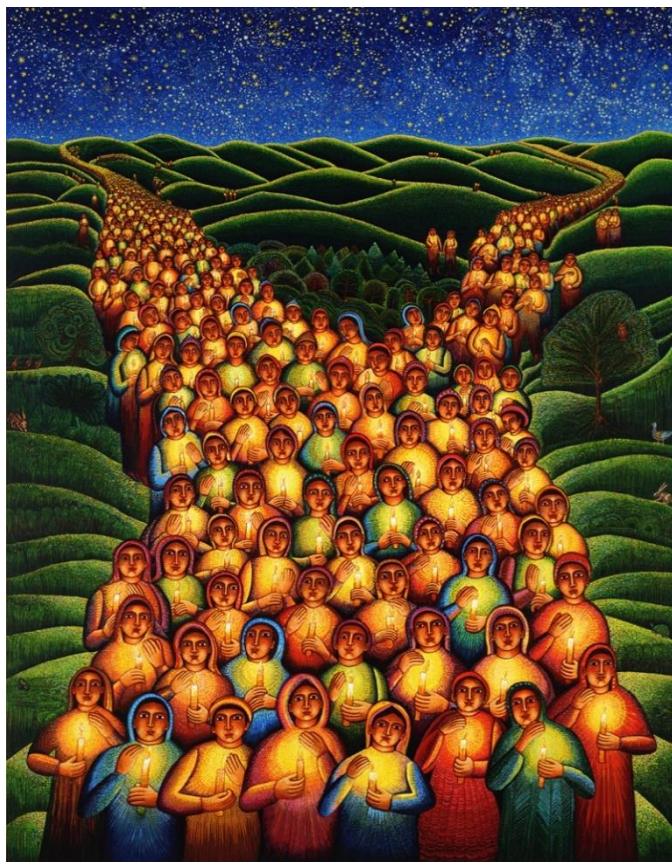


**MAYFIELD SALISBURY PARISH CHURCH**  
**MORNING WORSHIP 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020**  
**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

Led by Rev. Dr Sandy Forsyth



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**'Festival of Lights', John August Swanson, (2000)**

'I said to my soul be still and wait... so the  
darkness may be light, and the stillness the  
dancing'.

T.S. Eliot, *East Coker*, (1940)

# AS A DIVERSE PEOPLE, THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP ALMIGHTY GOD

## **Voluntary**

*Dies sind die heiligen zehen Gebot*    *BWV 678, J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

## **Welcome & Intimations**

## **The Grace**

## **Preparatory Silence for Worship**

## **Call to Worship**

Leader: Lord, open our eyes

**All: to the beauty of your world.**

Open our ears

**to the strength of your word.**

Open our minds

**to the depth of your grace.**

Open our souls

**To the mystery of your Spirit**

Open our hearts

**to the nearness of your presence.**

Open our arms

**to the embrace of your love.**

## **Prayer of Approach, Praise and Confession & 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

## **All-Age Talk**

### **The Collect for this Sunday – *Said by All***

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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

### **Reading 1 – Psalm 46, read by Boyd McAdam**

### **Reading 2 - Jeremiah 33:7-12**

### **Reading 3 – 1 John 5:13-15**

### **Sermon – ‘Until the Dancing Begins Again’**

### **Music for Reflection**

*Sarabande from Suite No. 5 in G*      *BWV 816, J.S. Bach*

## Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

### Closing Responses

Leader: Lord God, we have worshipped;  
**All: now help us to serve.**

We have spoken;  
**now help us to act.**

We have heard your word;  
**now help us to make it known.**

We have rejoiced in your love;  
**now help us to share it with others.**

**Use us for your will  
and for your Kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

### BENEDICTION

*AMEN – Said by All*

### Voluntary

*Trio on Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr*

*BWV 676, J.S. Bach*

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## INTIMATIONS

1. **WELCOME TO SANDY AND JOY** Good morning and welcome to Mayfield Salisbury Parish Church to this service of worship. It's our absolute pleasure to welcome the Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth who, as you will already know, is preaching this morning as Sole Nominee in relation to our ministerial vacancy (additional information below). We furthermore very much welcome his wife, Joy Forsyth, who has also travelled to be with us all today. Sandy and Joy – welcome to Mayfield Salisbury!
2. **(AMENDED) NOTICE OF NOMINATION – Section 22(2)**  
At a meeting held at Edinburgh on 8 September 2020, the Nominating Committee chose the person who they wish to propose to this congregation of Mayfield Salisbury Parish Church to be our new minister. The name of the person proposed is **The Reverend Dr Alexander (Sandy) Forsyth**.

Arrangements have been made for Sandy Forsyth to conduct public worship in Mayfield Salisbury Parish Church today.

### *The Presbytery of Edinburgh have approved that:*

As current Covid-19 restrictions place a strict limit on the number of people who may attend, a recording of Sandy Forsyth conducting public worship will be available on today (4<sup>th</sup> October) from 15:00 online at [www.mayfieldsalisbury.org](http://www.mayfieldsalisbury.org) and by dialing 0131 546 4337 for an audio stream.

Should any member or adherent of the congregation of Mayfield Salisbury Parish Church not have access to the internet and wishes an audio cassette of the service to allow them to listen they should contact the Session Clerk, not later than 18:00 hours on Tuesday the sixth day of October. Charles Garland may be contacted at [charles.edin@gmail.com](mailto:charles.edin@gmail.com) or on 0131 241 2754 or 07762 908343.

Immediately after today's service, a vote on whether or not Sandy Forsyth should be appointed as the new minister of this congregation of Mayfield Salisbury Parish Church will be opened. Anyone whose name appears on the Electoral Register of this congregation of Mayfield Salisbury Parish Church shall be entitled to vote. No-one else shall be entitled to vote. Every vote returned must have a unique number written on it. Each person eligible to vote will receive their unique number in the letter. Votes returned without a unique number will not be counted. The unique numbers will not be linked to how votes are cast. All votes must be cast or returned not later than noon on Tuesday the thirteenth day of October.

*Neil Gardner Interim Moderator 18 September 2020*

3. **NEW FUND FOR SUPPORTING INITIATIVES IN THE LIGHT OF THE PANDEMIC** Mayfield Salisbury has recently received an anonymous gift which is to be held by the Kirk Session as a Covid Actions Fund. The gift is of £20,000 and, in terms of the donation, is to be applied, as the Kirk Session see fit, to new projects and initiatives arising directly or indirectly from Covid-19. This generosity will provide great opportunity for new work in the times ahead. *Charles Garland, Session Clerk*
4. **VOTING PAPERS** The recent appeal produced a terrific response and every letter is now scheduled to be delivered. **If by Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> October you have not received your voting paper** please let Charles Garland, the Session Clerk ([charles.edin@gmail.com](mailto:charles.edin@gmail.com) - 0776 290 8343) or William Mearns([churchmanager@googlemail.com](mailto:churchmanager@googlemail.com) - 0780 801 1234), the Church Manager know as soon as possible. Separately, please remember to notify Charles of any change of address. With thanks to everyone who has helped out. *Boyd McAdam*
5. **YOUTH UPDATE**

**Youth Group:** *Sunday 4 October* we will meet on Zoom for a Faith and Social Justice discussion night at youth group - come with any questions you may have, as well as a charity you'd be interested in raising money for as a youth group! P6-S1 from 630-730pm and S2-S6 from 730-830pm. For Zoom log-in information, please contact Hillary.

**Virtual Youth Programming:** The \*virtual\* youth schedule for the months of September and October can be accessed on the church website under the 'Young People' tab. All youth programming will be held over Zoom. New virtual youth consent forms must be sent to Hillary before attending a session. For log-in access to the Zoom sessions, or to get a copy of the consent forms, please contact Hillary!

6. **CHRISTIAN AID AUTUMN APPEAL** On 11 October, as part of our Harvest/Creation Covenant Sunday, we will be thinking about the work of Christian Aid and its Autumn Appeal.

In Nicaragua, the farming community of Santa Rosa has grown coffee for generations. Nicaragua is the second poorest country in Latin America, and many grow coffee as their main source of income. Now, their future looks more and more uncertain. Angela Zelaya is a farmer in Santa Rosa. She explains: 'With climate change, the coffee suffers and we're losing more every year.' At

the same time, coffee prices have fallen globally. Angela is worried. 'It will be a total disaster for us because as farmers, growing crops is how we survive.' But there is hope. Facing this crisis has brought the community together to work as a local cooperative to share resources and knowledge. The cooperative is supported by Christian Aid's local partner, Soppexcca. One of the main ways they are helping farmers protect their livelihoods is by shifting from coffee production to climate-resistant cocoa, helping people like Angela to secure a better future. Angela says: 'With the cocoa project, we received loans and cocoa plants. The technicians visited us and told us what to do. We also received tree saplings to help shade our crops. The income from the cocoa crop means we can buy clothes, medicines and food.'

When ordinary neighbourhoods come together, they can create lasting change. Around the world, many of our global neighbours living in poverty continue to face crisis in its various forms. Love knows no distance. This autumn, Christian Aid is asking supporters to reach out to our global neighbours and help more communities overcome crisis. We are encouraged to:

Give to help communities around the world come together to overcome the crisis of poverty. Act by calling for the cancellation of debt repayments for low-income countries during the coronavirus crisis. Pray for our global neighbours facing crisis in all its forms. To find out how you can be involved, or to make a donation to the Autumn Appeal, please visit the website at [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk) Donations can also be made by telephone on 020 7523 2269. The Christian Aid Committee would like to thank members of the Mayfield Salisbury congregation for their consistent support and generosity.

## 7. **RETURN TO WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY**

Thank you for our presence at the service today.

The church will be open at 9.45 on Sunday mornings for those who have booked to come to the service. Please note that there may be member(s) of the congregation who are exempt on health grounds from wearing a mask. If this applies to you, it would be helpful if you wear a lanyard or badge.

If you would like to bring a cushion to place in your pew, please feel free to do so but do take it home with you. At the close of the service, please remain in your place until stewards invite you to leave, and maintain social distancing as you leave the church premises.

## **Booking system**

**Phone:** On Wednesdays, from 11.00am to 1.00pm, you may reserve a space by phoning the Church Office (0131 667 1522).

**Internet:** We would encourage anyone with internet access to use the Eventbrite booking system, which will be open from 4pm on Wednesdays. The system can be accessed from our website via this link:

**[www.mayfieldsalisbury.org/attend](http://www.mayfieldsalisbury.org/attend)**

8. **ONLINE OFFERING / DONATION** The Church is very grateful to all those who give by standing order enabling us to maintain a large portion of our income through these difficult times. We now offer the ability to contribute to our work electronically through the ‘give.net’ facility which appears on the home page of the Church’s website. This provides the possibility of adding Gift Aid to donations. There is also a direct link to the new system which is:  
[www.give.net/20311853](http://www.give.net/20311853)  
*With best wishes, Hugh Somerville, Free Will Offerings Treasurer*
9. **CORNERSTONE BOOKSHOP** If you are looking for a book to help you on your inward journey, expand your knowledge of Christian history, doctrine or the Bible, then visit Cornerstone Bookshop, St John's Terrace, (under St John's Episcopal Church), Princes Street, Edinburgh. EH2 4BJ  
[www.cornerstonebooks.org.uk](http://www.cornerstonebooks.org.uk)

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## **Books for the Journey**

*Riders on the Storm: The Climate Crisis and the Survival of Being*  
by Alastair McIntosh, Birlinn Ltd 2020

*Vesper Flights* by Helen Macdonald, Jonathan Cape 2020

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### **Forthcoming Deadlines**

*Order of service for next week:* Thursday at 6.00pm.

*Next Grapevine:* **Friday 30 October September at 6.00pm.**

Please send submissions to the Church Manager, William Mearns.

Phone: 0780 801 1234 or email: [churchmanager@googlemail.com](mailto:churchmanager@googlemail.com)

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