

MAYFIELD SALISBURY PARISH CHURCH

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Live Streamed Service Every Sunday

Sunday 3 October 2021 at 10.45am

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



‘We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are.’ (Hebrews 4:15)

‘He is a God who does not...trivialise the present darkness...but who himself in the midst of darkness... invites us to the venture of hope.’ (Hans Küng)

**Led by Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth
with the congregation in church and online**

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

Organ Voluntaries

Welcome & Church News

The Grace

Preparatory Silence for Worship

Introit **O Lord my God to thee**
Words from Psalms 2 and 26
Music: Jacques Arcadelt (1510 -1568)

*O Lord my God to thee do I lift up my soul.
O Lord in thee have I trusted.
Let me not be ashamed.
Let not my foes triumph over me.
O lead me in a plain path.
Cast me not off, neither forsake me.
Teach me thy way, Lord.
Lead me in a plain path.
O hide not thy face , hide not thy face far from me.
Lord God, Lord God, hide not thy face far from me. Amen.*



Mural, Flagstaff, Arizona -
Louis Buchetto, 2004

Call to Worship

Psalm 138:1 - 3

Leader: I give you thanks, O Lord, with all my heart;

All: I will sing your praises before the gods.

Leader: I bow before your holy Temple as I worship.

All: I praise your name for your unfailing love and faithfulness

Leader: for your promises are backed

All: by all the honour of your name.

Leader: As soon as I pray, you answer me;

All: you encourage me by giving me strength.

Hymn 449 Rejoice, the Lord is King

(t. Darwall's 148th)

Rejoice! the Lord is King,
your Lord and King adore.
Mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore:

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice; again I say: Rejoice!*

Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above:

His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules both earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given:

He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall before his feet:

Rejoice in glorious hope,
for Christ, the Judge, shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home:

*We then shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound: Rejoice!*



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.

Hymn 466 Before the Throne of God Above

(t. Before the Throne of God Above)

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea,
a great High Priest, whose name is Love,
who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look, and see him there
who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died,
my sinful soul is counted free;
for God the just is satisfied
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! the risen Lamb,
my perfect, spotless righteousness,
the great unchangeable I AM,
the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself, I cannot die;
my soul is purchased by his blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ my Saviour and my God.

Plea for Deliverance from Suffering and Hostility. A Psalm of David.

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?
- 2 O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;
and by night, but find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
- 4 In you our ancestors trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 To you they cried, and were saved;
in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.
- 6 But I am a worm, and not human;
scorned by others, and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me mock at me;
they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;
- 8 'Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver—
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!'
- 9 Yet it was you who took me from the womb;
you kept me safe on my mother's breast.
- 10 On you I was cast from my birth,
and since my mother bore me you have been my God.
- 11 Do not be far from me,
for trouble is near
and there is no one to help...
- 19 But you, O Lord, do not be far away!
O my help, come quickly to my aid!
- 20 Deliver my soul from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog!
- 21 Save me from the mouth of the lion!
From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.
- 22 I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
- 23 You who fear the Lord, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him,
all you offspring of Israel!
- 24 For he did not despise or abhor
the affliction of the afflicted;
he did not hide his face from me,
but heard when I cried to him.



Anthem Not unto us, O Lord

Words: Psalm 113, v.1

Music: T A Walmisley (1814 -1856)

*Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but
unto thy Name give the praise: for thy
loving mercy and for thy truth's sake.
Hallelujah*

Reading Hebrews 4:12-16

Read by Revd Ralph Smith

12 Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. 13 And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

14 Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hymn 577 Christ be Beside Me

(t. Bunessan)

Christ be beside me,
Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me,
King of my heart.
Christ be within me,
Christ be below me,
Christ be above me,
never to part.

Christ on my right hand,
Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me,
shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping,
Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising,
light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts
thinking about me,
Christ be in all tongues
telling of me.
Christ be the vision
in eyes that see me,
in ears that hear me,
Christ ever be.

Sermon – ‘Lament and Deliverance’
Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth



Hymn 464 **Though Hope Desert My Heart**

(t. Carlisle)

1. Though hope desert my heart,
though strangeness fill my soul,
though truth torment my
troubled mind,
you have been here before.
2. Though confidence run dry,
though weary flesh be sore,
though conversation bear no fruit,
you have been here before.
3. There is no threatening place,
no trial I could know
which has not known your
presence first:
you have been here before.
4. In Christ who, on the cross,
felt all our hurt and more,
and cried in deep abandonment,
you have been here before.
5. I will not dread the dark,
the fate beyond control,
nor fear what reigns in frightening things:
you will be there before.

Prayer of Dedication and for Others

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me:
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Closing Responses - From words of Carol Penner

Leader: God of the open road,

All: God of the narrow and twisting path

Leader: Open our eyes to see you walking beside us

All: protecting us, encouraging us, loving us.

Leader: Give us provision for the journey,

**All: courage, faith and compassion,
and endurance to face any hardship.**

Benediction & Threefold Amen

Organ Voluntary

THIS MORNING'S ORGAN MUSIC The simple and hymns like music of the introit was originally written as a setting of the 'Ave Maria' but here has been used to set English words. Jacques (or Jacob) Arcadelt was a Franco/Flemish composer of the Renaissance period working in Italy and France, best known as a composer of madrigals. Thomas Attwood Walmisley was Professor of Music at Cambridge and organist of both St John's and King's Colleges. The anthem, another setting of text from the Psalms, is typical of the English early romantic period, elegant but four square, It in two parts, the first a setting of the short text, the second a lively and extended 'Hallelujah.'

NEWS AND INTIMATIONS

1. DIGITAL CHURCH

How often are you online?

What kind of content do you use?

Websites or apps or blogs?

We'd love to upgrade our digital presence at Mayfield Salisbury, so we can be an 'online church' as well as a 'church online', speaking more clearly of our faith in ways that resonate more widely. We have resources to do so. To help us see the right route to take, can we have a couple of minutes of your time to fill out an easy survey? You can find it online at the church website. We also have paper copies in the church! If you'd prefer doing so that way, please put the completed survey in one of the boxes at the front or rear exit of the church – thank you!

2. **SUSTAINABLE HEATING AND DEVELOPMENT** Part of the future for Mayfield Salisbury may involve some significant planning about how we achieve the eco targets set for the church. This may involve how we upgrade our heating systems; how we wish to optimise the use of space we have; how we integrate changes into the sanctuary and other areas of our buildings. The Kirk Session wishes to set up a **working group on sustainable heating and development** to explore the issues so that when the way forward for Mayfield Salisbury become more clear we are well placed to understand the options and opportunities and can begin to make these long term investment decisions. While some members will be drawn from elders, the session is keen to ensure that the views and expertise of the congregation feed into the thinking. If you are interested in this possibility and taking part in the working group please let me know at clerkmspc@gmail.com

3. **YOUTH GROUP 10 OCTOBER** P6 - S1 from 6:00pm - 7:00pm in the Lower Hall for some Halloween and fall-themed sports and activities! Costumes/silly outfits encouraged! S2 - S6 from 7:15pm - 9:00pm in the Youth Room: Spooky film and discussion - please fill out the doodle poll to help us pick a film! **A reminder** that there will be no Youth Group on 17 and 24 October - enjoy your mid-term break!
4. **MIDWEEK PRAYERS** You are most welcome to attend a time of peace, prayer and reflection in the church sanctuary, this Tuesday at 10.00am.
5. **COP 26 - ENGAGE WITH YOUR MP** The countdown to COP26 - the meeting of world leaders at the UN climate change talks - is underway and it's more important than ever that we turn up the pressure on MPs – showing them the depth and breadth of support for climate justice in the UK. Our brothers and sisters living in the most marginalised communities in the world – who have done the least to cause the climate crisis – are paying the heaviest price. Crops are ruined, homes destroyed, and lives lost as extreme weather takes its toll. COP26 is a decade-defining moment and an opportunity for real, immediate, and lasting change. **By calling on your MP to act**, you're letting them know that as a community we care, and we demand action. To make sure decision makers hear us loud and clear, Christian Aid have created a template letter and parliamentary briefing for you to share with your MP. You can find both on the CA website by following the links:

Engage your MP COP26:

www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/engage-your-mp-cop26

Download the briefing:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/resources/get-involved/mp-briefing-climate-and-debt-2021>

6. **STAFF HOLIDAYS**

Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth is on annual leave from Monday 11 to Sunday 17 October inclusive.

Hillary Leslie is on annual leave from Monday 11 to Sunday 24 October inclusive.

William Mearns is on annual leave from Friday 29 October until Friday 5 November inclusive.

Kate Pearson is on annual leave from Sunday 26 September to Wednesday 13 October inclusive.

7. **PASTORAL CARE** If you or someone you know is going into hospital then please do notify us. If you would like to receive a visit from our pastoral care team or a regular phone call contact Kay, our pastoral assistant, and she will safely organise this for you. Contact Kay McIntosh on kay@backedge.co.uk
8. **COLLECTION** Most of those who attend worship support our work through standing orders, but before the first lockdown we also had a plate collection during the service for visitors and those who preferred that form of offering. Covid restrictions still prevent us passing a plate during the service. Instead we are now inviting those who would have put offerings in the plate during the service to do so at the close of the service. In the halls entrance and in the vestibule you will find a bowl or plate marked 'Plate Collection'. Regular and one-off **donations**, are still possible online through: www.give.net/20311853 or by contacting our Freewill Offerings Treasurer, Hugh Somerville on 0131 466 2446 or hs.somerville2@gmail.com
9. **SALE OF PAINTINGS AND SCOTTISH BOOKS** in support of Christian Aid, will be held at St Andrew's & St. George's West Church, George Street on 14 and 15 October, 10am – 3pm, and a Coffee Morning on Saturday 16 October, 10 – 12 noon. All welcome!
10. **CHRISTIAN AID SALE OF AUTUMN PRESERVES** After a long absence, our popular Autumn Preserves Sale returns on Sunday 24 October. Lots of delicious jams, chutneys and marmalade will be available, every jar helping to raise vital funds for Christian Aid. If you're making jam or chutney during the next couple of weeks, we'd be very grateful if you could produce a little extra for our sale. Please label your jars on the lid – this makes it easier for customers to see what's on offer.

We'll be receiving donations of preserves in the Lower Hall on Saturday 23 October, from 10.30 am -12.00 noon. If you're unable to hand in your contribution at that time, please phone Kate O'Brien on 0131 667 4362 to make an alternative arrangement. Thanks in advance!

11. **ECO ACTION** There are lots of plans at Mayfield Salisbury to highlight environmental and climate change issues around the time of COP26, including the service on October 31 and a lecture by the renowned Christian thinker and environmentalist Alastair McIntosh, author of the highly acclaimed book on the climate crisis 'Riders on the Storm', on 28 November. At a different level, there will be one or two, mainly multiple choice, fun questions in the pew leaflets each week. No prizes! but do check your answers on the eco part of the Mayfield Salisbury website. /

Eco Quiz

1. Eating steak is equivalent to driving a car, powered by fossil fuel.....
10, 40. 75 miles.
2. Fresh water insects (like midges and mayflies) are
 - in decline by 15% per year
 - in decline by 2% per year
 - are increasing by 1% per year.
3. 100, 300, 500 million toothpaste tubes are sent to landfill in the UK every year.
4. Manufacturing a small car (e.g. Citroen C1) has a carbon footprint of 6, 2, 1 tonnes.

Books for the Journey

Steve Aisthorpe, *Re-Wilding the Church* (2020)

Walter Brueggemann, *Virus as a Summons to Faith* (2020)

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Forthcoming Deadlines

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

Next Grapevine: Friday 26 November at 6.00pm.

Please send submissions to the Church Manager, William Mearns.

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