

## Service Information for Today

Hymns during 09:30 service:

403, 315, 200, 182, 510.

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**Opening Prayer (Collect):** *See front page*

**A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah**

The LORD promises a new covenant. **(31.27-34 - RCL p1015)**

**Psalm 119 (verses 97-104)**

**Response: You yourself have taught me, O Lord.**

O how I love your law!  
all the day long it is in my mind.  
Your commandment has made me wiser  
than my enemies,  
and it is always with me.

**Response**

I have more understanding than all my teachers,  
for your decrees are my study.  
I am wiser than the elders,  
because I observe your commandments.

**Response**

I restrain my feet from every evil way,  
that I may keep your word.  
I do not shrink from your judgements,  
because you yourself have taught me.

**Response**

How sweet are your words to my taste!  
they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.  
Through your commandments I gain understanding;  
therefore I hate every lying way.

**Response**

**A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy**  
**(3.14-4.5 - RCL p1018)**

Paul urges Timothy to be persistent in the work of the Lord.

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke**  
**(18.1-8 - RCL p1019)**

Jesus teaches His disciples to be constant in prayer and to never lose heart.

*Please take this Newsletter home with you.*



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*Our Mission: To worship, love, grow, invite and bless*

**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**(Proper 24)**

**16<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

### **Persistence**

In today's Gospel Reading, we hear the parable of the Unjust Judge, also known as the parable of the Persistent Widow. It is similar in meaning to the parable of the Friend at Night [Luke 11.5-8]. Note that the widow only wants 'justice' – what is due to her – and through persistence, she is granted it. We should therefore be persistent in putting our pleas for justice – especially for others – before God, and they will be granted.

Saint Paul has a similar message for his friend and protégé Timothy. He urges Timothy to remember his early teaching and to stand firm in his faith, so that he can continue his evangelistic work, even if it entails having to endure suffering.

The worst enemy of the evangelist is not the indifference of their hearers, however. Rather, it is unsound doctrines, spread by false teachers. This is still true today, whether the message is materialism, obsession with celebrity, or some variety of 'New Age' nonsense.

**Opening Prayer (Collect):**

God, our judge and saviour,  
teach us to be open to your truth  
and to trust in your love,  
that we may live each day  
with confidence in the salvation which is given  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## Diary For The Week

<b>October</b>			<b>Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>		
Sunday	8:00 am	Holy Communion	Jubilee Priesthood		
16 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	Parish Communion with Junior Church, also on Facebook and YouTube.	Centre, Bedfont		
Monday			Food price crisis		
17 <sup>th</sup>			Elsworth Close		
Tuesday			Local doctors		
18 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 am	<b>Luke the Evangelist</b> PCC meeting in Vestry	Engleheart Drive		
Wednesday	9:30 am	Holy Communion with prayers for healing and anointing	Local schools		
19 <sup>th</sup>			Faggs Road		
Thursday	7:30 pm	Deanery Synod at The Green School	Osteoporosis patients		
20 <sup>th</sup>			Fairholme Estate		
Friday			Royal Navy personnel		
21 <sup>st</sup>			Fawns Manor Close		
Saturday	10:00 am	Parish Office in Vestry	Christians in Nepal		
22 <sup>nd</sup>			Fawns Manor Road		
Sunday			Oasis Church,		
23 <sup>rd</sup>	8:00 am	<b>Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity</b> Holy Communion	Feltham		
	9:30 am	Parish Communion with Junior Church, also on Facebook and YouTube.			

**Congratulations** to choir member Sarah Page on graduating in Youth Justice.

**Floodlighting Saint Mary's** is an excellent way to remember departed relatives and friends, or to celebrate birthdays, marriages, anniversaries, indeed anything special to you. The parish magazine contains a sponsorship form, otherwise one can be downloaded from: [app.box.com/s/eox3pyuxvm0g7mzd06nq](http://app.box.com/s/eox3pyuxvm0g7mzd06nq).

If you wish to receive **communion at home**, please contact Philip (details on front of newsletter).

Although there are no longer any restrictions regarding the wearing of face masks and social distancing, please continue to respect people's choices and the needs of vulnerable people.

Please continue to **pray regarding the coronavirus pandemic regularly**. There are various suitable prayers at [www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-parishes/coronavirus-covid-19-liturgy-and-prayer](http://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-parishes/coronavirus-covid-19-liturgy-and-prayer).

If you are unable or unwilling to join us in church in person, there are a number of ways to keep in contact with us:

Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/StMarysBedfont>.

YouTube: [www.youtube.com/channel/UCDdiwJAMQbMTqrQfh7\\_JSYg](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDdiwJAMQbMTqrQfh7_JSYg)

Our Instagram page can be found at 'stmaryschurchbedfont'.

On Twitter: @stmarysbedfont1.

Donate at [www.justgiving.com/stmarys-bedfont](http://www.justgiving.com/stmarys-bedfont).

Download newsletters from [app.box.com/shared/hbgtq97fe3](http://app.box.com/shared/hbgtq97fe3).

The streamed **video services** will also be available to watch at a later time on Facebook and YouTube.

If you would like to be included on the **church e-mail list** for regular updates, please let Philip know.

There will be a **Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party** in Church on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October from 11 am to 1:30 pm. Please bring home-filled shoeboxes back to church by Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

Health officials in Hounslow are urging residents to beat the winter blues by ensuring they are up to date with their **flu and Covid vaccinations**. Research has shown that those people who get flu and Covid at the same time are more likely to become seriously ill. The latest government research shows that Covid cases are increasing in Hounslow. Recent seven-day figures (25 Sept - 1 Oct), show a 66.7% increase in the number of cases in the borough. Vaccinations are available at several locations, including GP surgeries, pharmacies, maternity services, schools or by visiting the Health Outreach Team. More at: [www.hounslow.gov.uk/homepage/223/vaccination-centres-in-hounslow](http://www.hounslow.gov.uk/homepage/223/vaccination-centres-in-hounslow).