



Town Church

St Peter Port, Guernsey



Morning Worship
including the Annual Church Meeting
The Seventh Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 26th July 2020

Welcome to Town Church. Whether you are a regular or occasional visitor, we are pleased to have you as part of our worshipping community today. We hope you enjoy the service. Please join us for tea or coffee at the end of the service in the South Aisle

Bienvenue dans notre église dédiée à Saint-Pierre, mais connue sous le nom de "Town Church". Nous sommes heureux de vous accueillir à notre messe aujourd'hui. Nous espérons que vous apprécierez le service. Nous vous invitons à rester pour prendre le thé ou le café à la fin de la messe.

Laipni lūdzam St Peter Port baznīcā, ko sauc arī par Pilsētas baznīcu. Mēs priecājamies, ka esat izvēlējies (-usies) būt kopā ar mums šajā dievkalpojumā un ceram, ka Jums tas patīks. Lūdzam kopā ar mums iebaudīt tēju vai kafiju pēc dievkalpojuma.

Willkommen in unserer Kirche, die Sankt Petrus geweiht, aber als 'Stadtkirche' bekannt ist. Wir freuen uns, dass Sie sich entschlossen haben, an unserer Eucharistiefeier teilzunehmen und hoffen dass Ihnen unser Gottesdienst gefällt. Bitte bleiben Sie am Ende noch bei uns zu Kaffee oder Tee.



For Those with Hearing Difficulties

If you are wearing a hearing aid you will find that you hear the service better if you turn your hearing aid to the "T" position.



Large Print Orders of Service

Please ask one of the sidespersons if you would like one.



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Music

The Organist and director of The Town Church Choir is Stephen le Prevost

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Hymn

Please stand to sing the opening hymn. (242)

**Immortal, invisible,
God only wise,
in light inaccessible
hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious,
thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting,
and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting,
thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains
high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains
of goodness and love.**

**To all life thou givest,
to both great and small;
in all life thou livest,
the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish
as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish,
but naught changest thee.**

**Great Father of glory,
pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee,
all veiling their sight
all laud we would render:
O help us to see
'tis only the splendour
of light hideth thee.**

Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)

The Greeting

All Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you

All This is the day that the Lord has made
Let us rejoice and be glad in it

Further words of welcome may be added

Please sit or kneel

Prayers of Penitence

We have come together as the family of God, to offer praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, and to bring before him the needs of the world.

But first let us ask God's forgiveness of our sins, that in the name of Jesus Christ we may truly worship him and give ourselves to his service.

Silence is kept

All

**God of mercy,
we acknowledge that we are all sinners.
We turn from the wrong that
we have thought and said and done,
and are mindful of all that
we have failed to do.
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,
forgive us for all that is past,
and help us to live each day
in the light of Christ our Lord.
Amen**

The minister declares God's forgiveness.

May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw us to himself,
and cleanse us from all our sins
that we may behold the glory of his Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

The night has passed, and the day lies open
before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.

All

Amen.



First Reading

Romans 8.26-end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One is here;
Come bow before him now
with reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found,
we stand on holy ground;
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One is here.**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight,
our radiant king of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.**

**Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him,
in faith receive from him;
Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.**

David J Evans (born 1957)

Please sit

Second Reading

Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Annual Church Meeting

Agenda

1. Treasurers report
2. Approval of Accounts
3. Inclusive Church
4. Video review of the last 18 months
5. Questions
6. Any Other Business



The Inclusive Church Statement

"We believe in inclusive Church - a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate against people on grounds of disability, economic power, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, mental ability, or sexuality.

We believe in a Church which welcomes and serves all people in the name of Jesus Christ; which is scripturally faithful; which seeks to proclaim the Gospel afresh for each generation; and which, in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows all people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Jesus Christ."

Anthem

We remain seated while the choir sing

Rutter - The Lord bless you and keep you

Affirmation of Faith

Please stand

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

All **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
our Lord, who was conceived by the
Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

All **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel.

At the end of each bidding the following response is used

All Jesus, Lord of love,
in your mercy hear us.

and at the end, the Collect for the day is said;

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

As we join our prayers with the Church Universal, so
we say, each in our own language, the prayer that Jesus
taught us.

All **Our Father, who art in heaven
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Notices may be given

Final Hymn (388)

*during the following hymn a collection is taken,
if you wish to donate, but do not have cash; contactless
card/phone payments can be made after the service, by the
door.*

**O praise ye the Lord!
praise him in the height;
rejoice in his word
ye angels of light;
ye heavens adore him
by whom ye were made,
and worship before him
in brightness arrayed.**

**O praise ye the Lord!
praise him upon earth,
in tuneful accord,
all you of new birth;
praise him who hath brought you
his grace from above,
praise him who hath taught you
to sing of his love.**

**O praise ye the Lord,
all things that give sound;
each jubilant chord
re-echo around;
loud organs, his glory
forth tell in deep tone,
and, sweet harp, the story
of what he hath done.**

**O praise ye the Lord!
thanksgiving and song
to him be outpoured
all ages along;
for love in creation,
for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation,
O praise ye the Lord!**

Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877)

The Blessing

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
Confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All

Amen.

Please join us for refreshments in the South Aisle

St. John's Church Afternoon Tea

**Come and enjoy Afternoon Tea in
St. John's Vicarage Garden**

Saturday 1st August 2 - 4 pm

**Cakes and Produce Stall
Plant Stall
Raffle**

Live Music

Cream Tea £5

Town Church Fete In Church Square

**Saturday 29th August
1.30 - 4 pm**

**Traditional Stalls, Fun, Raffle, Food,
Music, Teas**

Save the date

We need Volunteers!

**There will be a meeting in church, at
5.30 pm on Wednesday 29th July to
discuss plans. Please come if you can.**

(Please speak to Ruth for more details)

Town Church Summer Music Concert Series 2020

Monday 3rd August 1 pm

Debbie Biddeau - Soprano
Max Wong - Violin
Stephen le Prevost - Keyboard

Friday 7th August 1 pm

States of Harmony Choir

Friday 14th August 1 pm

John Colley – Organ

Friday 21st August 1 pm

Maisie Whiteman – Flute
Dan Madden – Piano

Friday 28th August 1 pm

Tina James – Contralto
Joseph Edwards – Baritone

Monday 31st August 1pm

Francois Cloete - Organ

No Tickets required, entrance to all concerts is by donation

NOTICES

Town Church Fete

We are having a fete in Church Square on Saturday 29th August in aid of Church funds. If you are available and willing to help please put your name on the list by the door. There is a meeting on Wednesday at 5.30 pm in Church for those who are able to help. We need people to help set up/break down and to run stalls. All ideas welcome.

Tea and Coffee

We require more volunteers to help with service Tea and Coffee on a Sunday morning. Please speak to Rick James if you would like to know more or to sign up. No experience necessary as full training will be given!

Donations

Thank you to all those who have donated to the Camera appeal, we are now able to purchase the necessary equipment to ensure we can offer the best possible worship online.

If you still wish to donate to this appeal, donations can be made online to;

Town Church,
Sort Code: 30-93-73
Account: 07458933
Ref: Cameras

**The above account can also be used to make donations
to support the ministry of the Town Church.
Please use ref: donation**

What's on this week

Morning Prayer (online)

8.15 am Monday - Saturday

Evening Prayer (online)

5.30 pm Monday - Saturday

Wednesday 29th July

5.30 pm - Fete Volunteers meeting in church

10 am - 12 noon Wednesday Welcome

Thursday 30th July

1.10 pm Come to the Quiet

Said Eucharist

Saturday 1st August

2 - 4pm Afternoon Tea in St. John's Vicarage Garden

Next Sunday 2nd August

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am Said Eucharist (BCP)

The Revd Peter Graysmith

11.00am Sung Eucharist

President The Revd Peter Graysmith

6.30 pm Choral Evensong

The Revd Peter Graysmith



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