

Sunday 23rd July 2017
6th Sunday after Trinity

08.00	BCP Holy Communion – <i>St Mark's</i>
9.15	Family Worship– <i>St Mark's</i>
11.00	Choral Eucharist with Sunday Club - <i>St Andrew's</i>
18.00	Evening prayer– <i>St Mark's</i>

Lunch today in aid of Matabeleland Diocese

(Zimbabwe) Come to a bring and share lunch (and don't worry if you haven't got anything to share at this stage: there will be plenty) at Anne Barker's house and garden: Ilexholm, Ditton Road, next to Shrewsbury House school. Any time from 12.30pm onwards. Please bring a contribution to make to the work of the Diocese of Matabeleland.

Mothers' Union on Wednesday 19th July is their summer outing to Fetcham, 12 noon to 3pm, for Ploughman's lunch. Please contact Valerie Baxter regarding a lift.

Flying Circus visit on **20 July 2017 - CHANGE OF PLANS** - we will visit the British Museum for a FREE exhibition of watercolour landscapes "Places of the Mind" (closing in August), as rail services to Waterloo are to be restricted next month. Meet at 10 am in Wetherspoon's Coronation Hall, St Mark's Hill for coffee. All welcome, no booking, no cost, JUST COME. Contacts: Harry on 07773 060 233, and John on 07963 878 217.

Thursday 20th July: Burial of Ashes. Jean Wrench's ashes will be buried in the Garden of Remembrance at St Mark's at 11.30am. All welcome to this short service.

The parish magazine editor always welcomes new ideas and material!. The final date for submission of articles for the next magazine is 24th August.

St Mark's car parking: When visiting St Mark's church for a service or event please do use the car parking spaces available under St Mark's Court, Church Hill Road. The code is 7896*, and instructions are available from the parish office if you need more help. Anyone is welcome to use this space if you're doing anything to do with church: e.g. attending a service, coming to Sunbeams, a PCC meeting, doing some gardening in the church garden. (Going to Waitrose does not count.)

Next **Sunday 23rd July: visitors from the Muslim community** will be coming to St Andrew's church for the 11am service. This is in response to an invitation from the vicar, after they gave out flowers after the London Bridge terror attacks. They would like to experience a church service. Please welcome them!

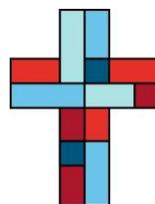
The vicar is on sabbatical from July 31st: the Reverend Gabrielle Ayerst will be here from August 1st to September 2nd and will be taking many of the services in that period.

For your prayer: Requests for Healing Prayer to be made to the parish office; names will remain on the list for one month unless a new request is made.

For healing: Richard Davies Sue Paine Rosa Panton
Iain Jones Mary Rice John Barnes Matthew Woods
Jo Norman Harry Cornell Theodore Shah Keith Kirby
Tracy Calviou Michael Naylor Nancy Vlasto Jean Rowe
Daniel White Robin Pellatt Lucy-May Watson
Stefka Dimitrova John Whelan Moira Frau Gail Reed

Years mind: Joyce Merritt Joseph Burrage
Frances Stevens Douglas MacFarlane

Birthdays: Mary Rice Rebecca Oram Natalie Simon
Susan Paine



St Andrew & St Mark Surbiton

Sunday 16th July 2017

5th Sunday after Trinity

Services Today

08.00	BCP Holy Communion – <i>St Andrew's</i>
9.15	Family Worship with baptism– <i>St Mark's</i>
11.00	Choral Eucharist with Sunday Club - <i>St Andrew's</i>
18.00	Service of Wholeness and healing – <i>St Mark's</i>

Parish Sabbath Office is closed Monday.
The parish office will be closed for annual leave from Tuesday 18th July reopening Tuesday 25th July

Monday

Tuesday 08.50 Morning Prayer – St Mark's

Wednesday 08.30 Morning Prayer – St Andrew's
10.00 Sunbeams –St Mark's

Thursday 08.30 Morning Prayer – St. Mark's
10.30 Holy Communion– St Mark's

Friday 08.30 Eucharist – St Andrew's
10.00 Friday Coffee for Charity- St Andrew's

Saturday

Sunday

A very warm welcome to our Church today. We especially welcome Ava, her family and friends as she is baptized this morning at St Mark's. We hope that you will find something of the presence of God in our worship and among those you meet.

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*There is an induction loop in both churches - please turn your aid to the 'T' setting.
You can follow the service in the Liturgy Service Booklet; this pew sheet will give you information about the readings and hymns; you will also need a New English Hymnal*

Hymns NEH

Music Setting **DARKE in F – (Gloria-Mathias)**

Introit **A Prayer of St Patrick - RUTTER**

Introit hymn **285** For the beauty of the earth

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Today's Themes

The passage from Isaiah is beautiful, but not geographically true. I think Isaiah did not understand the 'precipitation cycle' that many of us learned at primary school. But the idea of the fertility of God is there, and then we see this expressed in the Parable of the Sower. Paul's passage is only indirectly related, but there is a theme of a fruitful life, and Paul stresses the thing that 'strangles' spiritual health is the flesh.

First Reading **Isaiah 55.10-13**
Reader Olga Wickenden

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and
bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my
mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish
that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent
it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the
brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a
memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Psalm 119.105-112

105 Your word is a lantern ¹ to my ¹ feet
and a ¹ light up¹on my ¹ path.
106 I have sworn and ¹ will fulfil it,
to ¹ keep your ¹ righteous ¹ judgements.
107 I am troubled ¹ above ¹ measure;
give me life, O Lord, ac¹cording ¹ to your ¹ word.
108 Accept the freewill offering of my ¹ mouth, O ¹ Lord,
and ¹ teach ¹ me your ¹ judgements.
109 My soul is ever ¹ in my ¹ hand,
yet I do ¹ not for¹get your ¹ law.
110 The wicked have ¹ laid a ¹ snare for me,
but I have not ¹ strayed from ¹ your com¹mandments.
111 Your testimonies have I claimed as my ¹ heritage for ¹ ever;

for they are the ¹ very ¹ joy of my ¹ heart.
112 I have applied my heart to fulfil your ¹ statutes:
always, ¹ even ¹ to the ¹ end.

Second Reading **Romans 8.1-11**
Reader John Wickenden

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending

his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Gospel

Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!' 'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

Address Rev'd Robert Stanier

Intercessions Margie Lindsay

Offertory Hymn **264** All things bright and beautiful

During the offertory hymn a collection is taken for the work of the church: please give generously. If you are moved to do so, please ask for info about planned giving, if you do not do so currently.

Communion Hymn **407** Lord, thy word abideth

Communion Anthem **Thou visitest the earth-
GREENE**

Please come forward for Communion if it is your custom, or for a blessing as directed by the Churchwardens. We will receive in two lines, as usual.

Notices and banns

At the dismissal **476** Ye servants of God

Next week's readings Isaiah 44.6-8
Romans 8.12-25
Matthew 13.24-30,36-43

