

begins. We will have a garden morning on Saturday 6th October from 10am—noon. Please if you are able—come and help!! No experience required. If you have them, please bring your own gloves.

Stephen Haggard is currently in Ethiopia working with a team trying to establish Schools within the Refugee camps there. Steve has asked that we pray for him during this very difficult task.

LIFC News - New Course starting “Representing the Sacred; Art and Iconography in Religious Traditions”, commencing Wednesday 26th September, 2018, at 2.00pm. The speakers will all be representatives of their own particular tradition and will present from their perspective how the Sacred has been and is portrayed in art and /or iconography in that tradition.



For our Prayers— Jean, Peter, Josephine, John and Lucia, Stephen, John Q, Cleo, Marguerite and Ruth **and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including** Ernest Reed, Daphne Macaulay and Lily Turner

Services during the week 23rd September 2018

Monday	No Services
Tuesday	8.30am Said Mass in Trinity Chapel
Wednesday	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel 7pm Quiet Prayer in Trinity Chapel 7.30pm Said Mass in Trinity Chapel
Thursday	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
Friday	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel 10am My Move Play group 2.30pm Tea and Chat
Saturday	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel
Sunday 30th Harvest	8.30am Morning Prayer in Trinity Chapel 9.30am Sung Mass

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Sunday 23rd September 2018

17th of Trinity

HYMNS TODAY - 248, 65, 627 (Tune 1), 499 and 3

President Mo Christine **Preacher** Mo Christine

Fr Laurence is leading worship at Christ Church Today.

Welcome to worship today—it is great to have you with us. We hope that you will feel welcome in our worship today. If you are new, please do say hello—we would love to get to know you. If you are unsure where to find something, or about what is going on, please do ask and we will be happy to help. Our worship style is quite formal- but we hope relaxed-as we come to worship God in our midst. Please do join us for refreshments after the service.

In our first reading from the prophet Jeremiah. According to tradition, Jeremiah is “the weeping prophet.” This passage, Jeremiah 11:18-20, is the first of these and shows how the prophet earned his nickname over and over.

1st Reading— Jeremiah 11:18-20

It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, ‘Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!’ But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

Our Second Reading today continues our readings from the letter of James. Today’s continues the discussion of teaching & wisdom that James begins in 3:1 & which ends in 4:12. The entire section focuses on how people in the community of faith interact with each other. Last week’s portion of this section focused specifically on speech. In today’s lection, James turns toward the contrast between wise leadership and the behaviour that can tear a faith community apart.

2nd Reading— James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Our Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel reading is Mark 9:30-37. Jesus keeps trying to escape notice. In the Gospel text two weeks ago (Mark 7:24-37), he travelled to the region of Tyre and then to the Decapolis. In this week's text, he is back in his home territory of Galilee, but "he did not want anyone to know it." The reason he did not want anyone to know of his presence? He had some critical teaching to do with his disciples (Mark 9:30). Jesus announces once again, in a briefer form than in Mark 8:31, what is to happen to him in the near future: "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again" (Mark 8:31). Yet the disciples still do not understand, and what is more, they are afraid to ask any questions (Mark 8:32). Perhaps they do not want to understand this confusing message about a Messiah who suffers and dies. Or perhaps they are afraid to reveal their ignorance. Instead of asking questions of Jesus, the disciples turn to arguing with each other. When they arrive in Capernaum, Jesus asks what they were arguing about along the way. They are silent, too embarrassed to admit that they had been arguing with each other about who was the greatest among them. Jesus, of course, knows exactly what they have been discussing, and tries once again to teach them that the reign of God reverses the

world's ideas of "greatness." True greatness, Jesus says, is not to be above others, but to be least of all and servant of all. (*thanks to Elisabeth Johnson, Professor, Lutheran Institute of Theology, Meiganga, Cameroon*)

Our Community Life Together and Dates for your Diary

Finance—St Anne's

Our current monthly target for congregational giving is **£2180**. At present our we are hitting our target—THANK YOU!!!

Website

Our website has had a face lift—all the information should still be able to be accessed, though you may need to look in a slightly different place for it. It will now be accessible on mobile devices. If you look at the bottom of the page we now have a news feed as well as a calendar which we hope will be useful.

Laurence's Larder and Food Bank

The Larder is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 10am-1.30pm. We are still asked to bring in a can a week; while our focus is tuna, at this stage all food is welcome!

Queens Park Day

A huge thank you to everyone who assisted with Queen's Park Day last week. It was a great team effort and truly appreciated!

WWI Project

There will be a fuller presentation and display of research material in November. In the mean time, Steve has created an excellent Blog containing the stories which you can view at—www.31lives.com

Making Poppies

In preparation for our '31 lives—commemorating at an end to the war to end all wars' in October we are looking to make a large number of of knitted, crocheted and paper poppies. Patterns can be provided to make at home, or you can join our next 'work party' on Saturday 22nd Sept from 10am—11.30am. Cake will be provided! Other sessions to follow.



Harvest Festival

We will celebrate Harvest Festival on Sunday 30th September, please start bringing in non-perishable items, especially meals in a can, tuna, things you can eat without cooking, toiletries which we can use for harvest display and then will go to Laurence's Larder. If you have other Harvest Goods you would like to bring on the day that's great!

Gardening Group— We have allowed our gardening team to wind down, but we need to have a 'big prune and tidy' once the Autumn