

The Church is open for quiet thought or prayer from 8am – 5.30pm, Monday –Friday,
11am – 4pm on Saturday.
Monday – Friday there is a daily Mass at 12.15pm – 12.40pm.
Monday 1.05pm – 1.30pm Mediation group.
On Sunday there is a Sung Eucharist at 11am.

Readings next Sunday, Pentecost

Acts 2: 1-21, Romans 8: 14-17, John 14: 8-17

Thank you for attending our service this morning. You are all very welcome to join us after the service for tea/coffee in the Church hall.

Notices

Michael McClure is organising a pilgrimage to Walsingham for the weekend of the 23rd/24th November (the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the Feast of Christ the King). Cheaper rates of accommodation apply. Please contact Michael directly or e-mail him on michaelmcclure1953@yahoo.co.uk if interested".

Dates for your diary

Sunday 21 July Parish BBQ

Tidal

R S Thomas

The waves run up the shore and fall back.

I run up the approaches of God and fall back.

The breakers return reaching a little further,
gnawing away at the main land.

They have done this thousands of years,
exposing little by little the rock under the soil's face.

I must imitate them only in my return to the assault
not in their violence. Dashing my prayers at him will achieve
little other than the exposure of the rock under his surface.
My returns must be made on my knees. Let despair be known
as my ebb-tide; but let prayer have its springs, too, brimming,
disarming him; discovering somewhere among his fissures
deposits of mercy where trust may take root and grow.

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2nd June, Easter 7

Celebrant: Fr Paul Kennedy

Preacher: Bishop Stephen Platten

Setting: Parish Mass -Allcoat

Hymn: 296 Lord Enthroned in Heavenly splendour

Acts 16.16-34

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to

keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Psalm: 97

R The Lord is king, most high over all the earth

The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad. Clouds and darkness are round about him, righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne. A fire goes before him and burns up his enemies on every side. **R**

His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees it and is afraid. The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory. **R**

Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! Bow down before him, all you gods. Zion hears and is glad and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judgements, O Lord. For you are the Lord: most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods. **R**

The Lord loves those who hate evil; he preserves the lives of his saints and delivers them from the hand of the wicked. Light has sprung up for the righteous and joyful gladness for those who are true-hearted. Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name. **R**

Revelation 22.12-14,16-17,20-21

The angel said to John, 'See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.' The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.' And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.' And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

John 17.20-26

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Holy Father, I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

For your prayers:

Those who are ill: Julian Goode, Tracey Llewellyn, Alison Hird

Those who have died recently: Daniel Cooper, Jennifer d Clermont

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Joy Harris, Ray Hatter

Offertory hymn: 271 Alleluya Sing to Jesus

Anthem: Benedictus - Bach

Thanksgiving hymn: 341 Blest are the Pure in Heart