

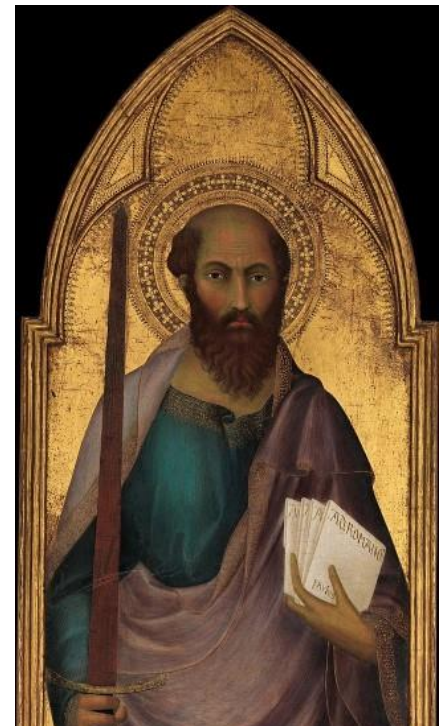
MAYFIELD SALISBURY PARISH CHURCH

EDINBURGH

Live Streamed Service Every Sunday

Sunday 11 July 2021

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL – 1. ANTIOCH



“Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch.” (Acts 11:25)

‘Antioch was where the complete breakthrough to an open mission to the Gentiles took place.’ (Stephen Bevans & Roger Schroeder)

Led by Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth, Hillary Leslie, the Chamber Group
and the congregation in church and online



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

Organ Voluntaries

Christus, der ist mein Leben BWV 1112,
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
Pastorale on 'St. Stephen', Eric H. Thiman
(1900-1975)



Welcome & Church News

The Grace
Preparatory Silence for Worship

Call to Worship

(Matthew 11:29 and Revelation 21:5, from words of Rosie Venner)

Leader: Come all who are weary

All: ...of isolation, of conflict, of division, of struggle

Leader: Come all who are heavy-laden

All: ...with too much, with too little, with anxiety, with fear

Leader: Come all who have hope

All: ...for liberation, for peace, for freedom, for the Kingdom

Leader: Come all you and hear these words of God:

All: ...“See, I am making all things new.”

Hymn 522 The Church is Wherever God's People are Praising

1. The Church is wherever God's people are praising,
knowing they're wanted and loved by their Lord.

The Church is wherever Christ's followers are trying to live and to share out the good news of God.

2. The Church is wherever God's people are loving, where all are forgiven and start once again, where all are accepted, whatever their background, whatever their past and whatever their pain.

3. The Church is wherever God's people are seeking to reach out and touch folk wherever they are -- conveying the Gospel, its joy and its comfort, to challenge, refresh, and excite and inspire.

4. The Church is wherever God's people are praising, knowing we're wanted and loved by our Lord. The Church is where we as Christ's followers are trying to live and to share out the good news of God.

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.

Opening Reflection – Hillary Leslie – ‘Where to from here??’

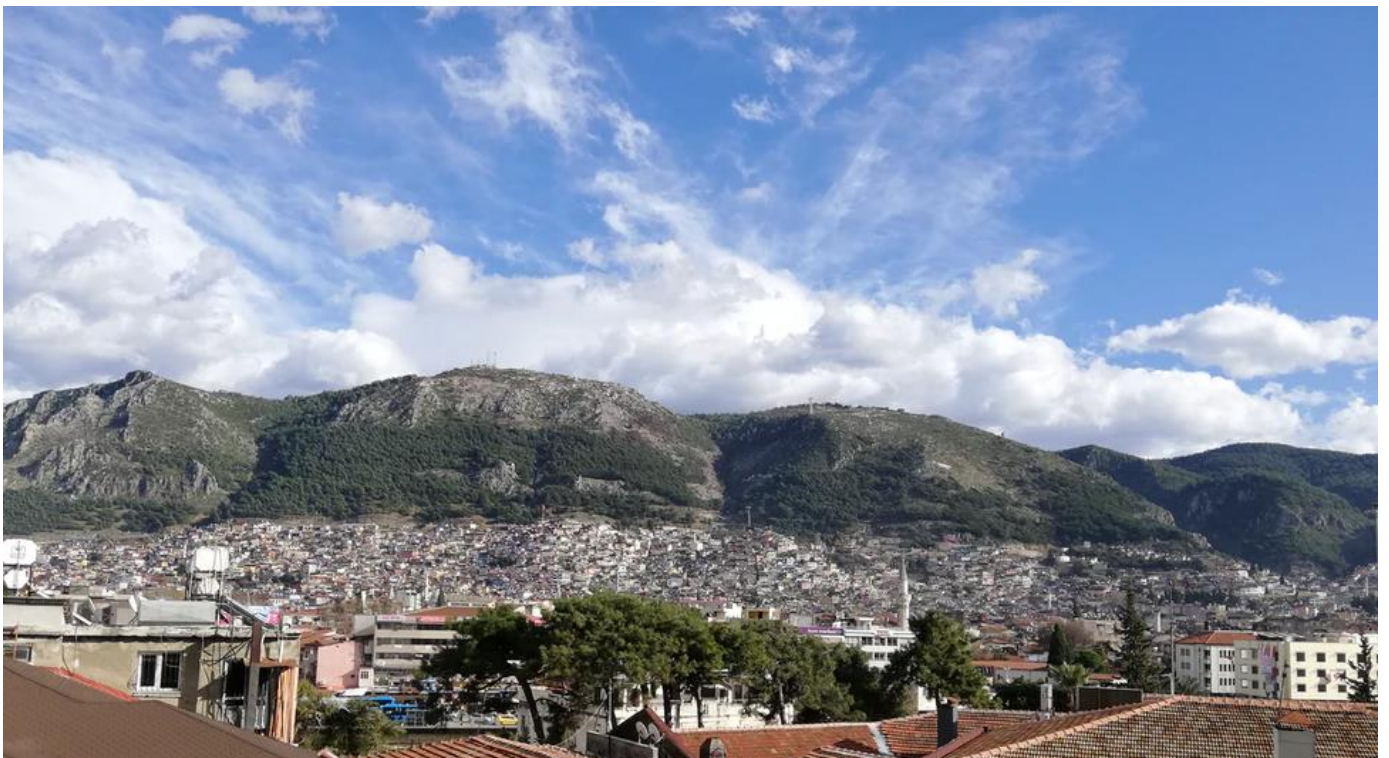


Acts 11:19-26 - The Church in Antioch

¹⁹ Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen travelled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Jews. ²⁰ But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus. ²¹ The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord.

²² News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³ When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; ²⁴ for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord.

²⁵ Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶ and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they met with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called “Christians.”



Antakya, Turkey (Antioch)

Acts 13: 1-3 - Barnabas and Saul Commissioned

13 Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the ruler, and Saul. ²While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” ³Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

Anthem “Above all praise and majesty”

Words and music by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

‘Above all praise and majesty, Lord thou reignest evermore.
Halleluiah, O God My Heart Is Ready.’

Reading Galatians 2:1-10 Read by Alvin Jackson

2 Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. ²I went up in response to a revelation. Then I laid before them (though only in a private meeting with the acknowledged leaders) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure that I was not running, or had not run, in vain. ³But even Titus, who was with me, was not compelled to be circumcised, though he was a Greek.

⁴But because of false believers secretly brought in, who slipped in to spy on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might enslave us— ⁵we did not submit to them even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might always remain with you. ⁶And from those who were supposed to be acknowledged leaders (what they actually were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)—those leaders contributed nothing to me.

⁷On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel for the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel for the circumcised ⁸(for he who worked through Peter making him an apostle to the circumcised also worked through me in sending me to the Gentiles), ⁹and when James and Cephas and John, who were acknowledged pillars, recognized the grace that had been given to me, they gave to Barnabas and me the right hand of fellowship, agreeing

that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. ¹⁰ They asked only one thing, that we remember the poor, which was actually what I was eager to do.

Hymn 550 As the Deer Pants for the Water

1. As the deer pants for the water
So my soul longs after you
You alone are my hearts desire
And I long to worship you

*You alone are my strength, my shield
To you alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship you*

2. I want you more than gold or silver
Only you can satisfy
You alone are the real joy giver
And the apple of my eye

3. You are my friend and you are my brother
Even though you are king
I love you more than any other
So much more than anything.

Sermon – Paul in Antioch – Where World Christianity Began **Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth**

Prayer for Others

Hymn 458 At the Name of Jesus

1. At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

2. Brothers, sisters, name him, with love strong as death,
but with awe and wonder, and with bated breath!

He is God the Saviour; he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped, trusted and adored.

3. In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
all that is not holy, all that is not true;
let his grace support you in temptation's hour;
and his will enfold you in its light and power.

4. In his Father's glory, Christ shall come again,
Angel hosts proclaiming his return to reign.
for all wreaths of empire meet up on his brow,
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

Closing Responses

Leader: In darkness and in light,

All: ...in trouble and in joy,

Leader: Help us, heavenly Father,

All:... to trust your love,

Leader: to serve your purpose,

All:...and to praise your name;

Leader: Send us out to go in peace

All: ...through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Benediction

Organ Voluntary

Recessional in D, David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

THE CHAMBER GROUP TODAY We welcome and thank Stuart Mitchell, Nick Springthorpe, Louise Thomson and Susan White.

THIS MORNING'S ANTHEM The anthem is the third of six motets opus 79 by Mendelssohn, written for different seasons of the Christian year. "Above all praise" is for Ascension but has general appeal. This anthem, though short and foursquare, has considerable majesty and dignity.

NEWS AND INTIMATIONS

- PLEASE NOTE** Due to current restrictions, Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth is regrettably unable to meet after the service today. Please feel free to be in contact by telephone **0131 667 1286** or by email at **AForsyth@churchofscotland.org.uk**.
- FORTHCOMING SERVICES** Continuing throughout July and August, there will be one Sunday service at 10.15am. In July, there will be no Sunday School provision. For further information, please contact the church office (**churchmanager@googlemail.com** / **0780 801 1234**) or check the website: **www.mayfieldsalisbury.org**
- MIDWEEK PRAYERS** You'd be very welcome for prayers and a time for peace and reflection in the church, this Tuesday at 10.00am, led this week by Kay McIntosh.
- UPCOMING PILGRIMAGES** You are warmly invited to be take part in a one-day congregational pilgrimage on **Saturday 11th September** from North Queensferry to Dunfermline Abbey, the first leg of the Fife Pilgrim Way to St Andrews. The full distance is 8.5 miles, but smaller sections are possible, as is simply joining at the Abbey for worship, food and fellowship. More details to follow...

As a starter, the minister will be walking the St Conan's Way from Dalmally, Argyll to Iona Abbey on **Monday 19th to Friday 23rd July**, in the footsteps of Columba and the Celtic saints. You'd be very welcome to join a 'virtual pilgrimage' on those days, with a daily reflection, prayer and photos/video of his 'pilgrim's progress' posted on the church website (weather and midges notwithstanding!).

- YOUTH NEWS** **Youth Activities:** Youth Activities will be taking a break for the month of July during the school holidays, and Hillary will be in touch soon with plans for August and the coming school term!

Youth Surveys 2021: An electronic version of the annual Youth Survey is now available to fill-out online; alternatively, there will be

a basket for collection after worship today. Please be in touch with Hillary if you require a copy of the survey.

Annual Leave: Hillary will be on annual leave from 18 July - 31 July.

6. **WOULD YOU LIKE TO WELCOME STUDENTS NEW TO EDINBURGH?** Mayfield Salisbury Church has many links with the University of Edinburgh, and these have been strengthened by the arrival of the Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth as our minister, with his on-going links to the School of Divinity at New College.

Postgraduate Students arriving in Edinburgh to study at the School of Divinity from overseas often have few, if any, contacts with locals in general and with places of worship specifically.

Obviously, the Covid pandemic has had a major impact on overseas student numbers, and we do not yet know how many might be involved. It would be helpful to gauge interest and support from members of the congregation who might like to support this initiative. If you would like to (1) be involved in the welcome event, provisionally on **Thursday 16th September**, and/or (2) potentially become a 'welcome host', please contact Alastair MacGilchrist (a.macgilchrist@gmail.com, **07931 730 805** or in person), preferably by Monday 19th July. This is simply a 'note of interest' rather than a definite commitment at this stage.

7. **SUPPORT MAYFIELD SALISBURY CHURCH** Regular and one-off **donations**, now possible through: www.give.net/20311853
8. **CHRISTIAN AID** We recently received from Christian Aid the shocking news that **over 30 million people in 20 countries are teetering on the brink of famine**. This is a global hunger emergency. The Covid-19 pandemic, violent conflict and the climate crisis have all increased global hunger. People in countries including South Sudan, Afghanistan and Burkina Faso are facing the very real threat of starvation. **If we act now, we can save lives**. Donations can be made via the **Christian Aid website** at www.christianaid.org.uk or by phone on **020 7523 2269**.

9. **KILOMBERO RICE** available again £3 per 1kg bag white or brown. Every bag bought helps Malawian smallholder farmers pay for secondary education for their children.
Contact Jean **0131 477 6648** or **jebleitch@gmail.com**
10. **PASTORAL CARE** Would you now like to be allocated a visitor or someone to phone you regularly? Are you going into hospital or know of someone who is ill? Contact Kay:
kay@backedge.co.uk / 07903 266307.
11. **ANNUAL LEAVE** The Church Manager, William Mearns is on annual leave from 4 to 17 July inclusive.

Books for the Journey

Steve Aisthorpe, *Re-Wilding the Church* (2020)
Bruce Stanley, *Forest Church* (2020)
Walter Brueggemann, *Virus as a Summons to Faith* (2020)

Forthcoming Deadlines

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

Next Grapevine: Friday 27 August at 6.00pm.

Please send submissions to the Church Manager, William Mearns.
Phone: **0780 801 1234** or email: **churchmanager@googlemail.com**

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