

Sunday, September 15th
Birthday of the Church

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Revd Simpson's regular Parish days are Tuesdays,
Thursdays and Sundays.

9.30am Eucharist, 15th September

Choral Evensong 15th September, 6pm.

11am Holy Communion, TUESDAY, 17th September

Processional Hymn:- 499 Lift High the Cross – omit *
verses.

Collect:- O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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.

Amen

First reading:- A reading from the book of the prophet
Isaiah.

The servant of the Lord said: The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens – awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Response to Psalm 116:- I will walk in the presence of the
Lord in the land of the living.

I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him. The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; I came to grief and sorrow.

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Then I called upon the name of the Lord: 'O Lord, I pray you, save my life.' Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

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The Lord watches over the innocent; I was brought very low and he helped me. Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has treated you well.

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For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

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Second Reading:- A reading from the letter of James.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue – a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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Thanks be to God.

HYMN:- 515 Lord they word abideth.

Gospel:- Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according
to Mark.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' Jesus asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief

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priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Offertory Hymn:- 207 Blessed city, heavenly Salem

Communion :- 211 We love they place of God

Anthem:- Locuste iste - Bruckner

Post Communion Prayer:- Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Recessional Hymn :- 557 Praise to the Holiest

Please remember in your prayers this week:- Sarina, Janice Pinnock, Jean Rochester, Cynthia Foster, Christopher Munns, Barry Ireland, Amy Su Armitage, Velma Munns, Dave Cheney, Peter Fisher, Janet Maclean, and Mark Butts.

Also those whose Year's Mind occurs at this time:- Rodney Ablett.

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Floodlight Sponsorship

The Miller Family

To celebrate the lives of June and Syd Miller
– reunited once again.

The Ablett Family

In memory of Rodney Ablett
On the 5th Anniversary of his passing
Sadly missed by all his family.

Thank you corner

Thank you to Christine and her team for the for all their hard work in producing another splendid Flower Festival. To all the helpers, the Stewards, the catering department and head caterer, to the gardening team who put up marquees etc, to all the floral arrangers and the people who have supported the event.

Almighty God,

you have taught us through your Son

that love is the fulfilling of the law:

grant that we may love you with our whole heart

and our neighbours as ourselves;

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Choral Evensong Sunday September, 15th
at 6pm

Come and join us.

Thursday 19th September:- Coffee morning in the Mission Room 10am to midday . Come for a warm, meet old and new friends for a natter and savour the coffee and cake.

All are welcome

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Sunday 25th September:- Father Stan celebrates 50 years of his ordination at the 9.30 am service.

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