

St John's with Holy Trinity, Ryde

Where *All* are Welcome



16th August 2020

We are worshipping together
at St John's, Ryde
on Sunday 16th August at 10am for a
Service of Holy Communion.

Based on government guidelines, we have put various measures in place to keep everyone safe. Please help us by following the instructions. You must now wear a face mask in all places of worship.

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**The church is open
for private prayer**

on
Thursday 9-11am
and
Sunday 3-5pm

Come and spend some
'Quality Time'
with God

10th Sunday after Trinity

Lord, I know my tongue often gets
ahead of my mind and heart.
I am quick to speak and I repent of the
many thoughtless things
I have spoken.

I am sorry for words I have spoken in
anger or in gossip. Please help me to
see when I am about to speak without
thinking and to check my heart.

Help me be slow to speak.
Help me Lord to be a person full of
loving words, full of your Spirit,
overflowing with love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, gentleness
and self control.

Amen.

by Debbie Przybylski.

<https://www.crosswalk.com/devotionals/your-daily-prayer>



Romans 11.1–2a, 29–32

¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ² God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

The other lectionary readings for today are: **Isaiah 56.1, 6–8**
And Psalm 67

Collect: Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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.

Matthew 15: 10–20

¹⁰ Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, ‘Listen and understand: ¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.’ ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, ‘Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?’ ¹³ He answered, ‘Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.’ ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, ‘Explain this parable to us.’ ¹⁶ Then he said, ‘Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.’

Thought for The Day

by Rev Dion Mabey

Sticks and stones can break my bones, but words can never hurt me” —but that is a lie! We have all been wounded at some stage of our lives by thoughtless or hateful words. Such words lead to low self-esteem, lack of confidence, anger, hatred, violence—to murder even.

In the Gospel narrative is the Pharisees challenging Jesus yet again. This time over food laws and Jesus makes the point that nothing from God can make us unclean by eating it. What makes us unclean is the thoughts of our hearts leading to behaviours actions and the spoken word

“Your behaviour mirrors your heart.”

Some hard truth for us all, we may wish to consider, is, what does come out of my heart and mouth? Is God directing us/me? When we speak do we use words of praise and encouragement, or complaint and criticism? Do we behave differently in church, at home, in the shops, with our neighbours?

It is a sad reflection of society that we now have rules for social media that we should consider; is it true, helpful, supportive before we post something. We have phone APPS aimed at children that only allow positive messaging. The Samaritans are busier than ever and there is an increase in the demand for counsellors.

Thought for The Day – continued

We need to be the difference now. As the Jews were different and set apart by their ceremonies and rituals and traditions, can we be set apart and different by our positive behaviour, words and actions?

I would like to finish with this prayer

God be in my head,
and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes,
and in my looking;
God be in my mouth,
and in my speaking;
God be in my heart,
and in my thinking;
God be at my end,
and at my departing.

Online services

If you are unable to join us at St John’s there is a Diocesan Eucharistic Service online at **9am** here:

<https://www.facebook.com/CofEPortsmouth>

It will come live from the home of, Ven Jenny Rowley, Archdeacon of Portsdown, and will involve others from across the diocese.

Click here to find links to online services broadcast by churches on the island.

<https://collectivespirit.online/whats-on>

Prayers of Intercession

by Bevaly Rackett

We offer our thanksgivings and our petitions on behalf of the church, the world, our communities and each other.

Faithful God, we ask for your blessing upon our congregation, and upon your people, that your joy and love may flow freely in and through us that we might spread the good news of your Gospel wherever we go. We remember persecuted Christians, Christian communities under pressure and all who suffer for their faith. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Creator God, we, your children, are saddened by the human cruelty and destruction we see in the world. We cry out to you in the trouble of our whole planet, for we are unable to bring about a peaceful solution by ourselves. We ask that you be with all those in authority that they may work for the good of the poorest, most hope-less of your people. As we commemorate 75 years since Victory in Japan, finally ending the second world war we pray: Lord God our Father, we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humankind, in the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering, and for the praise of your name. Guide us by your Spirit; give us wisdom; give us courage; give us hope; and keep us faithful now and always. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Father God, help us through the times when our blinkered vision and over busyness prevents us from taking care of our family and friends or from taking

part in the life of our neighbourhood or wider community. Even with all the restrictions currently in place help us to support each other with kind words and generous actions. Bless those who are receiving exam results and give them hope for the future. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Loving God, friend of those in need, your Son Jesus can free us from our burdens and heal our bodies and spirits. Be with those still burdened, those seeking healing, and those whose minds or spirits are in turmoil and those suffering from addiction. We pray especially for ... Where lives are in ruins, make them whole once more. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Merciful God, we commend into your hands those who have departed this life. We think of the people of Beirut. May they rest in peace and rise in glory, in your presence for ever and ever. We remember especially ...

We also remember with everlasting love those whose anniversaries of death occur this week... Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Gracious God, as we go out into the world may we may reflect your love in our families, our church and our community; so that the world can witness that we are followers of Christ and draw others into his loving care.

Merciful Father: **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

RIP: Ramon Lewis, Sheila Cox, Jamie Parkin, Pam Dickinson, Susan Hickley.

RIP Anniversaries: Violet Ireland (Thu)

If you know of someone who would like us to pray for them by name during our Sunday services, please send an email to rev.sue.stjohnsryde@gmail.com. You can also speak to Alex Bruce on a Sunday morning and she will add names to the list in church. By putting a name on the list you are confirming that you have their explicit permission to do so.

Call to Prayer in Ryde:

Christian church leaders in Ryde have joined together to ask us all to pray for the Ryde area for the 2020 hours from 1st July until 23rd Sept. For more info, the daily theme and a short video go to www.prayforryde.org If you would like to join the ZOOM prayer meeting for 15 mins each evening at 7pm the link is: <https://zoom.us/j/96569728174?pwd=eVBXckx5RE1pU0I3Y3FnWXBwZGRidz09>

This week we have prayed for:

- Chain stores and supermarkets
- Our local Ferry and hover firms
- Island Line Trains
- Sports Clubs
- Local History groups
- Bus and Taxi Drivers
- Artists and Craftspeople

Hymn

Here is a link to the chorus but please do read the verses as well.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UYLKrFOLS-E>

Bless the Lord my soul

Bless the Lord, my soul,
and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul,
who leads me into life.

It is God who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and
compassion.

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
God does not treat us

according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our faults.

As a father has compassion

on his children,
The Lord has pity on those who fear
him,
for God knows of what we are made.
God remembers that we are dust.

Taize Music: Jacques Berthier

Weekly News Sheet: Please send any items for the news sheet to Bevaly Rackett by **Wed 2pm**.
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