What's on this week

Sunday	14 th	11:15am	Holy Communion at Holy Cross.
		4:00pm	Second Sunday Gathering at St Andrew's.
Monday	15 th	9:00am	Morning Prayer at St Andrew's.
		1:30pm	Home Group (Joyce and Tom Hancock).
		7:30pm	Evening Home Group (Peter White).
Tuesday	16 th	9:00am	Morning Prayer at St Andrew's.
		10:00am	Home Group (Cyril Phillips).
		2:00pm	Knit and Chat in St Andrew's.
		7:30pm	PCC Meeting at Holy Cross.
		7:45pm	Home Group (Barbara Bowhill).
Wednesday	17 th	9:30am	Holy Communion at Holy Cross.
Thursday	18 th	9:00am	Morning Prayer at St Andrew's.
		12:00noon	Community Lunch at St Andrew's.
Friday	19 th	9:00am	Morning Prayer at St Andrew's.
Saturday	20 th	9:30am	Music Group Practice at St Andrew's.
Sunday	21 st	9:30am	Holy Communion at St Andrew's.
		11:15am	Holy Communion at Holy Cross.
		3:00pm	Deanery Confirmation Service
			at St Andrew's - see below for details

Deanery Confirmation Service

As hopefully most of you already know, we will be hosting the Deanery Confirmation Service at St Andrew's on Sunday 21st October at 3:00pm. This will not only be a Deanery Confirmation Service but also a service of Baptism and Bishop Stephen will also Consecrate our Altar and bless the Sanctuary furniture.

We will also be providing refreshments for after the service, if you are willing and able to contribute a cake that would be great, but please speak to Marion Marshall for more details.

Also please speak to Marion if you are willing to help serve and/or clear up. Thank you.

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Items for news and prayer to Jackie Stubberfield on 01268 288930 or jmstubber@gmail.com by Thursday afternoon, please.

Next Sunday's readings are – Hebrews 5. 1 -10, Mark 10. 35-45.

Christmas Day Lunch

We are planning a Christmas Day Lunch at St Andrew's for those who may be spending Christmas on their own, 1:30pm to 4:00pm. If you would like to join us, please speak to Cate or David Lambert. Transport can be provided.

An appeal for help

Again this year Judy Emmerton is preparing shoe boxes for the Samaritan's Purse appeal and will be grateful to receive donations of gift items for them. For more information contact Judy on 01268 533396.



Our Parish Food Ministry – The following information is a summary of the food parcels that have been distributed by our parish over the last year. The donations of groceries that you make each week have helped established a robust ministry of practical support and Christian outreach to households in our parish and the wider community. Some households receive just the one parcel, to meet an immediate need, others require longer term support; all experience the love of God in Jesus at work in their lives. This ministry is now being supported with donations of groceries from St Chad's, Vange - St Mary Magdalene, Great Burstead - Living Word, Wat Tyler Park - St Gabriel's, Pitsea - Basildon Catholic Churches.

We also receive donations of food from Tesco and Nandos.

The number of food parcels distributed between Sept 2017 and Aug 2018

CAP clients	Church Family	Community	Total Food Parcels	People Receiving
126	150	319	595	1865



In aid of Tearfund

Saturday 17th November at 7:00pm

Hundreds of Churches, Thousands of people, One Big Quiz

To be held at The Curate's House

**For more information and tickets contact
Shirley on 01268 984913**