



DEDICATION FESTIVAL

18th October 2020

Welcome to St Mary's for our Dedication Festival, which celebrates the dedication of the new St Mary's Church 142 years ago, on 15 October 1878.

Our president today is Fr Martin, our preacher is Revd Sarah, and our organist is Andrew Beazley.

If you are attending the service in person, please be sure to sign in on arrival, sanitise, wear a mask (unless exempted), and observe social distancing.

Please also wait for directions to go up for communion, which we will be receiving in one kind only.

To join us online, 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**.

This service will be recorded and posted online afterwards.

FIRST READING (Revelation 21, verses 9–14)

Reader: Gordon Marsden

One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, 'Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.' And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal. It has a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates are inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites; on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

This is the word of The Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 122

Please remain seated as the choir sing Psalm 122 to a chant by Richard Woodward (1744–1777).

I was glad when they said to me :
 We will go into the house of the Lord.
Our feet shall stand in thy gates :
 O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is built as a city :
 that is at unity in itself.
For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord :
 to testify unto Israel,
 to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.
For there is the seat of judgement :
 even the seat of the house of David.
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem :
 they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls :
 and plenteousness within thy palaces.
For my brethren and companions' sakes :
 I will wish thee prosperity.
Yea because of the house of the Lord our God :
 I will seek to do thee good.
Glory be to the Father :
 and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be :
 world without end, Amen.

THE EPISTLE (Hebrews 12, verses 18–24)

Reader: Chris Thompson

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an

animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.’ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, ‘I tremble with fear.’) But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

This is the word of The Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL (Matthew 21, verses 12–16)

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold doves. He said to them, ‘It is written,

“My house shall be called a house of prayer”;
but you are making it a den of robbers.’

The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David’, they became angry and said to him, ‘Do you hear what these are saying?’ Jesus said to them, ‘Yes; have you never read,

“Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies
you have prepared praise for yourself”?’

This is the Gospel of The Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The **HOMILY**, by Revd Sarah

The **INTERCESSIONS**, led by Luci Sale

The **LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

MONDAY, 8 am – 1pm: Big Issue sales; visitors welcome from 10 am.

MONDAY, 9.30 am: Morning Prayer (BCP).

MONDAY, 16.45 pm: Brighton Aerial Arts (Hall).

MONDAY, 7 pm: Pastoral Care Team meeting.

TUESDAY, 6 pm: Brighton Aerial Arts (Hall).

TUESDAY, 6.30 pm: Evening Prayer.

TUESDAY, 7.15 pm: Choir Practice.

WEDNESDAY, 8.30 am: Morning Prayer.

WEDNESDAY, 10 am – 1 pm: Big Issue sales; visitors welcome from 10am.

WEDNESDAY, 12.30 pm: Midweek Eucharist with Fr Andrew.

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

WEDNESDAY, 6 pm: Brighton Aerial Arts (Hall).

THURSDAY, 4 pm: Young Actors Group (Hall).

THURSDAY, 7.30 pm: Actually Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal.

FRIDAY, 9.30 am: Morning Prayer.

SATURDAY, 10.45 am: AA Newcomers (Hall).

SATURDAY, 2 pm: Small Performance Adventures (Hall).

SUNDAY, 10 am: Said Eucharist.

SUNDAY, 12 noon: St Mary's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

APCM – Next Sunday, 25 October, 12 noon

Our delayed Annual Parochial Church Meeting for 2019 will be held in the church following the service next Sunday, 25 October, at 12 noon. Please attend if you feel able to. You can collect the reports pack from the notice table at the back of the church and Fr Andrew will also be emailing them to electoral roll members.

CULTURE RECOVERY FUND GRANT

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded £10,900 from the government's Culture Recovery Fund to design toilet, kitchen and access facilities in the church. We are one of only 50 parish churches in England (and the only one in the diocese) to receive one of these grants, which is a really encouraging sign of how much our work in our community is valued by others.

*Enquiries about baptism, confirmation, marriage, funerals, confessions, and counselling may be made to the Vicar, **Fr Andrew Woodward**, by phone: 01273 698601 or email: ruraldeanbrighton@gmail.com.*

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