

Chesterfield Parish Church Saint Mary & All Saints

Being Strong



A lot continues to be written and said about what makes a church strong—including, it seems, calling it a 'New Thing' instead of a church!

Yet Saint Paul tells us this morning, as he told the

Ephesians, to be **strong in the Lord**. This is a strength that is not affected by financial forecasts or by structural decline, or by creating completely new structures. It is the strength that lies at the foundation of a Church that does God's will and lives as God wishes.

The recipe for being strong in the Lord consists of arming ourselves with truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation, God's Spirit, God's Word, and constant prayer.

This is not rocket-science. Carried out with a real measure of determination, this formula will lead to our being strong together as God's Church—whatever anyone else might tell us.

Please respect those who wish to prepare for Mass in quiet prayer; also those who wish to listen to the closing Organ Voluntary.

TRINITY XIII (25th August 2024)

- 08.30 Holy Communion (1662)
- 09.30 Morning Prayer (St Leonard's)
- 10.30 Sung Mass
- 18.30 Evensong with Hymns

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

MONDAY-SATURDAY

MORNING PRAYER 09.00

EVENING PRAYER 16.00 (Thursday 17.00)

MONDAY Mass 12.15

TUESDAY Mass 09.30

WEDNESDAY Holy Communion (1662) 09.30

THURSDAY Mass 17.30

FRIDAY Mass 12.15

SATURDAY Mass 09.30

NEXT SUNDAY See back page

The church is open for private prayer and visiting Monday-Saturday 09.00 - 16.00

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Thursday 29th August

Lunchtime Concert 12.15

Friday 30th August

Tower Tour 14.30

Saturday 31st August

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Full details of events may be found at crookedspire.org, on the notices displayed in church, or from the organisers.

Tickets for Tower Tours are available from the church Gift Shop in the week prior to the tour taking place.

TRINITY XIII

SUNG MASS

Processional Hymn: 338

Setting: Rawsthorne

Collect Prayer

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

Ephesians 6.10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak .

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn: 500

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord

John 6.56-69

Jesus said, 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.'

'This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

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

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

Offertory Hymn: 336

Post-Communion Hymn: 359 (*t.322*)

Voluntary: *Marche* in A major (Alexandre Guilmant)

EVENSONG WITH HYMNS

Responses: Plainsong

Psalm(s): 116

First Lesson: Exodus 4.27-5.1

Office Hymn: 285

Canticles: Anglican Chant

Second Lesson: Hebrews 13.16-21

Hymn: 360

Voluntary: *Adagio* from Symphony no.2

(Charles-Marie Widor)

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 25th August - Trinity XIII

- To live by and share the Lord's Living Word
- ◇ The Anglican Church of Mexico
- ✦ *Stanley Leech; Michael Baker*

Monday 26th August

- Those who are working through the Bank Holiday
- ◇ Ijebu-North - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *Wilfred Robinson; Robin Charles, priest;*
Susan Barber

Tuesday 27th August - Monica

- Benefice of Immanuel Stapenhill
- ◇ Ijesha North East - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *William Pick; Ewart Roberts, priest;*
Sheila Heritage

Wednesday 28th August - Augustine

- Benefice of St Peter Stapenhill & St Giles Caldwell
- ◇ Ijesha North - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *Victor Price; Joseph Wall; Margaret Serjeant;*
Dora Pickup

Thursday 29th August - Beheading of John the Baptist

- The Spirituality Group meeting today
- ◇ Ijumu - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *Peggy Leech*

Friday 30th August - John Bunyan

- Benefice of St John The Baptist Staveley &
St Columba Inkersall
- ◇ Ika - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *Joyce Newmann*

Saturday 31st August - Aidan

- Those parishes currently in vacancy
- ◇ Ikara - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *Leonard Shipley; John Herring;*
David Diamond, priest

- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

- ◇ Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer
- ✦ Year's Mind

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Our prayers have been asked for:

Andrea Sutcliffe; John Robinson; Jean Madin;
Valerie Alice Seeney; Colin Hutson; Jean Morris;
Wendy Layton; Ambrose Mason; Paul Bates;
John Lockwood; Tony Ragan; Sue Hastings;
Jane Bushe; Fiona Solberg; Barbara Carter;
Violet McGhie; David Pedrick; Joseph Watson;
Roxanne; Richard Bland; Imelda Davies; Ralph
Turner; John Nickols; Pat; Terry; Becky; Les &
Lynn Metcalfe; Gill Kirk

✦ *Anne Duncan, RIP*

✦ *Pat Richardson, RIP*

Today - 25th August

This afternoon, a full peal of bells will be attempted of Yorkshire Surprise Royal by friends of ringers from Leeds.

Lunchtime Recitals

The next recital is on Thursday 29th August at 12.15pm with Eben Eyres at the organ. Entry is free, with a retiring collection for the Music Fund.

Choir Pie & Quiz Night

Friday 6th September, 6.30pm in the Saints Parish Centre. Tickets £10 adults/£5 children. Available from the Gift Shop, or email choir@crookedspire.org

Christmas Tree Festival 2024

Saturday 16th November until Sunday 1st December. Please sign up for the volunteer stewards rota!

Dates for your Diary

Sustainable Clothing Event at St Leonard's, Spital, Monday 23rd September, 7.30pm.

Next Sunday - 1st September - Trinity XIV

08.30 Holy Communion (1662)

10.30 Sung Mass

Readings: James 1.17-end
Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23

18.30 Evensong with Hymns

Readings: Psalm(s) 119.1-16
Exodus 12.21-27
Matthew 4.23-5.10

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