



# The FIFTEENTH SUNDAY after TRINITY

12<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Welcome to St Mary's on this, the fifteenth Sunday after Trinity. Our president today is Fr Andrew, our preacher is Rev'd Sarah, and our organist is Jon Leigh.

Following the Government announcement on restrictions, we are keeping our current Covid-19 precautions under review. If you are attending the service in person, please observe a 2m distance from each other and wait for directions to go up for communion, which we will continue to receive in one kind only.

Please do join us after the service for tea & coffee. For the time being we ask that you return to your seats after being served, rather than staying at the back of the church.

To join us online, please go to: <https://bit.ly/StMarysKT>.

You can also join the service by phone on **020 8080 6591**. When prompted, key in the **Meeting ID: 981 5467 9178** and **Password: 254560**.

## THE OLD TESTAMENT (Proverbs 1, verses 20-33)

**Reader: Jane Chetwynd-Appleton**

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice.

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

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 19** verses 1-6

### **Refrain:**

**The commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes.**

The heavens are telling the glory of God ◆  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

One day pours out its song to another ◆  
and one night unfolds knowledge to another.

They have neither speech nor language ◆  
and their voices are not heard,

Yet their sound has gone out into all lands ◆  
and their words to the ends of the world.

In them has he set a tabernacle for the sun, ◆  
that comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber  
and rejoices as a champion to run his course.

It goes forth from the end of the heavens and runs to the very end again, ◆  
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

**The commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes.**

## **THE EPISTLE (James 3, verses 1-12)**

**Reader: Philip Davis**

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For 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. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or 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. So also, the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And 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. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are

made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can saltwater yield fresh.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **THE GOSPEL (Mark 8, verses 27-38)**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

The **HOMILY**, by **Rev'd Sarah Van den driessche**

The **INTERCESSIONS**, led by **Margaret Green**

The **LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

## **THIS WEEK'S SERVICES AND EVENTS**

**MONDAY, 8 am – 1 pm:** Big Issue sales; visitors welcome from 9.30 am.

**MONDAY, 9.30 am:** Morning Prayer (BCP).

**MONDAY, 2 pm:** AA Meeting (Hall).

**MONDAY, 7 pm:** NA Meeting (Hall).

**TUESDAY, 2.30 pm:** Kemp Town Koalas. (Hall)

**TUESDAY, 11 am:** Funeral for Marlin McGlone.

**TUESDAY, 5.15 pm:** Brighton Aerial Arts (Hall).

**TUESDAY, 6.30 pm:** Evening Prayer.

**TUESDAY, 7.15 pm:** Choir Practice

**WEDNESDAY, 9.30 am – 1 pm:** Big Issue sales and visitors welcome.

**WEDNESDAY, 9.30 am:** Morning Prayer.

**WEDNESDAY, 12.30 pm:** Midweek Eucharist with Fr Andrew Woodward.

**WEDNESDAY, 2.30 pm:** Brighton Women's Centre Foodbank (Hall).

**WEDNESDAY, 5.15 pm:** Brighton Aerial Arts (Hall).

**THURSDAY, 2 pm:** AA Meeting (Hall).

**FRIDAY, 9.30 am – 1 pm:** Big Issue sales and visitors welcome.

**FRIDAY, 9.30 am:** Morning Prayer.

**SATURDAY, 10.45 am:** AA Newcomers (Hall).

**SUNDAY, 10 am:** Said Eucharist for the SIXTEENTH SUNDAY of TRINITY.

**SUNDAY, 11 am:** Potter's House (Hall)

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### **REFRESHMENTS**

We are continuing to offer tea & coffee after worship, if you would like to help once a month with this, please contact Kaye Inglis @ [lenasarah.inglis@googlemail.com](mailto:lenasarah.inglis@googlemail.com)

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### **RIDE & STRIDE**

The church will be open from 9am to 4pm on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September as part of the Sussex Historic Churches Trust annual fundraising tour of churches and chapels. Refreshments will be available with donations requested. Please see Gary or Philip if you would like to take part.

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### **FINE MUSIC FOR FREE**

Fine Music for Free is back, and this Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> November, starting at 6pm, we have Rose Berelowitz, soprano, and Jamie and Nick Andrews on the organ and piano.

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### **ART & INSPIRATION**

If you have an inspirational and interesting subject that you would like to speak about, please contact Margaret Green @ [mgreen.ps34@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mgreen.ps34@hotmail.co.uk)

*Enquiries about life ceremonies, confessions, and counselling may be made to the Vicar, Fr Andrew Woodward, by phone: 01273 698601 or email: [ruraldeanbrighton@gmail.com](mailto:ruraldeanbrighton@gmail.com).*

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