

# MAYFIELD SALISBURY PARISH CHURCH

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Live Streamed Service Every Sunday

Sunday 17 October 2021 at 10.45am

## Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost



### The Kingdom

It's a long way off but inside it  
There are quite different things going on:  
Festivals at which the poor man  
Is king and the consumptive is  
Healed; mirrors in which the blind look  
At themselves and love looks at them  
Back; and industry is for mending  
The bent bones and the minds fractured  
By life. It's a long way off, but to get  
There takes no time and admission  
Is free, if you purge yourself  
Of desire, and present yourself with  
Your need only and the simple offering  
Of your faith, green as a leaf.

*R S Thomas  
Poet & Priest*

Led by Revd Dr George Whyte  
with 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

Introit

**Almighty God, Which hast me brought**

*Words: Sir William Leighton (1565 to 1622)*

*Music: Thomas Ford (1580 to c. 1648)*

Almighty God, Which hast me brought  
In safety to the present day,  
Keep me from sin in heart and thought,  
And teach me what to do and say.

Almighty Lord and God of love,  
Direct mine heart and guide my ways,  
Amend my miss, my mind remove  
From all that from thy glory strays

Call to Worship

## Hymn 160

*Psalm 103*

## Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

*(t. Praise, My Soul)*

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like me his praise should sing?  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour  
to our fathers in distress;  
praise him, still the same for ever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
Praise him! Praise him!  
glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hands he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes:  
Praise him! Praise him!  
widely as his mercy flows.

Frail as summer's flower we flourish;  
blows the wind and it is gone;  
but, while mortals rise and perish,  
God endures unchanging on.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise the high eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore him;  
ye behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him;  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise with us the God of grace.

**Call to Prayer**

**Prayer**

## Collect for the Day

*God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives,  
that we may see your goodness in the land of the living,  
and looking on your beauty may be changed into the  
likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.*

### Hymn 55 *Psalm 91*

### Safe in the shadow of the Lord

*(t. Creator God)*

Safe in the shadow of the Lord  
beneath his hand and power,  
I trust in him,  
I trust in him,  
my fortress and my tower.

My hope is set on God alone  
though Satan spreads his snare;  
I trust in him,  
I trust in him,  
to keep me in his care.

From fears and phantoms of the night,  
from foes about my way,  
I trust in him,  
I trust in him,  
by darkness as by day.

His holy angels keep my feet  
secure from every stone;  
I trust in him,  
I trust in him,  
and unafraid go on.

Strong in the everlasting name,  
and in my Father's care,  
I trust in him,  
I trust in him  
who hears and answers prayer.

Safe in the shadow of the Lord,  
possessed by love divine,  
I trust in him,  
I trust in him,  
and meet his love with mine.

1 Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. 2 He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; 3 and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. 4 And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

5 So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

‘You are my Son, today I have begotten you’;

6 as he says also in another place,

‘You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.’

7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. 8 Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; 9 and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, 10 having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

**Anthem** **Come, my way, my truth, my life**

*Words: George Herbert (1593 to 1633)*

*Music: William Harris (1883 to 1973)*

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
such a way as gives us breath;  
such a truth as ends all strife;  
such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
such a light as shows a feast;  
such a feast as mends in length;  
such a strength as makes a guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
such a joy as none can move:  
such a love as none can part;  
such a heart as joys in love.



A nineteenth-century  
Chinese depiction of Jesus,  
from *St Mark*

**Reading** Mark 10:35 - 45

**Reader Valerie Holehouse**

### **The Request of James and John**

35 James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' 36 And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' 37 And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' 38 But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' 39 They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; 40 but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

41 When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. 42 So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. 43 But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. 45 For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'



**Hymn 527**    **Lord, make us servants of your peace**    *(t. O Waly Waly)*

Lord, make us servants of your peace:  
where there is hate, may we sow love;  
where there is hurt, may we forgive.  
where there is strife, may we make one.

Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;  
where all is gloom, may we sow hope;  
where all is night, may we sow light;  
where all is tears, may we sow joy.

Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek  
to be consoled, but to console,  
nor look to understanding hearts,  
but look for hearts to understand.

May we not look for love's return,  
but seek to love unselfishly,  
for in our giving we receive,  
and in forgiving are forgiven.

Dying, we live, and are reborn  
through death's dark night to endless day;  
Lord, make us servants of your peace  
to wake at last in heaven's light.

**Sermon**  
**Revd Dr George Whyte**

**Hymn 694    Brother, sister, let me serve you**

*(t. Servant Song)*

Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,  
and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

**Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession & The 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 479 View the present through the promise (t. Ar Hyd Y Nos)

1. View the present through the promise,  
Christ will come again.  
Trust despite the deepening darkness,  
Christ will come again.  
Lift the world above its grieving  
through your watching and believing  
in the hope past hope's conceiving:  
Christ will come again.
2. Probe the present with the promise,  
Christ will come again.  
Let your daily actions witness,  
Christ will come again.  
Let your loving and your giving  
and your justice and forgiving  
be a sign to all the living:  
Christ will come again.
3. Match the present to the promise,  
Christ will come again.  
Make this hope your guiding premise,  
Christ will come again.  
Pattern all your calculating  
and the world you are creating  
to the advent you are waiting:  
Christ will come again.

### Closing Words

### Benediction

### Threefold Amen

### Organ Voluntary

**THIS MORNING'S MUSIC BY THE CHAMBER GROUP** The text of the Introit is from 'The teares and lamentacions of a sorrowfull soule' written by Sir William Leighton when in prison for debt. It was set by Thomas Ford, (now best known for the song 'Since first I saw your face.') lutenist and composer to the Court of Charles 1. The piece has two verses the second part of each being repeated. George Herbert's poem 'The Call' has been set by various composers, notable Ralph Vaughan Williams. This version of 1937 is by William Harris, organist and choirmaster at St George's Windsor, composer of a number of fine very singable anthems. It is in a sumptuous late romantic style characterised by some abrupt key changes designed to suit the mood of the text.

## 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. **YOUTH GROUP** There will be no Youth Group on 17 and 24 October - enjoy your mid-term break!
3. **MIDWEEK PRAYERS** You are most welcome to attend a time of peace, prayer and reflection in the church sanctuary, this Tuesday at 10.00am.

4. **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](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/engage-your-mp-cop26)

**Download the briefing:**

[www.christianaid.org.uk/resources/get-involved/mp-briefing-climate-and-debt-2021](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/resources/get-involved/mp-briefing-climate-and-debt-2021)

5. **STAFF HOLIDAYS** **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.

6. **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](http://www.give.net/20311853) or by contacting our Freewill Offerings Treasurer, Hugh Somerville on 0131 466 2446 or [hs.somerville2@gmail.com](mailto:hs.somerville2@gmail.com)
7. **A FEW QUESTIONS.....** Can you drive and do you have a current driving licence? Are you under 70 years old? Do you have a free evening or the occasional Saturday lunchtime once every couple of months? Would you like to join our small team of drivers for the Bethany Van?

No special driving requirements or amendments to your ordinary licence is required. The van is electric and automatic. We desperately need some younger people to help in the team. **Also, we are in need of clothing, jackets, hat, gloves, warm tops and mens' underwear in particular. Just put in box in foyer, anytime. Thanks**

If you are interested in finding out more about driving or helping, please contact me: Anne Robertson [amr.ar106@gmail.com](mailto:amr.ar106@gmail.com) or **07906871392**

8. **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. **In the UK we waste  
1.8, 3.75 or 6.5 million tonnes food each year**
2. **A bunch of flowers from Holland uses  
10, 30 or 50kg carbon on average**
3. **In the UK  
2, 6 or 10 tons of clothing are bought every minute.**

9. **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](mailto:kay@backedge.co.uk)
10. **CHRISTIAN AID SALE OF AUTUMN PRESERVES** After a long absence, our popular **Sale of Autumn Preserves** 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 week, 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.

**PLEASE NOTE** that in line with new guidelines just received from the Church of Scotland, we are required to list the ingredients of any packaged food offered for sale at church. This may not be strictly necessary if the contents are clear from the label (e.g. strawberry jam), but would be important for goods with a more complex recipe, such as chutney. **So, when labelling your jars, please include a list of ingredients** if they are not immediately obvious. The aim is to alert people to possible allergens. 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. Thank you for all your support!

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

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