

CROSS AND STABLE

Another Hymn for the Summer

Jan Struther, 1901-1953

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares can destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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Zoom Link to 11 am Service Sunday 7th August

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Meeting ID: 859 2224 8518. Passcode: 830413



The Mealtime Prayer — Fritz von Uhde, 1848-1911, Alte Nationalgalerie, Berlin9

THIS SUNDAY

Trinity 8
Signed Communion
Led by Paul Smith

THIS SUNDAY

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

NEXT SUNDAY

Jeremiah 23:23-29
Psalm 82
Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Luke 12:49-56

NEXT SUNDAY

Trinity 9
Communion
Led by Sam

Sunday Trinity 8

Signed Communion Service

Minister: Paul Smith

16 All my hope on God is founded
590 Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
51 Be Thou my vision
Brother sister let me serve you
Offertory Hymn
200 Great is Thy faithfulness

Collect

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride
when we are needy save us from despair;
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16

The Meaning of Faith

11.1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. 3 By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

The Faith of Abraham

8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been

promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. 10 For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. 11 By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. 12 Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

13 All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, 14 for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. 15 If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Gospel

Luke 12:32-40

The Gospel of Christ according to Luke.

Glory to Christ, our Saviour

32 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Watchful Slaves

35 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; 36 be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding

banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks.

37 Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. 38 If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

39 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. 40 You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to Christ, our Lord.

Zoom Prayers & Bible Study

There will not be Friday 2pm Zoom Prayers.
During August.

Children's Ministry

There will not be Children's Ministry on
Sundays at 11 during August

Chatterbox

Wednesday from 10:30 am to 12:30pm.
All Welcome - tea - coffee - cakes - meet and chat. Come and meet others

Community Larder

Open this week: Tuesday: 11 am to 1pm

Please Pray

For the relationship between China and West.

Pray for Sri Lanka, those short of food or unable to work. For the new President .

For Government and staff trying to keep this country going.

For the search for a Prime Minister in the UK.

For a sense of gentleness and justice in our common life.

O Lord hear us.

Lord mercifully hear us

Dates for your Diary

Officers Meeting

Wednesday 10th August 7pm Zoom

Saturday 3rd September – SEP Prayer morning, details to follow nearer the time.

SAVE THE DATE –

TREE CATHEDRAL SERVICE.

4pm Sunday 11th September.
All in SEP invited –
Rev David Lewis' last Tree Cathedral service.

More details to follow.

Notes from Partnership

The Partnership Chair has organised a monthly news-sheet for the Stantonbury Partnership and John Porter of St James is preparing it.

A copy is being sent out with the weekly email and we hope to have a few copies available in church for those who do not use computers.

If you do not get the weekly Cross and Stable Notice Sheet please ask Peter or Gwen to add your email name to the list via (petergreen1938@icloud.com)

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