

MAYFIELD SALISBURY PARISH CHURCH

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10.15am Summer Service – Also Live Streamed

Sunday 29 August 2021

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Christ Pantocrator of Saint Catherine's Monastery at Mount Sinai, 6th Century AD



I have seen the sun break through to illumine a small field for a while, and gone my way and forgotten it. But that was the pearl of great price, the one field that had the treasure in it. I realise now that I must give all that I have to possess it. Life is not hurrying on to a receding future, nor hankering after an imagined past. It is the turning aside like Moses to the miracle of the lit bush, to a brightness that seemed as transitory as your youth once, but is the eternity that awaits you.

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Led by The Very Revd Dr David Fergusson, 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 Voluntary

Welcome & Church News

The Grace

Preparatory Silence for Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: The earth is the Lord's.

All: And all that is in it.

Leader: We love the house in which you dwell.

All: And the place where your glory abides.

Leader: O Lord, open our lips

All: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.



Hymn 172 Sing for God's glory

(t. Lob Den Herren)

Sing for God's glory that colours
the dawn of creation,
racing across the sky, trailing bright
clouds of elation;
sun of delight
succeeds the velvet of night,
warming the earth's exultation.

Sing for God's power that shatters the
chains that would bind us,
searing the darkness of fear and
despair that could blind us,
touching our shame
with love that will not lay blame,
reaching out gently to find us.

Sing for God's justice disturbing each
easy illusion,
tearing down tyrants and putting our
pride to confusion;
lifeblood of right,
resisting evil and slight,
offering freedom's transfusion.

Sing for God's saints who have travelled
faith's journey before us,
who in our weariness give us their hope
to restore us;
in them we see
the new creation to be,
spirit of love made flesh for us.

Kathryn Galloway (b.1952)



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, the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Reflection Led by Hillary Leslie

Reading

Psalm 84:1 - 5

Read by Andrew Cubie

The Joy of Worship in the Temple

¹ How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts!

² My soul longs, indeed it faints
for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy
to the living God.

³ Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.

⁴ Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise. *Selah*

⁵ Happy are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Anthem How beautiful upon the mountains

Words: Isaiah 52 v 7

Music: John Stainer (1840 - 1901)

*How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him that bringeth good
tidings, that publisheth peace; that
publisheth salvation; that saith unto
Zion, Thy God reigneth!*

Reading 1 Peter 2: 4 – 10 Read by Andrew Cubie

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

⁷ To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', ⁸ and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.'

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Hymn 522 The Church is wherever God's people are praising
(t. The Bard of Armagh)

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.

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.

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.

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.

Carol Rose Ikeler (b.1920)



Sermon
The Very Revd Dr David Fergusson

Prayer for Others

Hymn 739 The Church's one foundation

(t. Aurelia)

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| <p>1. The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord:
she is his new creation
by water and the word;
from heaven he came and
sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.</p> <p>2. Called forth from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation:
one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
and shares one holy food,
as to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.</p> | <p>3. In toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore,
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great Church
victorious
shall be the Church at rest.</p> <p>4. Yet she on earth has union
with God the Three in One,
and mystical communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.</p> |
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Benediction

Three-fold Choral Amen

Organ Voluntary



THIS MORNING'S ANTHEM Sir John Stainer was best known for the popular cantata *Crucifixion*. The organist at St Paul's Cathedral, he was an important and highly regarded figure in Victorian Church music. The anthem, part of a larger work, is very reminiscent of Mendelssohn with the elegant opening melody entering fugally in all four parts. All are brought together for *Thy God reigneth* before a quiet, shorter repetition of the fugue.

NEWS AND INTIMATIONS

1. **PLEASE NOTE Sandy Forsyth is on holiday until Monday 30 August.** For any urgent pastoral matters in his absence, please contact Kay McIntosh on kay@backedge.co.uk or **0790 326 6307**. For any urgent church matters, please contact William Mearns in the church office on churchmanager@googlemail.com or **0780 801 1234**.

2. **FORTHCOMING SERVICES** From next Sunday (5 September), we return to two services at our traditional times of **9.30am for All Age Worship (with Sunday School)** and the **10.45am Service of Worship**.

The provision of teas and coffees is still being investigated to make sure that those helping and those enjoying the refreshments are kept safe and we will let you know when that can resume. There is no Zoom coffee tomorrow after the Sunday service. Nor is there '5 Minutes Peace'.

However, Midweek Prayers at 10am for around half an hour in the church will be held on Tuesday – all are welcome for a time of prayer and reflection.

Please do contact the church office for more information.

3. **SUPPORT MAYFIELD SALISBURY CHURCH** Regular and one-off **donations**, now possible through: www.give.net/20311853

4. CURRY AND CONVERSATION: STUDENT HOSTING EVENT AT MAYFIELD SALISBURY ON THURSDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Mayfield Salisbury Church are hosting an ecumenical and interfaith welcome event on the evening of Thursday 16 September for postgraduate divinity students arriving next month to study at New College.

It will be an informal get-together with a meal provided by the Mosque Kitchen. If you have already expressed an interest in supporting this, I will be in touch with you directly in the near future.

If you have not yet done so but would like to attend to provide a welcome for these students, please let me know as soon as possible on a.macgilchrist@gmail.com or 0793 173 0805 and I will be in touch with the arrangements. Thanks, Alastair MacGilchrist.

5. YOUTH NEWS

Youth Group 5 September 6.00pm - 7.30pm - On 5 September, the P6 - S1 group is invited to join together for a treasure hunt on Blackford Hill! For more information and to sign-up, please contact Hillary.

Youth Worship 29 August 7.00pm (Zoom) - We will be having a Youth Worship service on Zoom at 7.00pm - a time for prayer, readings, reflections and music for all ages! Contact Hillary for Zoom log-in details.

6. **PASTORAL CARE & PRAYER CHAIN** 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? Do you have anything you would like to be prayed for, or included in the Prayer Chain? Contact Kay: kay@backedge.co.uk / 07903 266307.

7. **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.
8. **MAYFIELD MILERS PLANNING MEETING** The meeting will take place on Wednesday 1 September in the Newington room of the church at 7.30pm. Please come with your suggestions for walks but if you can't attend contact Jenny McCallum (667 2888 with your suggestions.
9. **THE GUILD** A new joint Church of Scotland Guild is beginning for the churches on much of Edinburgh's south side, including our own, which you are very welcome to join. Come along to a taster session for the new beginning on **Tuesday 14 September** at 2pm at Marchmont St Giles, to hear Karen Gillon, The Guild Associate Secretary, talk about the Guild and moving forward into the future
10. **WILL RELIEF SCOTLAND** - We're happy to be supporting Will Relief Scotland, a campaign that comes into effect every September. Participating solicitors all over Scotland set aside their fees for making or amending a will, and instead accept a donation for their services. That donation goes to four charities: Blythswood Care, EMMS International, MAF and Signpost International. These are four Scottish, Christian charities that have a shared vision to see the lives of people in need touched and transformed across the world.

If you are interested in making or amending your will as part of the campaign, for more information take a leaflet as you leave church, or visit willreliefscotland.org, the Will Relief Scotland Facebook page or phone Mairi who is co-ordinating the campaign on 01349 830777.



Books for the Journey

Steve Aisthorpe, *Re-Wilding the Church* (2020)
Walter Brueggemann, *Virus as a Summons to Faith* (2020)
Richard Frazer, *Walking with a Stick: A Pilgrim's Journey to Santiago de Compostela* (2019)

Forthcoming Deadlines

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

Next Grapevine: Friday 1 September 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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