

# MAYFIELD SALISBURY PARISH CHURCH

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Live Streamed Service Every Sunday

Sunday 19 September 2021 at 10.45am

## Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



**'Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight: I will put my spirit on him.'**

*Isaiah 42:1*

**'Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve...You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love'.**

*Martin Luther King*

**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 Voluntary

*Tiento de 1.er tono de mano derecha*      *Pablo Bruna (1611-1679)*

## Welcome & Church News

## The Grace

## Preparatory Silence for Worship

### Introit

#### Jesu, the very thought of thee

Words: St Bernard, translated by Edward Caswell

Music: Edward Bairstow (1874 to 1946)

Jesu, the very thought of Thee  
With sweetness fills my breast;  
But sweeter far Thy face to see,  
And in Thy presence rest.

### Call to Worship

Leader: Let us praise God the Creator

**All: who breathes life into being.**

Leader: Let us praise God the Redeemer

**All: who saves and forgives us.**

Leader: Let us praise God the Sustainer

**All: who binds us together as one body.**

**Let all that has breath and life worship our wonderful Maker.**

**Hymn 352 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

*(t.Desert)*

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise  
The glories of my God and King  
The triumphs of His grace

Jesus! the name that charms our fears  
That bids our sorrows cease  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears  
'Tis life and health and peace

He breaks the power of cancelled sin  
He sets the prisoner free  
His blood can make the foulest clean  
His blood availed for me

He speaks and listening to His voice  
New life the dead receive  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice  
The humble poor believe

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb  
Your loosened tongues employ  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come  
And leap, ye lame, for joy

My gracious Master and my God  
Assist me to proclaim  
To spread through all the earth abroad  
The honours of Thy name

**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 1**  
**Psalm 1**

**How Blest are Those Who Do Not Stray** (t.St Botolph)

How blest are those who do not stray,  
led by the wicked's talk;  
who will not with the sinful stand,  
nor sit where scoffers mock.

The teaching of the Lord their God  
they follow with delight,  
and meditate upon his word  
with gladness day and night.

They flourish like well-watered trees  
set by a riverside,  
whose fruit matures, whose leaves remain --  
they prosper and abide.

The wicked, like the straw and chaff  
by wind blown far away,  
can have no place among the just  
nor stand on judgement day.

The Lord will guard the righteous well,  
he knows the way they take;  
but doomed to perish is the way  
the wicked undertake.

*Charles Robertson (b. 1940)*

*Words: (c) Church Hymnary Trust*

**The Two Ways**

- <sup>1</sup> Happy are those  
    who do not follow the advice of the wicked,  
or take the path that sinners tread,  
    or sit in the seat of scoffers;  
<sup>2</sup> but their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
    and on his law they meditate day and night.  
<sup>3</sup> They are like trees  
    planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season,  
    and their leaves do not wither.  
In all that they do, they prosper.  
<sup>4</sup> The wicked are not so,  
    but are like chaff that the wind drives away.  
<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the  
judgement,  
    nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;  
<sup>6</sup> for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,  
    but the way of the wicked will perish.

**Anthem****Praise ye the Lord**

Words: Psalm 148 Vs 1 – 5

Music; Michael Hurd (1928 to 2006)

*Praise ye the Lord. Praise ye the Lord from the heavens: praise him in the heights. Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts. Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light. Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens. for he commanded, and they were created.*

**Jesus Again Foretells His Death and Resurrection**

<sup>30</sup> They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; <sup>31</sup> for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' <sup>32</sup> But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

**Who Is the Greatest?**

<sup>33</sup> Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' <sup>34</sup> But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup> He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.'

<sup>36</sup> Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup> 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'



Christ Blessing the Children, Lucas Cranach, c.1535 to 1540

**Hymn 550**    **As the Deer Pants for the Water**    *(t. As the Deer Pants)*

As the deer pants for the water  
So my soul longs after You  
You alone are my heart's 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 hearts desire  
And I long to worship You.*

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.

You're my friend and You are my brother  
Even though You are a King.  
I love you more than any other  
So much more than anything.

**Sermon – The Servant King’**  
**Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth**



## Hymn 694 Brother, Sister, Let Me Serve You

*(t. Servant Song)*

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.

## Prayer of Dedication and for Others

### Hymn 682 Go in Grace and Make Disciples

*(t. Abbot's Leigh)*

- 1 Go in grace and make disciples,  
baptize in God's holy name;  
tell of death and resurrection,  
Easter's victory now proclaim.  
Christ's commission sends us forth  
to the nations of the earth.  
Go in grace and make disciples,  
midwives for the world's rebirth.
- 2 Go and follow Christ's example,  
not to vanquish, but to heal;  
mend the wounds of sin's divisions,  
servant love to all reveal.  
Roles and ranks shall be reversed,  
justice flow for all who thirst.  
Go and follow Christ's example,  
forge a world of last made first.
- 3 Go in Pentecostal spirit,  
many tongues and many gifts;  
feed the hearts of hungry people,  
spread the gospel that uplifts.  
As disciples, teach and learn,  
till the day of Christ's return.  
Go in Pentecostal spirit,  
let God's flame of witness burn.

## Closing Responses

Leader: God in our thinking, God in our speaking

**All: God in our acting, God in our resting**

Leader: God in our waking, God in our sleeping

**All: God in our meeting, God in our leaving**

**Let us go to love and to serve God...**

## Benediction & Threefold Amen

### Organ Voluntary

*Sonata Marcos Portugal (1762-1830)*

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**THIS MORNING'S ANTHEM** Edward Bairstow was organist at York Minster from 1913 until his death in 1946. He led a hugely energetic and varied musical life with little time for composition but left a number of anthems of high quality in a late romantic style, notable for imaginative word pictures.

The introit is a fluid anthem, starting gently, which rises to a sonorous climax before settling to a contemplative assurance in “and in thy presence rest.”

The anthem was commissioned in 1966 by the Choir of St Lawrence, Alston, to celebrate the rebuilding of their organ. The composer and musicologist, Michael Hurd, is best known for film scores and the pop cantata “Jonah-man Jazz.”

His enthusiasm for rhythmic writing is exemplified in the exuberant middle section which is framed by a slower outer sections noted for the dissonant wandering organ interludes

## 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: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1xDv4si4q6vIT6lgRiS7n1QnyZ9woj\\_bEY68\\_s4UZ4KAc/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1xDv4si4q6vIT6lgRiS7n1QnyZ9woj_bEY68_s4UZ4KAc/edit), or via our website. Ironically, we've also got 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. **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)

3. **AFTERNOON SERVICE** this Tuesday 21 September at 2.30pm in the Bill McDonald Hall, West Mayfield entrance. This Service will be led by our Minister, Sandy Forsyth, and we will be seated around tables as usual. This form of Afternoon Worship is appreciated by many and might well suit those who have never before attended. A short service followed by simple refreshments afterwards – we all stay seated throughout and we aim to finish around 3.45pm. We will all wear our masks on arrival. Please indicate in advance if you intend to come on Tuesday by contacting Anne Sturrock (0131 668 3524). The Afternoon Service Team members all look forward to welcoming you - and safely !

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. 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](mailto:clerkmspc@gmail.com)

- 6. FORTHCOMING SERVICES** Our services take place each week at 9.30am and 10.45am. Please **enter the sanctuary by the West Door on Mayfield Road** – this is to enable us to properly maintain track and trace records. Please do call the church office (0780 801 1234) or check the website for further information:  
[www.mayfieldsalisbury.org](http://www.mayfieldsalisbury.org)

- 7. YOUTH NEWS Sunday 19 September (P6 - S1 from 6.00 - 7.00pm; S2 - S6 from 7.15pm - 8.30pm in the Bill McDonald Hall):** Creative Prayer 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. For more information, please contact Hillary at [hillary.mayfielDYOUTH@gmail.com](mailto:hillary.mayfielDYOUTH@gmail.com)

**Youth Worship 26 September at 7.00pm:** We will meet on Zoom for an evening of praise, prayer and reflection. ALL AGES are welcome to join in! We are aiming to be back in the building for our October service! For the Zoom log-in information, please email Hillary.

- 8. 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)

## 9. DATES FOR DIARIES

- **Sunday 19 September:** Newington Churches Together: concert for Amnesty: St Columba's by the Castle 19:30 – 21:15.
- **Tuesday 21 September:** Afternoon Service.
- **Sunday 26 September:** Communion (both services) the arrangements will be as at our previous communion under covid – details next week.
- **Sunday 3 October:** the second Bill McDonald lecture. Dr Rutovitz, founder of the Edinburgh Direct Aid. The lecture will be at 7pm in the Sanctuary and we plan to live stream and record it for those who cannot attend.

### Books for the Journey

Steve Aisthorpe, *Re-Wilding the 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 1 October at 6.00pm.

Please send submissions to the Church Manager, William Mearns.

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