



The Parish Church of St. Lawrence Little Stanmore
alias Whitchurch



Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 20th June 2021

Welcome to our Parish Eucharist - please observe the following throughout:

- It is mandatory to wear a face covering/mask in church unless you are exempt.
 - Sit on your own, or with members of your household/bubble, in one of the marked socially distanced places.
 - Stay in your place, including at the distribution of Holy Communion.
 - The congregational responses and texts should be said, not sung, and in a normal conversational tone
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Entrance Antiphon *Cf. Ps 27: 8-9*

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage,
and govern them for ever.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Introduction

We have nothing to be afraid of, no matter what storm threatens to overwhelm us, God is with us. We need to trust in Christ's calming presence - and not to be afraid to ask for help. [And on this Father's Day, we honour the presence and memory of our fathers - and those who have played a father's role.....]

Penitential Act

Let us confess our sins and thank the Lord for his goodness to us.

Lord, you calm the turmoil of our pride.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, you grant us to no longer live just for ourselves.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, you offer us faith to overcome all threats.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect

Grant, O Lord,
that we may always revere and love your holy name,
for you never deprive of your guidance
those you set firm on the foundation of your love.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading *Job 38:1,8-11*

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gives Job his answer

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said:

Who pent up the sea behind closed doors
 when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb,
when I wrapped it in a robe of mist
 and made black clouds its swaddling bands;
when I marked the bounds it was not to cross
 and made it fast with a bolted gate?
Come thus far, I said, and no farther:
 here your proud waves shall break.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *106(107):23-26,28-32*

R/ O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever.

Some sailed to the sea in ships

to trade on the mighty waters.

These men have seen the Lord's deeds,

the wonders he does in the deep. **R/**

For he spoke; he summoned the gale,

tossing the waves of the sea

up to heaven and back into the deep;

their souls melted away in their distress. **R/**

Then they cried to the Lord in their need

and he rescued them from their distress.

He stilled the storm to a whisper:

all the waves of the sea were hushed. **R/**

They rejoiced because of the calm

and he led them to the haven they desired.

Let them thank the Lord for his love,

for the wonders he does for men. **R/**

Second Reading *2 Corinthians 5:14-17*

We do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *cf.Epl:17,18*

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

enlighten the eyes of our mind,

so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

Alleluia!

The Gospel

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 4:35-41 'Even the wind and the sea obey him'

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,
for Christ has risen upon us today
and scattered the darkness of death
with light and life that will not fade.
This day the risen Lord assembles us,
unfolds for us your word,
and breaks for us the bread of life.
And though the night will bring this Sunday to a close,
you call us to live in endless light,
the never-ending Day of the Lord.
And so, with the choirs of angels,
with all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory
and join their unending chorus of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.
Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of
our Blessed Lady, S Paul, S Lawrence and all the Saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

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 trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation;

**but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Communion Antiphon *Ps 144: 15*

The eyes of all look to you, Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.

Prayer after Communion

Renewed and nourished
by the Sacred Body and Precious Blood of your Son,
we ask of your mercy, O Lord,
that what we celebrate with constant devotion
may be our sure pledge of redemption.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out**

**in the power of your Spirit to live and work
to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Final Blessing

May you know that the Lord is with you to give you peace in ways that the world cannot. And may almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

As we continue in Ordinary Time, our reading today is taken from the Gospel of Mark, the primary Gospel reading in Lectionary Cycle B. Mark's Gospel presents a vivid portrait of Jesus, whose words and deeds show that he is the Son of God. Today's Gospel describes the end of a day of teaching in Jesus' ministry. Jesus taught the crowd in parables and then offered explanations of these parables to his disciples. Jesus then led his disciples away from the crowds and into the boats that they will use to cross the Sea of Galilee. The sea and its surrounding area are the settings for Jesus' teachings and miracles in this part of Mark's Gospel. Today's reading describes how Jesus calmed a storm at sea. It is the first of four miracles that are presented in sequence at this point in Mark's Gospel.

As is typical in Mark's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are frightened by the sudden storm; they do little to inspire confidence in the reader. Mark notes the contrast between the disciples' terror and Jesus' peace. Jesus is sleeping, untroubled by what is going on around him. The disciples' words to Jesus are telling. They are familiar enough with Jesus to dare to wake him. Their words to him are words of reproach, questioning his care for them. A careful reader might wonder what the disciples expected Jesus to do. Are they more troubled by the storm or by Jesus' inattentiveness to their needs? How many of us have chided a family member or friend for not agreeing with our assessment of the severity of a situation?

Today's Gospel offers evidence of Jesus' power and authority as he calms the storm. In his day, power over nature was believed to be a sign of divinity—only God calms storms. Jesus' rebuke of the storm also echoes the rebuke he uses when he talks to and expels demons. In each situation, Jesus' power and authority is a sign of his divinity. Indeed, the disciples are left wondering about Jesus' identity at the conclusion of today's Gospel. They see before them a human being who acts with the authority and power of God. The disciples' uncertainty about Jesus' identity is a recurring theme in Mark's Gospel.

This Gospel is a metaphor for our lives. We are in the boat, the storms of life are raging around us, and like the disciples, we may believe that Jesus is unconcerned, or “sleeping.” We hope that we will be as familiar with Jesus as his disciples. If we feel that Jesus is sleeping, are we comfortable enough to wake Jesus and present him with our needs? Jesus does not chide his disciples for waking him. Instead he chides them for their lack of faith, for their lack of perspective. When we bring our worries to God in prayer, we might just begin to learn to see things from God's perspective.

We Really Need Your Continued Financial Help! It would be really good if you could continue with your weekly/month thank offerings if at all possible. You can transfer money electronically by using the following details:

Account Name: Parochial Church Council of St Lawrence Whitchurch

Bank: HSBC Sort Code: 40 - 11 - 58 Account: 20126942

Reference: Just use your surname!

On Wednesday 26th May 2021 following on from the advice of our The Archdeacon of Northolt, Archdeacon Catherine both **The Annual Meeting of Parishioners and The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) were opened and adjourned until after The Parish Eucharist on Sunday 27th June** when they will reconvene. Why? Sadly, as required by the Church Representation Rules, we had received no nominations prior to the Meeting of (Two) Churchwardens. Nomination forms are now available at the back of the church. **What does a Churchwarden do?** Churchwardens play a vital part in parish life, caring not just for the church building and the churchyard, but also for the well-being of the church's priest and members and for the wider community. If you wish to be a churchwarden you will be fully immersed in the life of your parish church. This is a hugely rewarding role as you have specific areas of responsibility enabling you to act as guardian of the parish church and its services all in co-operation with the Parish Priest. The role offers great variety encompassing everything from administration to pastoral care of your PCC team, from dealing with problems to welcoming someone new into your parish. The role can be hugely influential to the type of church you are part of and although the role can be time demanding it is also extremely rewarding. Who can be a Churchwarden? To be eligible for election, a person must be baptised, aged 21 or over, on the church electoral roll, and a regular communicant. These conditions apply unless the Bishop directs otherwise. Good Churchwardens also have tact, discretion, a sense of humour, readiness to take the lead on occasion and a commitment to the local church and community.

Harrow Food Bank Please bring your donations for the Foodbank and leaving them in the church porch each week. Alternatively, when in your own supermarket use the Foodbank collection bins at the front of the store. The Shopping List below shows the food items that they urgently need this month and also shows the food items that they have plenty of and so do not need. Small and regular size items are best – they can be given to both small and large families and are easier for people to carry home from the foodbank Centre. **June Shopping List:** Shampoo, Tins Irish Stew (Lamb Meals), Sponge Puddings E.g. Aunty's (*long shelf life please*), Men's Deodorant, Toothbrushes - Adult, Bags for Life, Baby Bath Bubbles, Bars of Soap. **We Have Plenty of or Do Not Need:** Baked Beans, Cereal, Dry Pasta/dry Spaghetti, Oats/Porridge, Tinned Soup, Biscuits, Tuna

Daily Hope This is a free phone line with a talk from the Archbishop of Canterbury, hymns, reflections and prayers. 0800 804 8044.

Stuart Cawthorne writes On Sunday 1st August the Annual Kids' Fun Day will take place in Canons Park (assuming that there is no reimposition of Covid restrictions). St Lawrence's will have a stall at this event on which we will display our usual publicity material but I have also suggested that we ought to use it to encourage children to follow the Church Trail. You may recall that the Church Trail was devised and produced by the Arts Society Harrow and consists of a series of questions on two sides of a sheet of A4 paper that children can answer by looking around the church. The answers are provided on a separate sheet of paper for accompanying adults (and church guides!). All the children that I have seen completing the Church Trail have enjoyed it. The organisers of the Fun Day (i.e. the Friends of Canons Park) are keen to include this activity in the day's events and have asked me to provide them with tour times so that they can include these details in their publicity. However, what I tell them depends very much on how many volunteers I can muster to help out on the day. The Fun Day will run from 11am to 6pm on 1st August, so what I would like to do is to commit to manning both the stall in the park and opening the church from 2pm to 5pm. I think that to do this without overburdening people (particularly if it is a hot day) will require at least four people for a rota on the stall and four people in the church. Marian and Eric Ramsay have already volunteered and I am also available so that means we need at least five more people to help out. Are you able to help? Frankly, the more people who are involved the better it will be because it will spread the burden. Please let me know if you would like to be involved or if you know of anyone else that might be available. Many thanks, *Stuart*

In Your Prayers This Week

Please pray for our Parish and for its needs;

The Sick *Those who are known to us personally and those whose names are read out in Church, the patients and staff of The Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital & St Luke's Hospice, the elderly & housebound especially those who live in Henry Nihill House, Knights Court & Whitchurch Lodge.*

The Departed

Recently *all those who continue to die as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, those who died alone, or through the violence of others and Vanessa Hounsfield, Trevor Thomson*

Years' Mind Ted Balaam, Kath Boyd, Lesley Bugden, Bridget Chafer, Jean Ditton, Reginald Duquessne, Joan Frencham, Wilfred Gammon, Colin Gay priest, Pam Harvey, John Hauxwell, Keith Hedley, David Hickman, Paula Jarrett, Sarah Knowling, Sandra Madge, Barbara Maidstone, Frances Martin, Gwyn Mullett, Edna Norman, Gladys Patson, Evelyn Penny, Thomas Piper, David Pollard, Edith Priest, Jean Pullen, Leonie Ringguth, George Roberts, Violet Rowley, Betty Samuels, John Slater priest, Ivy Spinks, Mary Stanford, Margaret Stone, Elsie Taylor, Geraldine West, Bill Wilding.





THIS WEEK AT S LAWRENCE LITTLE STANMORE

20 Sun	12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	10:00 The Parish Eucharist
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	10:00 The Parish Eucharist

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*If you have any pastoral concerns
or would like to request prayers for yourself or friends/family,
please get in touch using our email or you can use the contact page on our website*



Paws for Thought aka The Tail End

*I walk around like everything's fine,
but deep down, inside my shoe, my sock is sliding off!
As found by George & Bertie the Rectory Retrievers*