

St Laurence Day and Trinity 9
14 August 2022



Hello Everyone,

This weekend we celebrate St Laurence Day following his feast day on 10th August. The hot weather rather matches his hot death on a gridiron but church was just pleasantly warm this morning. The Pastoral Centre Hall remains one of the coolest rooms available too and where we usually BBQ is in the shade so we are planning to go ahead (with care) with our a **BBQ and Games** on Saturday evening from 6-8pm.

- It will be an all-age event and include a short optional Beetle Drive. Pay at the door. £5 per person including a hot dog or burger (more can be purchased on the day) and tea/coffee/squash.
- You are welcome to bring your own drinks and glasses.
- We have a good number of people signed up but more welcome. If you haven't yet signed up please could you let ME know asap (as Rowena is not well – Covid in the family.) Either phone 0121 477 3111 or e-mail me: janet.rectory@gmail.com Please do NOT reply to this e-mail as replies do not come directly to me.

Our Sunday morning worship will include the St Laurence hymn which former Rector Robert Warren wrote. We are also inviting congregants to submit their 5 favourite hymns and we'll try to include them in services in coming months. There are papers about this in church and you are welcome to borrow a hymn book.

I very much enjoyed the **Commonwealth Games** and still catching up on the sports I missed thanks to iPlayer. I managed to spot the Revd Colin Corke in his white/cream Austin A35 bubble car in the Opening Ceremony. It was very interesting being a volunteer Police Chaplain for the games. Working 12 hour shifts, the officers spent a huge amount of time on their feet wearing a lot of heavy equipment. I got to meet the Chief Constable who was pleased with how things were going though he did admit that he would be very relieved when all the 'road' events were safely completed. Even in the cheap seats we got good views of all the events we attended with the added bonus of seats near the finishing line for the Saturday evening Athletics – friends couldn't use them at the last minute!

The next **"Wild Church"** is on Sunday 21st August at 4pm in the churchyard. Meanwhile summer churchyard Scavenger Hunt is open to everyone. Details available 24/7 from the church porch gates. There are lots of shady places in the churchyard!

Also, take refuge in the cool of the church on Saturday morning. We are open 10 -12noon as usual with hot and cold drinks available.

Also, Northfield Arts Forum has offered us space in their shop (near Clarks) in Northfield Shopping Centre this Saturday from 10am – 2pm to display some of our 'Northfield Revealed' treasures. This will include the films of the monologues and the tapestry bricks from the Arch. We hope to put the latter together to form a 2D picture in the autumn. Do drop in – it looks to be another shady place.

Virtually all of the church is now available to use, though the speakers in the chancel aren't working so we suggest not sitting in the choir stalls until they are fixed. Sadly, we've had some damage to the new wiring caused by a naughty squirrel – another challenge for the fabric committee!

Spot Dorothea, Jacob and their daughter, Tariro, singing at the Opening Service of the Lambeth Conference

<https://youtu.be/RcX4jxvQP7c?t=4789> Tairo is leading the procession on left hand side, Dorothea is 5th on right hand side shaking a maraca and Jacob is also on the right - the 3rd man behind the nun.

All churches are being asked to include the following in their notices regarding the '**National survivor survey to inform Church's safeguarding work.**' This is a vital (click here) [national survey](#) to understand how victims and survivors would like to be involved in the development and implementation of a Church of England survivor engagement framework. This framework will set out how victims and survivors of abuse will inform the Church's work to develop and improve safeguarding.

The anonymous survey will run for two months and is open to any victim or survivor who would like to engage with the Church to inform its work.

Also, over the next few months all church volunteers who haven't done any church safeguarding training in the past 3 years will be given the opportunity to do a short session either on-line or in person. It includes really helpful guidance about what to do should anyone approach you with concerns.

Whilst Revd Theresa on holiday we continue with this **Eco Tip**: One of the priorities on the Commonwealth Games' sustainability agenda is their "zero waste to landfill" ambition. So why not join in, and see how far you can go over the next couple of weeks in reusing, recycling, and not using single-use items such as plastic wrapping.

Finally, this Sunday we are holding an extra service of Holy Communion at 11.30am. It will be a simple said service lasting about half an hour.

*Blessings,
Canon Janet*

For your prayers:

Those who are ill

Peter Valentine: still in hospital. Little change in recent months.

Pat Billingham who is recovering from hand surgery

Pete Coyne: sadly Pete's cancer has spread but looks to be slow growing. He should be starting 'rapid immune treatments' in late August. It isn't a pleasant treatment but is very effective in many cases. He and Lorraine are very grateful for all your support and prayers.

Those with Covid – Rowena and family

Those who have died

Mavis Hadley: funeral was in church on Tuesday. Geoff and family pass on their thanks for the lovely service which was so well attended.

Brian Goodall: funeral at Lodge Hill on 15th August. Brian was married to Sandra and Beryl's cousin.

SERVICES AND MEETINGS COMING UP

<p>Saturdays Church Open 10 – 12noon 6-8pm 13th August 2pm 20th August</p>	<p>In church St Laurence Day BBQ in Pastoral Centre Wedding of Ben Palethorpe and Sarah Steele and including the baptism of their daughter, Ellie</p>
<p>Sundays 8.30am Sunday School Service</p> <p>9.30am Holy Communion</p> <p>11.30am Holy Communion</p> <p>3pm 14th August</p>	<p>In the Pastoral Centre – please pre-book so we know numbers https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/170206735929 bookings close at 2pm on the Saturday before.</p> <p>In church by zoom and zoom-phone https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84533030134 Meeting ID: 845 3303 0134</p> <p>In church</p> <p>Wedding of Wei Urn Tan and Thomas Perrett</p>
<p>Mondays 5pm Evening Prayer by zoom</p>	<p>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89992167638 Meeting ID 89992167638</p>
<p>Tuesdays 10am Gridiron 'Coffee' 5pm Evening Prayer by zoom</p>	<p>Continuing to meet at 10.30am at The Black Horse https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89992167638 Meeting ID 89992167638</p>
<p>Wednesdays 10am Holy Communion</p> <p>4.30 – 5.15pm Bible Study on coming Sunday's readings by zoom (you can phone in to join this using Sunday numbers and this meeting ID)</p> <p>8.30pm Compline</p>	<p>In church and by Conference Call 0117 463 6922 Code 1139# https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89992167638 Meeting ID 89992167638</p> <p>Use above phone number</p>
<p>Thursdays 2-3pm Handbell practice</p>	<p>In church vestry</p>
<p>Fridays 7.30 – 9pm Bell Ringing Practice</p>	<p>In church</p>

Also - You can Phone a Service 24 hours a day!

freephone 0800 804 8044 for Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England. And to hear one of the **St Laurence Ministers preaching: 0121 270 4690** These are changed after the services on Sundays and Wednesdays (usually by early evening)

Peter Chapman is now making Sunday and Wednesday sermons available as **Podcasts**: via: Spotify at <https://open.spotify.com/show/16wZUENutAJSTu5a4nPDde> Apple at <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/sermons-from-st-laurence-church-northfield/id1603832487> and on other Podcast players the generic address is <https://feeds.buzzsprout.com/1915174.rss> ALSO there is now a player for the sermon podcasts at the foot of the 'Worship' page on the Church web site which allows the sermons to be played directly from that page.

CONTACT DETAILS

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Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility. If you need to contact someone regarding a church safeguarding concern (adults or children), please call our Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator, Rowena Nicholls, on 07724 170448.

If you have an urgent concern for the safety of yourself or someone else, call 999.

Sadly, some people have been **abused by someone from a church**. "Safe Spaces" is a free, independent support service providing a confidential personal and safe space for anyone who has been abused by someone from a church or as a result of their relationship with the Church of England, the Catholic Church in England and Wales, or the Church in Wales. Although funded by the churches it is run by the independent charity, Victim Support. If you have been affected, however long ago, they can provide you with support. You do not have need to have told the police or the church authorities. Your information will not be shared without your consent unless you or someone else is in danger. Telephone 0300 303 1056 or visit <https://www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk/>

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