Welcome to the Abbey Church of St Mary and St Ethelflaeda & St Swithun’s, Crampmoor

8th Sunday after Trinity

As we meet to share what God offers us today, let us rejoice that we can experience it together. God will provide all we need in word, bread and wine.

9.30am Parish Eucharist Service (Live Streamed)

Celebrant: Revd Thomas Wharton
Preacher: Revd Bryan Taphouse
Deacon: Revd Sally Womersley
Sub Deacon: Mich Lajeunesse
Intercessions: Fiona Jenvey
Hymns: 186 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
 disc ye first: 368 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

Readings for today

Collect: Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5
God invites everyone who thirsts to come to the waters, and those with no money to share wine and milk for free. God promises an everlasting covenant with David, drawing in all the nations.

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5
Paul laments for his Jewish kindred, to whom belongs God’s covenant. Longing for them to believe, Paul wishes he were cut off from Christ for their sake.

Gospel reading: Matthew 14:13-21
Jesus withdraws from the crowd in a boat, but the five thousand men, together with women and children, follow him on foot. Jesus provides for all their needs, healing the sick, and feeding them miraculously with only five loaves and two fishes.

Post Communion Prayer
Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongue which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. Amen.

The Abbey is open daily from 11 am - 3 pm

Prayer Requests

The Romsey ministry team continue to pray for the parish, the community and the world.

Prayer cards can be written and left in the baskets in the Abbey. These are collected daily and offered at the following service. If you cannot attend the Abbey or would like the team to include a prayer for you or someone that you know, please email: sayoneforme@romseyabbey.org.uk
or text or leave a voicemail: 07395 883 652

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Saturday 1 August is a busy day for weddings!

During August we are continuing to consolidate both our online and public worship. Attendance at the 9.15am Tuesday Holy Communion is good and currently no-booking is required to attend this service. We will monitor the numbers and review as necessary. For those unable to attend, this service can be joined live on zoom.

We are hoping to be able to include words on the screen during the live-streamed 9.30am Sunday Parish Eucharist service from Sunday 2 August. Thank you to the Technical Team and other volunteers who are continually working to both support and develop our offering.

Weddings are resuming at the Abbey on Saturday 1 August. In accordance with government and Church of England guidelines which restricts the numbers of people that can attend, the Abbey will be closed to visitors during these services. On Saturday 1 August there are weddings taking place at 11am, 1pm and 3pm. Please do not visit during these services and pray for the couples, their family and friends, and for God’s blessing on their shared lives together,

After last week’s Bulletin had been published, the Church of England issued updated guidance on face coverings which stated that face coverings are strongly advised in a place of worship. It will not be mandatory to wear a face covering in the Abbey. We continue to follow physical distancing guidelines including regular hand sanitisation and cleansing of surfaces to ensure the safety of those in the Abbey.

To book for the Sunday 9.30am Parish Eucharist please contact Churchwarden, Janet Wallace, by Friday evening: email jduncan896@gmail.com or phone on 02380 869723. If you are reserving more than one place please make it clear whether these are for members of the same household who will be able to sit together or on behalf of a friend. To assist in the government’s Trace and Track process we will need to keep a record of everyone who attends. If it isn’t possible to accommodate you at a service, you will be given priority for the following week.

A reminder, please do not visit the Abbey if you are feeling unwell or experiencing symptoms. We hope you understand this measure is to keep you and other visitors, staff and volunteers safe.

Positive result for July’s Parish Tea

Thank you to all who attended our first socially distanced Parish Tea last Sunday. The Abbey Catering Team were really delighted to be able hold this event and judging by the really positive and encouraging comments it was enjoyed by all who attended too. The weather was kind to us and so were you as £147 was raised in donations for PCC funds – a record for Parish Tea. Well done to all helpers, bakers and supporters. Watch this space for details about August Parish Tea.

Christian Aid

Lebanon/Iraq Project No. A031542-48: The Treasurer of the Romsey Christian Aid Committee reported last week that the recent Appeal for funds which went out to all Romsey churches (it was attached to the Abbey bulletin email) raised £1,155. This means the Romsey CA Committee has reached their target of £2,500 for this appeal. The Sponsor of this Christian Aid project is matching fundraising 6:1. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Paid cleaner needed

After many years service Sandra has resigned as cleaner of the Parish Office. If you can help or know of anyone that would be interested in one hour a week paid cleaning please contact Janet Wallace 02380 869723 or email jduncan896@gmail.com
It’s often said that many things can be solved with a nice cup of tea! I don’t expect the current dire financial situation of the Abbey to be solved with tea but last Sunday saw the very first socially distanced, highly sanitised Parish Tea with nearly 40 people enjoying tea and homemade cake in the South Garth. Luckily the weather was in our favour and it was the first time since February that some people had had the chance to see each other, so really appreciated. The tea was plentiful, the homemade cakes delicious and the generous donations of those attending made this a record and an excellent start to events to boost our income stream – thank you to all who helped make this possible and to all attending. Meanwhile other discussions are happening to make sure we are ready when socially distanced recitals and other events can be held indoors.

As we all get used to these new norms then thinking ‘outside the box’ has never been more important and even if we have never done it before it does not mean we can’t try it – last Sunday was a good start and hopefully there will be more - would you be willing to hold a small socially distanced coffee morning in your garden/on your village green in aid of Abbey funds? We are wondering if we could have ‘A Big Abbey Coffee Morning’ towards the end of August – if so please let parishoffice@romseyabbey.org.uk know if you would be willing to take part.

We continue to be enormously grateful to those of you who make your donations by direct debit through the Planned Giving Scheme, by standing order from your banks and by using the Donate option on the website. If our regular cash donors could please consider changing their methods of donating during the crisis, you can do this most easily by joining the PGS by telephoning 0333 002 1271 or asking our Giving Officer for a Gift Form to complete. Our Parish code that you will need to give the PGS is 416012161. Alternatively you could use the offertory box or one of the two contactless devices inside the north door or send a cheque or cheques payable to the ‘PCC of Romsey Abbey’ in an envelope addressed to our Giving Officer at the Parish Office, Church Lane, ROMSEY SO51 8EP.

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8.00pm Zoom Compline / Night Prayer

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For the sick: Daphne, Ryan Thomas, Leonie Warwick, Jaqui Horsfield & David Newman
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Oswald, King, Martyr, 642
Daily Intention: Boldness in presenting the faith
For the sick: Norman Swanson, Michael Rowland, Elizabeth Hill, Sandra Tomkinson & Trevor Beard
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Transfiguration of Our Lord
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Rest in Peace

Stanley ‘Stan’ Emery
David Burrell
Daphne Spreadbury
Margaret ‘Ann’ Harrison

Years’ Mind Anniversary

4 August
Don Hargreaves – 2004

5 August
James Holloway – 2009
Claire Oakley – 2016

6 August
Royston Light – 2008
Alfred Page – 2010

7 August
Frances Mears – 2017
John Gare – 2018

8 August
June Thorpe – 2014
Kathleen Dawbney – 2009
Philip Fielder – 2017
Heather Peace – 2019

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