

ST MARY ST MICHAEL

TRUMPINGTON

SUNDAY 26 OCTOBER, TRINITY 19

8.30am BCP Holy Communion
10am Holy Communion with Junior Church

We welcome The Revd Paul Brice, who will be leading our services.

COLLECT

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in charge and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obey your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord

READINGS *(in pew bibles)*

NT 2 Timothy 4. 6-8 and 16-18 (p. 229)
GOSPEL Luke 18. 9-14 (p. 87)

NEXT WEEK:

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

We welcome Revd Julie Gawthorpe, who will be leading our service.

10am All Age Communion

We welcome Canon James Shakespeare, Rural Dean, Cambridge South Deanery, who will be leading our service.

CONTACTS

CHURCH WEBSITE www.trumpington.church

The church is now in Vacancy, please refer any queries to the Churchwardens and, during office hours, to Emma.

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CHURCH OFFICE – OPENING TIMES

9am-1pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
Emma's email address is: admin@trumpington.church

PLEASE NOTE EMMA IS NOT IN THE OFFICE 27-31 OCTOBER

If you want to put a note in the pewsheet, please contact Emma in the office, no later than 9am Wednesday if the note is intended for the forthcoming Sunday. Thank you.

NOTICES

Please see the North Chapel notice board for What's On.

BIBLE STUDY

Please contact one of the Churchwardens if you would like to join a group (Tuesday evening online or alternate Wednesday evenings in person) and they will put you in touch with the group leader.

GIVING

If you would like to make a donation in support of the life and ministry of our church, you can:

- Leave a cash donation in the plate provided
- Make a contactless donation using the GoodBox
- Use a yellow envelope. If you pay tax we can claim the Gift Aid, but only if you fill out your details.
- Please speak to Edmund about making a regular electronic gift and the best way to do this.

Everything helps – thank you!

ELECTORAL ROLL

If you would like to join our electoral roll (church register of members) please fill in a form. They are located on the warden's pew. If you can't find them, please speak to Edmund or Sheila.

BOOK GROUP

The Book Group is reading ***The Monk*** by Tim Sullivan, to discuss at the next meeting on Thursday 13 November.

Nothing is known about Brother Dominic's past, which makes investigating difficult. How can DS George Cross unpick a crime when he doesn't know anything about the victim? And why would someone want to harm a monk?

Discovering who Brother Dominic once was only makes the picture more puzzling. He was a much-loved and respected friend, brother, son – he had no enemies. Or, at least, none that are obvious. But looking into his past reveals that he was a very wealthy man, that he sacrificed it all for his faith. For a man who has nothing, it seems strange that greed could be the motive for his murder. But greed is a sin after all....

All welcome – no invitation needed! For more information please email bookgroup@trumpington.church

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL, 13 & 14 DECEMBER

Would you like to be involved this year and join a small team to help organise different elements: crafts, refreshments, possible concerts, and other activity ideas. Please email Sheila Betts: warden@trumpington.church

There will be a short meeting to pull together ideas and assign tasks, after the 10am service on 2 November.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

FAIRBITE FOOD CLUB, TRUMPINGTON PAVILION

Volunteers are needed at various times on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. If you can help or want to know more please contact Jenny Bright on 07772 538628 or email info@ccfb.org.uk.



Give us, O Lord, a humble heart. Help us to know our weaknesses as well as our strengths; that we may come before you as our true selves and receive from you the gift of your salvation. Amen.

World Cities Day

by Alan Jefferies

It's projected that by 2030 an estimated sixty per cent of the world's population will live in urban areas, with this figure rising ten per cent by 2050. Cities, particularly in the global south, continue to grapple with problems such as poverty, inequality and environmental degradation.

World Cities Day, observed on Friday, invites people to reflect on the unique challenges and opportunities of urban life. Cities are vibrant centres of culture,

diversity and innovation. Christians are called to care for their communities, and in cities – busy, dynamic environments – issues such as poverty, homelessness and loneliness are particularly pertinent.

Jeremiah (29:7) says: "Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you... and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare." On World Cities Day, let us ask God to bless our cities and inspire us to be beacons of hope and compassion. www.un.org/en/observances/cities-day ☺

“Open wide the door of our hearts, that we may receive and entertain Thee with all our powers of adoration and love.”

Christina Rossetti (1830-1894), English poet

Being good

Gillian Cooper *reflects on* Luke 18:9-14

There's nothing wrong with being good. There's nothing wrong with doing one's best – being kind, giving to charity, being faithful to God. The Pharisee in Jesus' story is no doubt a good man. He's a member of a group known for its piety and obedience to God's Law. He's generous in his giving. He's serious about his religious observance. He comes to the Temple regularly and he gives thanks to God. There is nothing wrong with any of that. Even his opening words can be read positively; he attributes his virtue to God, rather than claiming it for himself.

Nevertheless, there's something wrong, and it is the besetting sin of religious people down the ages. There's an air of smugness, of a superiority that judges others and finds them wanting. He's pleased with himself. He knows he's better than his neighbour, and he assumes that God agrees with him.

Before God, there's no place for either smugness or grovelling. Prayer is a place of complete honesty, where we admit to ourselves and to God who we really are, with our strengths and weaknesses. Only then can we accept from God the salvation that's freely offered to all who know their need of it. ☺

People of the New Testament

John Mark

by Caroline Fletcher

Acts 12:12, 25; Acts 13:13; 15:36-40; Colossians 4:10; 2 Timothy 4:11; Philemon 23-24; 1 Peter 5:13.

John Mark is a significant character in Acts, and it's likely that he's referred to in several other New Testament passages. It suggests he was not only known personally to Luke, who wrote Acts and the third Gospel, but also that he helped Paul and Peter in their ministries.

Many also believe that he was responsible for the earliest Gospel.

There's a tradition that after Peter's death John Mark went to Egypt, where there was a large Jewish population, and founded a church there. We don't know anything more about him after this, but he can be remembered as someone who turned early failure and disgrace around to become a faithful companion to Paul in his time of need.

We, too, owe him a lot. For if he had not written down Peter's recollections of Christ, we would be missing not only the first Gospel, but Matthew's and Luke's too, which depend so heavily upon it. ☺