

PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY, PULBOROUGH



THE PATRONAL FESTIVAL

Sunday 13th September, 2020

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Rest in peace, darling Nicky

You are invited to remember all those who you would normally meet with on this day within the church family and pray for them, especially those you have a particular concern for.

Having brought sisters and brothers to mind, you may like to join in the singing of the Opening Hymn. A musical accompaniment can be found separately on the website

**Opening Hymn: NEH 478
Athelstan Riley (1858-1945)**

- 1** **Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright Seraphs, Cherubim and Thrones,
raise the glad strain, Alleluia.
Cry out, Dominions, Princedoms, Powers,
Virtues, Archangels, Angels' choirs,
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!**

- 2** **O higher than the Cherubim,
more glorious than the Seraphim,
lead their praises, Alleluia.
Thou Bearer of the eternal Word,
most gracious, magnify the Lord.
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!**

- 3** **Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
ye Patriarchs and Prophets blest,
Alleluia, alleluia.
Ye holy Twelve, ye Martyrs strong,
all Saints triumphant, raise the song
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!**

**4 O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia, alleluia.
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!**

✠ In the name of the Father, and
of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*In a few moments of quiet bring to the Lord your failings and
shortcomings, particularly those times when you have doubted
God's loving purposes in this current situation.*

The Prayers of Penitence

Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Gloria

Glory to God in the Highest, and
peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, Heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus, Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world; have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the
Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy one,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the most high,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the
glory of God the Father. Amen



The Collect for the Day

Almighty and everlasting God,
who stooped to raise fallen humanity
through the child-bearing of blessed Mary:
grant that we, who have seen your glory
 revealed in our human nature
and your love made perfect in our weakness,
may daily be renewed in your image
and conformed to the pattern of your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The First Reading: Micah 5 vv2-4

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
 who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
 one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
 from ancient days.
Therefore he shall give them up until the time
 when she who is in labour has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
 to the people of Israel.
And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
 in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
 to the ends of the earth;

You may now wish to sing along with the next hymn, again a musical accompaniment can be found separately on the website

**Gradual Hymn: NEH 184
Henry W. Baker (1821-1877)**

- 1 Shall we not love thee, Mother dear,
Whom Jesus loves so well?
And to his glory year by year
Thy joy and honour tell?**
- 2 Thee did he choose from whom to take
True flesh, his flesh to be;
In it to suffer for our sake,
And by it make us free.**
- 3 O wondrous depth of love divine
That he should bend so low;
And, Mary, O what joy was thine
The Saviour's love to know!**
- 4 Joy to be Mother of the Lord,
Yet thine the truer bliss,
In every thought and deed and word
To be for ever his.**
- 5 Now in the realm of life above
Close to thy Son thou art,
While on thy soul glad streams of love
Flow from his sacred heart.**
- 6 Jesu, the Virgin's holy Son,
Praise we thy Mother blest;
Grant when our earthly course is run,
Life with the saints at rest.**

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 1vv18-23.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel',
which means, 'God is with us.'

Reflection

This Sunday we are celebrating The Blessed Virgin Mary as the Patron Saint of our church and parish, as this is the Sunday following the day that the church keeps as the birthday of Mary ie. 8th September. Our readings for this day may well be very familiar to many of us, as they are both frequently used at the traditional service of nine lessons and carols. In this context they are clearly chosen for their relevance to the birth of Jesus. For Mary is only important because of her relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ and her willingness to be the one who enabled God to come alongside us and enter into our humanity in Jesus.

The angel Gabriel described her as being blest among women and in the words of Mary "all generations will call me blessed." From the outset, the church in Pulborough has been, like many others in this area, dedicated to Mary. As our heavenly patron she connects our particular community of faith with the Church in heaven and provides us with a model of discipleship we are all called to emulate. In the Bible Mary is not recorded as having said

very much but what we have is well worth noting. You might like to look through the Gospels of John and particularly Luke, to note what these words are? What we see in the life of Mary ,who we are called to emulate as disciples of Jesus Christ, is a life lived out in faith, seeking to be obedient to what God calls her to and to accept that calling in all humility.

Faith, obedience and humility-if these were more obviously the hallmarks of our individual discipleship and qualities that are lived out in our life together, our witness to Christ and our call to His service would be so much convincing and potentially have a more transformational effect on our wider community than we do at present!

Fr. Paul

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and buried;
He descended to the dead.
on the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
And He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sin,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen

The Prayers of Intercession

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,
Let us pray to the Father.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
You promised through your Son Jesus Christ
To hear us when we pray in faith.

*For our Diocesan household of faith and Martin our Bishop, and
for Bishops Ruth and Will his Suffragans.*

Strengthen Martin our bishop and all your Church in the service of
Christ, that those who confess your name may be united in your
truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory to the world.

*Pray for the leaders of the nation, governments of the world and
all managing the affects of the present pandemic and all those
connected with medical research.*

Bless and guide Elizabeth our Queen, give wisdom to all in
authority; and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice
and of peace; that we may honour one another, and seek the
common good.

*We especially pray for those working and living in our local Care
Homes: Hillside Lodge, The Anchorage, Petworth Cottage Nursing
Home and Rotherlea*

*Together with other Churches in the village we pray for those who
live and work in Lower Street (west of Sorting Office)
Skeyne Drive, Carpenters Meadow. Barnhouse Close
Barnhouse Lane, Arun Court and Allfreys Wharf*

Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbours, that we may service Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

Those who are in particular need of healing:

Betty Miller, Al Boscowan, Fr. David Wostenholm, Andrew Nairn, Christopher Huxtable and Millie

Those who are in need of continued prayer:

Ron Jones and Ryan Nichols

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit,
Give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Pray to rest in peace: Edna May Anderson and Anthea Hurd

Anniversary of death: Frank Richardson and Nicola (Nicky) Hamilton

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ,
According to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

Merciful Father,
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.



The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

An Act of Spiritual Communion

(As we are unable to physically receive Holy Communion you might find it helpful to make this act of spiritual communion)

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you. Since I cannot at this time receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Amen

You may now wish to say or sing along with the next hymn, again a musical accompaniment can be found separately on the website

HYMN: NEH 186

Timothy Dudley-Smith (born 1926) from Luke 1 vs46-55

- 1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
 Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
 tender to me the promise of his word;
 in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

- 2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
 Make known his might, the deeds his arm
 has done;
 his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
 his holy Name, the Lord, the Mighty One.**

- 3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
 Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
 Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
 the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

- 4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
 Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
 to children's children and for evermore!**

The Grace

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen.

Each week we are providing an extra hymn/song for you to learn or revise. It maybe a new hymn and/or a new tune.

This week it is NEH 492 Gilbert Keith Chesterton (1874-1936)

- 1 O God of earth and altar,
bow down and hear our cry,
our earthly rulers falter,
our people drift and die;
the walls of gold entomb us,
the swords of scorn divide,
take not thy thunder from us,
but take away our pride.**

- 2 From all that terror teaches,
from lies of tongue and pen,
from all the easy speeches
that comfort cruel men,
from sale and profanation
of honour and the sword,
from sleep and from damnation,
deliver us, good Lord!**

- 3 Tie in a living tether
the prince and priest and thrall,
bind all our lives together,
smite us and save us all;
in ire and exultation
aflame with faith, and free,
lift up a living nation,
a single sword to thee.**

*Please listen to it on the website and become more familiar with it.
We hope to use these hymns and songs when we can sing again in Church.*

Church and Liturgical Diary

14th Monday: Holy Cross Day

15th Tuesday: *St. Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr 258*

2-4pm Church open for private prayer

16th Wednesday: *St Ninian, Bishop of Galway*

9.45am Morning Prayer

10.15am The Holy Eucharist

17th Thursday: *St. Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, 1179*

2-4pm Church open for private prayer

18th Friday: *Feria*

12 noon The Holy Eucharist

19th Saturday: *St. Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury 690*

9am to 12.30pm Village Market in Pulborough Village Hall

2-4pm Church open for private prayer

20th TRINITY 15

8am The Holy Eucharist

10.30am THE PARISH EUCHARIST

Readings: Jonah 3. 10-end of 4.11 and Matthew 20. 1-16

11.45am Annual Parochial Church Meetings

2-4pm Church open for private prayer

DATA PRIVACY NOTICE

Following advice from the Diocese please see the up-to-date 2020 Data Privacy notice in the North Porch or our church website. The notice outlines how we are able to use your personal data. It is important that you read this document drawing special attention to item 7.

ELECTORAL ROLL

Following Church of England guidelines, we now have the Electoral Roll (names only) available for scrutiny at the Church. Do please take a moment to check that your name is correctly posted on the new roll.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY.....

Next Sunday 20th September we will be holding our Annual Church Meetings following the Parish Eucharist. Today we have the remaining Annual reports ready for distribution, please take your personalized copy.

If you would prefer to have an electronic copy, they will be found on the church website. www.stmaryspulborough.org.uk

Please give your apologies to either churchwarden if you are unable to attend the Annual Church meetings or email the PCC Secretary: susanscholefield@btinternet.com

FSW FOOD HAMPER

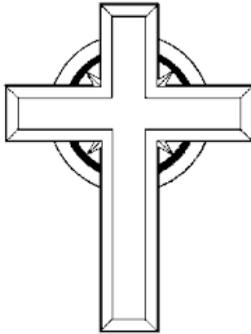
Please remember the food hamper when you go shopping and if possible any of the following items would be most welcome:

Cereal, biscuits and crisps, tinned meats, tinned peas, carrots and sweetcorn, coffee, brown sauce, toilet rolls and kitchen rolls, toothpaste and deodorant, shampoo and bubble bath and men's toiletries. Thank you so much for your continued help.

Items can be left in the North Porch.

THIS SATURDAY – PULBOROUGH VILLAGE MARKET RETURNS!

At the time of printing this leaflet we are hopeful that the local Village Market will be held in Pulborough Village Hall this Saturday from 9am to 12.30pm Full social distancing and sanitising measures will be in place. Please do try and support this local initiative with local foods, plants, flowers and crafts.



Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester

**Thanks be to you, our Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits which you have given us,
for all the pains and insults which you have borne for us.
Most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,
may we know you more clearly,
love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly,
day by day. Amen.**