

# PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY, PULBOROUGH



# TRINITY 19

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2020**

We are very grateful that leaflets today have been  
generously sponsored

**Remembering a loving Mother and dear Sister,  
Edna Spain 21.10.2007 and  
Marguerite Kelsall 22.10.2014**

*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: O&N 220**

- 1. God is our strength from days of old,  
the hope of ev'ry nation;  
whose pow'r conceived the universe  
and set the earths foundation. Though hidden from our sight  
in uncreated light,  
his presence yet is known,  
his wondrous purpose shown, resplendent in creation!**
  
- 2. That Word of Life, before all things  
in primal darkness spoken,  
became for us the Word made flesh  
for our redemption broken.  
His glory set aside,  
for us he lived and died,  
obedient to the death,  
renewed in life and breath,  
to endless glory woken!**
  
- 3. That Breath of God, who brooded first  
upon the new creation,  
who lit with light the Virgin's womb  
to bear the world's salvation;  
that Dove whose shadow graced  
th'anointed Saviour's face,  
now challenges us all  
to recognise the call  
to hope and liberation.**

**4. O great Creator, Spirit, Word,  
the well-spring of creation,  
our Alpha and our Omega,  
our hope and our salvation;  
to Father, Spirit, Son,  
the Three for ever One,  
and One for ever Three,  
mysterious Trinity,  
be praise and adoration.**

✠ 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

O God, forasmuch as without you  
we are not able to please you;  
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit  
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;  
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. **Amen.**

## The First Reading: Isaiah 45. 1-7

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whose right hand I have grasped  
to subdue nations before him  
and strip kings of their robes,  
to open doors before him—  
and the gates shall not be closed:  
I will go before you  
and level the mountains,  
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze  
and cut through the bars of iron,  
I will give you the treasures of darkness  
and riches hidden in secret places,  
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,  
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.  
For the sake of my servant Jacob,  
and Israel my chosen,  
I call you by your name,  
I surname you, though you do not know me.  
I am the LORD, and there is no other;  
besides me there is no god.  
I arm you, though you do not know me,  
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun  
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;  
I am the LORD, and there is no other.  
I form light and create darkness,  
I make weal and create woe;  
I the LORD do all these things.

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

**Gradual Hymn: O&N 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.

## The Gospel Reading: Matthew 22. 15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.



### Reflection

*The issue at the heart of today's gospel reading is a question of authority. Who has authority over who and how is this authority discerned and acted upon.*

*The passage is centred upon the words of Jesus –“ ..give therefore to the Emperor the things that are the Emperor's and to God the things that are God's” Of course ultimately God is the authority. We owe everything to Him and it is to God that we must submit ourselves. We also need to be assured that God can use anything in His creation to help carry forward His will and purposes. The first reading from Isaiah would have really challenged the hearers of his day. The prophet is saying that the Persian leader Cyrus is God's anointed one! This is a man who worships another god and not one of God's chosen people-a foreign Gentile ruler! Yet*

*God uses him in order to bring about the delivery of His people from their captivity in Babylon.*

*For God is not just Lord of His own people but the universal Lord of all humanity.*

*Therefore nothing or no-one is outside His authority and he is able to use anyone to help bring about His purposes, without them even knowing it. God's authority and activity is not confined to His own; to His Church or to Christian people, for He can and does use anyone in His service.*

*We have to make sure that we don't set about limiting in our minds where God can work, for there are no limits to His fields of operation -it includes everyone and everything!*

**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. We pray for those who  
have been ordained deacon and priest and for the parishes where  
they continue to serve.*

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  
engaged in medical research, especially in securing a  
development of an effective vaccine.*

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, Rotherlea and Barlavington Manor  
Together with other Churches in the village we pray for those who  
live or work in Broomers Hill Lane, Mare Hill Road,  
West Mare Lane, Kings Lane and Batts Lane*

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.

At this St. Luke's we pray especially for all who provide us with health and social care. All those working in our local surgeries, clinics, hospitals and hospices, especially at the Pulborough Medical Group

*Those who are in particular need of healing:*

*Al Boscowan, Andrew Nairn and Millie*

*Those who are in need of continued prayer:*

*Ron Jones, Betty Miller 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: Stephen Leach, Cyril Read,  
Christopher Huxtable and Audrey Brown*

*Anniversary of death: Tony Williams, Mary Hunt, Edna Spain and  
Thomas Goldsmith*

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*

- 1 Lord, we come to ask your healing,  
teach us of love;  
all unspoken shame revealing,  
teach us of love.  
Take our selfish thoughts and actions,  
petty feuds, divisive factions,  
hear us now to you appealing  
teach us of love.
- 2 Soothe away our pain and sorrow,  
hold us in love;  
Grace we cannot buy or borrow,  
hold us in love.  
Though we see but dark and danger,  
though we spurn both friend and stranger,  
though we often dread tomorrow,  
hold us in love.
- 3 When the bread is raised and broken  
fill us with love;  
words of consecration spoken,  
fill us with love.  
As our grateful prayers continue,  
make the faith that we have in you  
more than just an empty token,  
fill us with love.
- 4 Help us live for one another,  
bind us in love;  
Stranger, neighbour, father, mother –  
bind us in love.  
All are equal at your table,  
through your Spirit make us able  
to embrace as sister, brother,  
bind us in love.

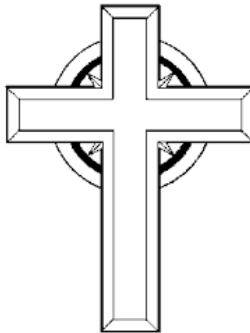
## **The Grace**

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.

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## **HARVEST COLLECTION – TURNING TIDES**

Many thanks to all who gave donations to this very worthy local charity over the past three Sundays. We are pleased to say that **£230.00** including some gift aid, will be going to the charity.



## **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.**

## **Church and Liturgical Diary**

**19<sup>th</sup> Monday:** *Sussex Martyrs of the Reformation Era*

**20<sup>th</sup> Tuesday:** *Feria*

12 noon Funeral of Cyril Read RIP

2-4pm Church Open for private prayer

7.30pm Deanery Synod meeting

**21<sup>st</sup> Wednesday:** *Feria*

9.45am Morning Prayer

**10. 15 am The Holy Eucharist**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Thursday:** *Feria*

11am FSW Annual Meeting at Henfield

2-4pm Church Open for private prayer

4.30pm Standing Committee meeting at the Rectory or ZOOM

**23<sup>rd</sup> Friday:** *Feria*

**12 noon The Holy Eucharist**

**24<sup>th</sup> Saturday:** *Feria*

9am – 12.30pm Pulborough Village Market

2-4pm Church Open for private prayer

**25<sup>th</sup> THE FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF OUR CHURCH BUILDING**

**(The Last Sunday after Trinity)**

***British Summer Time ends – clock go back one hour***

**8am The Holy Eucharist (Said)**

**10.30am THE PARISH EUCHARIST**

Readings: 1 Kings 8. 22-30 and Matthew 21. 12-16

2-4pm Church Open for private prayer

## **FSW FOOD HAMPER**

Please remember the food hamper when you go shopping and if possible any of the following items would be most welcome: **FSW is asking for soup, tinned meat, tinned vegetables and tinned fruit for the food bank but all donations are welcomed.** Thank you so much for your continued help. Items can be left in the North Porch or contact **Alyson Heath 873795**

## **SUNDAY LEAFLET SPONSORS NEEDED FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2020**

As we now having regular services again, if you have a special occasion or date in memory of a loved one and would like to sponsor the Sunday leaflet it would be so helpful. It enables us to cover the cost of printing the service leaflets, which we hope in turn are helpful with your worship.

The dates we have now have available are:

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> (Remembrance Sunday), 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> November (Advent Sunday)**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> December, Midnight Mass or Christmas Day**

We ask for a £25 donation, gift-aided, if possible.

Details from **Ann Kaiser 01798 872819**

## **THIS SATURDAY – PULBOROUGH VILLAGE MARKET**

The local Village Market will be 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 including Andy Heath with his beautiful turned woodcraft and Ann Kaiser with her tasty quiches and smoked salmon. Market café serving fresh breakfasts and other refreshments with table service in place. We look forward to seeing you there!

## CHURCH WEBSITE

At present Andy Leese is working on the church website to update and improve the site, so the front page will be updated each week as usual, but the other pages are not current available.





