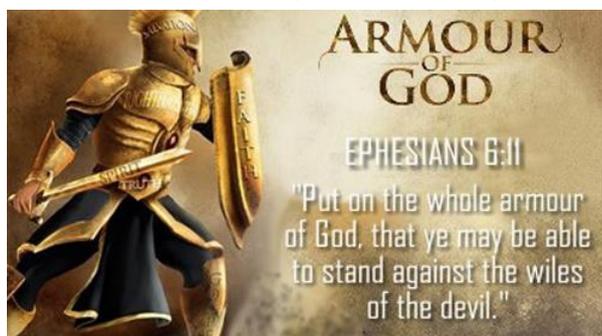


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13th Sunday after Trinity



Services

8.00	BCP Holy Communion	Celebrant: Rev Michael Crow
9.30	Holy Communion	Celebrant: Rev Tanya Hockley-Still Preacher: Rev Michael Crow

Collect

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.

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

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Joshua 24:1-2, 14-18 The Tribes Renew the Covenant

¹ Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ² And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴ “Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵ Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” ¹⁶ Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; ¹⁷ for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸ and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

Psalm 34:15-22

- ¹⁵ The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.
¹⁶ The face of the Lord is against evildoers, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.
¹⁷ When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and rescues them from all their troubles.
¹⁸ The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.
¹⁹ Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord rescues them from them all.
²⁰ He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken.
²¹ Evil brings death to the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.
²² The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Ephesians 6:10-20 The Whole Armour of God

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² 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. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵ As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

John 6:56-69 The Words of Eternal Life

⁵⁶ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ 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 forever.” ⁵⁹ He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. ⁶⁰ When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹ But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶² Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³ It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴ 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. ⁶⁵ And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.” ⁶⁶ Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷ So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

We Remember in our Prayers this Week

- For Gemma’s family and their ongoing custody battle for her son.
- Poppy and family following the loss of Bob.
- Julia, Mike and family following recent bereavements.
- Anne Poore recovering from a broken ankle.
- Jean Slack and her ongoing recovery.
- An anonymous lady who suffers with compulsive self-harming.
- Sean for his ongoing recovery.
- Alice who has brain tumours.
- Jules & Jason Pring – Kidney transplant has taken place and recovery is going well.
- John & Rosemary Enever- ongoing immunotherapy.
- Sheila, Mary Probert, Anne Brinkworth.
- Susanna working with ‘Youth with a Mission’ in Malawi.
- Sharon working with CMS in Ecuador, helping teenagers with learning difficulties.
- Miriam working with CMS in Tanzania, working as an occupational therapist with disabled children.

Notices

- **Jam Sale.** There is jam for sale at the back of church. Funds raised are to help send Elizabeth to the World Scout Jamboree 2019.
- **New Area Dean.** Nigel Guthrie from St Thomas has been appointed our new Area Dean.
- **Fundraising Request.** We have some necessary roof repairs coming up which will cost £4000. So if you can contribute anything to that mark it as for the roof and give it to Ray or myself (Tanya). Or perhaps you might do something sponsored over the next few months for that? We have already raised almost £2000 so thank you to everyone who has helped already.
- **Parish reorganisation.** As many will know, the Diocese proposes to separate the benefice into two parishes (St Mark's and St Matthew's with St Sidwell's) The legal process has now started, and the documents are on the church notice board. If you wish to make comments about the proposal, you must write to the Church Commissioners before August 28th – address on notice board.
- **Life on the Frontline.** We are running this course again on Wednesday evenings, 7:30-9pm at church from September 19th .
- **Parish Vision Morning.** The Exeter Archdeaconry Development Advisor Penny Doe is coming to talk to us on October 6th, 10am-12:30pm to help us develop our vision for the parish and our mission action plan. This is primarily aimed at members of the PCC but everyone is welcome.
- **Devon Historic Churches Day is 8th September.** David Smith has organised a prayer walk which will reach St Mark's at 5pm. For more information please see David and or leaflet on info table.

Week at a Glance

Wednesday 29 th August	9.00	Morning Prayer	St Mark's
	9.00-13.00	St Mark's Office (438448)	St Mark's
	9.30-11.30	Coffee and a Chat	St Mark's
Sunday 2 nd September	9.30	Holy Communion	St Mark's