

MAYFIELD SALISBURY PARISH CHURCH

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Live Streamed Service Every Sunday

Sunday 12 September 2021 at 10.45am

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Lamp of Wisdom, Waterperry Gardens, Oxfordshire

Know also that wisdom is sweet to your soul; if you find it, there is a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off - *Proverbs 24:14*

Knowledge speaks, wisdom listens - *Jimi Hendrix*

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



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

Organ Voluntary

Meditation: Love Unknown
Francis Jackson (b. 1917)

Welcome & Church News

The Grace

Preparatory Silence for Worship



'Wisdom' (c. 1170 AD), J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles

Introit Let thy merciful ears, O Lord

Words: Collect for the tenth Sunday after Trinity
Music: Thomas Mudd Born C 1560

*Let thy merciful ears. O Lord be opened
unto the prayers of thy humble servants, and
that they may obtain their petitions. Make
them to ask such things as shall please
Thee: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen*

Call to Worship

Leader: Come now all who thirst

All: and drink the water of life

Leader: Come now all who hunger

All: and be filled with good things

Leader: Come now all who seek

All: and be warmed by the fire of love

Hymn 129 The Lord is King, Lift Up Your Voice! *(t. Church Triumphant)*

The Lord is King! lift up your voice,
O earth, and all the heavens, rejoice!
From world to world the joy shall ring:
The Lord Omnipotent is King.

The Lord is King! who then shall dare
Resist His will, distrust His care,
Or murmur at His wise decrees,
Or doubt His royal promises?

The Lord is King! child of the dust,
The Judge of the all the earth is just.
Holy and true are all His ways:
Let every creature speak His praise.

Come, make your wants, your burdens known;
Christ will present them at the throne;
For He is at the Father's side;
The Man of Love, the Crucified.

One Lord, one empire, all secures:
He reigns— and life and death are yours.
Through earth and heaven one song shall ring,
'The Lord Omnipotent is King!'

**Prayer of Approach, Praise and Confession
& Lord's Prayer** **Led by Reuben Addis**

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 154 O Lord My God, When I in Awesome Wonder

(t. How Great Thou Art)

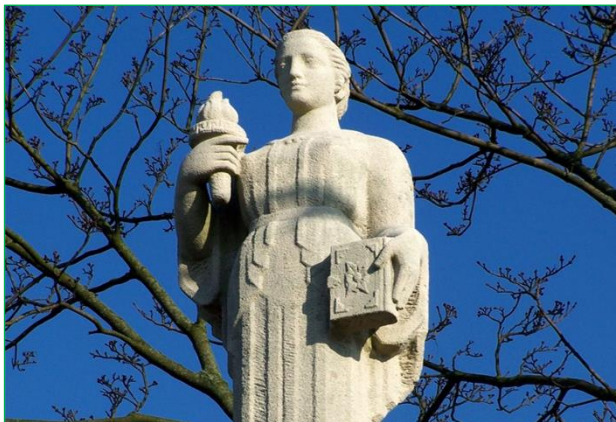
O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!*

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on a Cross, my burdens gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim: 'My God, how great Thou art!'



Symbol of Wisdom, Pieter d'Hont (1943), Spinoza Bridge, Utrecht, Netherlands

The Call of Wisdom

- 20 Wisdom cries out in the street;
in the squares she raises her voice.
- 21 At the busiest corner she cries out;
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:
- 22 'How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing
and fools hate knowledge?
- 23 Give heed to my reproof;
I will pour out my thoughts to you;
I will make my words known to you.
- 24 Because I have called and you refused,
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,
- 25 and because you have ignored all my counsel
and would have none of my reproof,
- 26 I also will laugh at your calamity;
- I will mock when panic strikes you,
27 when panic strikes you like a storm,
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,
when distress and anguish come upon you.
- 28 Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.
- 29 Because they hated knowledge
and did not choose the fear of the Lord,
30 would have none of my counsel,
and despised all my reproof,
31 therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way
and be sated with their own devices.
- 32 For waywardness kills the simple,
and the complacency of fools destroys them;
- 33 but those who listen to me will be secure
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.'

Anthem

For I went with the multitude

Words Psalm 42 vs 4 -7

Music: Peter Aston (1938 to 2013)

For I went with the multitude, and brought them forth into the house of God; In the voice of praise and thanksgiving: among such as keep holy-day. Alleluia. Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul: and why art thou so disquieted within me? Put thy trust in God: for I will yet give him thanks for the help of his countenance. Alleluia

Reading

James 3:1-13

Read by Honey Ballantine

Taming the Tongue

3 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom.



'Guarding Words and Actions', Stephen Poff (2009)

Hymn 567 Focus My Eyes on You, O Lord

(t. Focus My Eyes)

Focus my eyes on You, O Lord,
Focus my eyes on You;
To worship in spirit and in truth,
Focus my eyes on You.

Turn round my life to You, O Lord,
Turn round my life to You;
To know from this time You've made me new,
Turn round my life to You.

Fill up my heart with praise, O Lord,
Fill up my heart with praise;
To speak of Your love in every place,
Fill up my heart with praise.

Sermon
'A Word to the Wise'
Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth

Hymn 96

You are Before Me Lord, You are Behind *(t. Sursum Corda)*

You are before me, Lord, You are behind.
And over me You have spread out Your hand;
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
Too high to grasp, to great to understand.

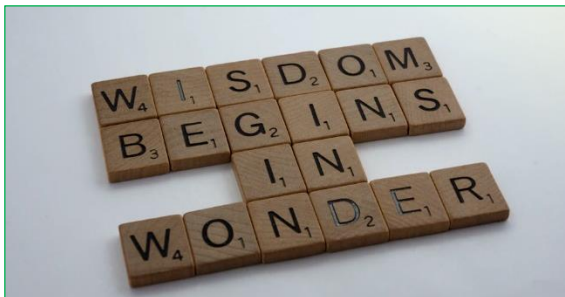
Then from Your Spirit where, Lord, shall I go;
And from Your presence where, Lord, shall I fly?
If I ascend to heaven You are there,
and still are with me if in hell I lie.

If I should take my flight into the dawn,
If I should dwell on ocean's farthest shore,
Your mighty hand will rest upon me still,
And Your right hand will guard me evermore.

If I should say, 'Let darkness cover me,
And I shall hide within the veil of night,'
Surely the darkness is not dark to You;
The night is as the day, the darkness light.

Search me, O God, search me and know my heart;
Try me, O God, my mind and spirit try;
Keep me from any path that gives You pain,
And lead me in the everlasting way.

Prayer of Dedication and for Others Led by Reuben Addis



Hymn 132 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

(t. St Denio)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible, hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might,
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, great Father of all light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Closing Responses

Leader: Whoever we are,

All: Wherever we go,

Leader: Whatever our strengths,

All: Whatever our weaknesses,

Leader: God will be with us; to hold and to heal

All: To challenge and to forgive,

Leader: To bless and keep each one of us.

All: Let us go then, in peace, assured of his love

Benediction and Threefold Amen

Organ Voluntary

Fanfare and Processional *Douglas E. Wagner (b. 1952)*

THIS MORNING'S CHAMBER GROUP MUSIC The origins of the introit are uncertain. It was originally attributed to the madrigal composer, Thomas Weelkes but is more likely by may be by one of two composers by the name of Thomas Mudd, one (c.1560 to c.1630) and the other (1619 – 1667) It is in a late Post Reformation polyphonic style (after an opening chordal statement) with one note set for each syllable of text.

Peter Aston was appointed as choirmaster of the Aldeburgh Festival Singers by Benjamin Britten. His influence is clearly heard in this anthem with its dissonant yet attractive harmonies. The strong influence of Purcell on both composers is heard in the extended and gently lilting 'Alleluias' the rhythmic style of which echo Britten's 'Rejoice in the Lamb'.

NEWS AND INTIMATIONS

- 1. 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

- 2. MIDWEEK PRAYERS** You are most welcome to attend a time of peace, prayer and reflection in the church sanctuary, this Tuesday at 10.00am.

3. YOUTH NEWS

Sunday 12 September ALL AGES (P6-S6) from 6:00-7:30pm TONIGHT are invited to the church garden for our youth group kick-off night! (Rain plan will have us in the Bill McDonald Hall) There will be games and activities led by our older teenagers; it will be a great chance for anyone new to get to know each other, and see what we do at youth group! For more information, please contact Hillary at hillary.mayfieldyouth@gmail.com

Sunday 19 September (P6-S1 from 6:00-7:00pm; S2-S6 from 7:15pm-8:30pm in the Bill McDonald Hall): Creative Journaling Night - Tonight we will be getting creative as we do some relaxing and creative journaling together! Bring along any craft supplies you may want to use as we reflect on scripture together.

4. **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 07503 266 307.
5. **PRAYER CHAIN** Would you like to be a member of the prayer chain, where you receive a list of situations on which prayers have been requested, on a weekly basis by email? Also, if you have someone or something which you would like us to hold in prayer for you, please contact Kay.
6. **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



B. Baxter

Books for the Journey

Steve Aistorpe, *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 October at 6.00pm.

Please send submissions to the Church Manager, William Mearns.

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