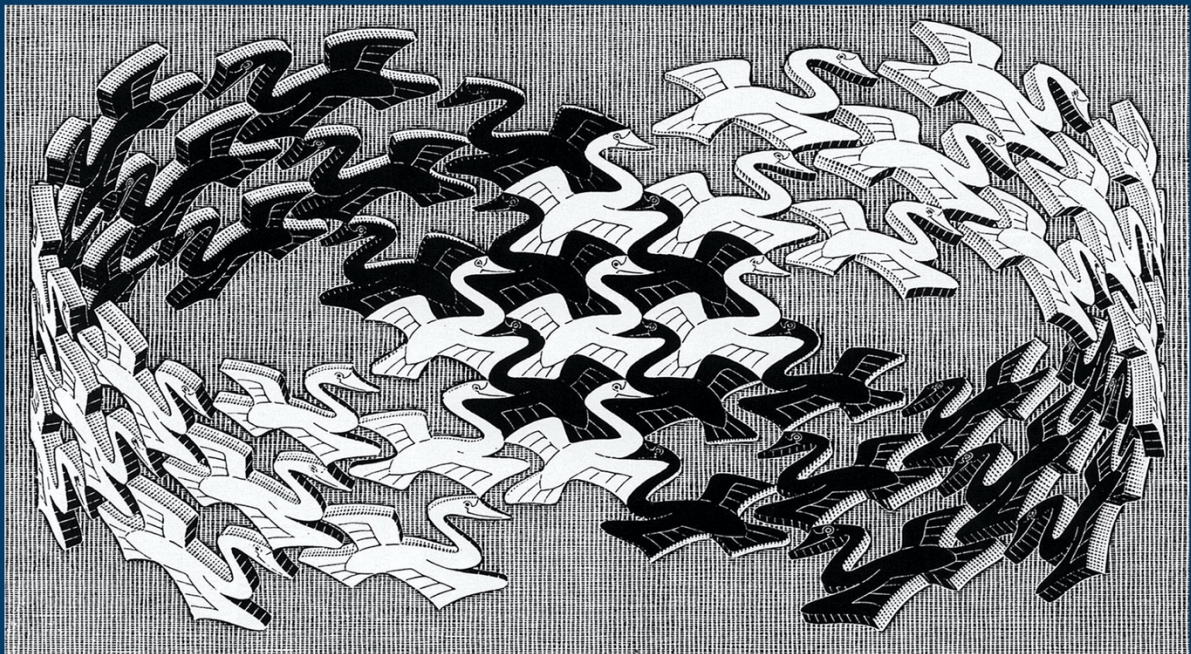


Sanctuary

August 2020



Inspired by the past
and facing the future

The lockdown brought about by Coronavirus has resulted many expected and unexpected consequences. Some of those consequences have been difficult, testing, worrying and not what any of us would have chosen. However, there have also been some unexpected good results – blessings if you like.

One of the unexpected good things has been the wealth of on-line material that staff and members of the church family at All Saints have produced to help sustain our spiritual and inner lives. During lockdown, the Sanctuary service has been reaching many more people than was the case when we used to gather at 9.00 on a Sunday morning in All Saints Church. In pre-Covid days, if you were unable to be at the service, that was that! Now you can join in with Sanctuary at any time and, if you choose to, as some have done, you can watch it all over again.

Not surprisingly, a great deal of work goes into each service: planning them, inviting readers, pray-ers, speakers and service leaders to record their part, finding suitable music, arranging interviews, finding the right images and graphics and putting it all together in a seamless whole. Plus producing the DVD's and distributing them around Weston. But all that effort has been gladly given because it is clear that the Sanctuary services have meant a great deal to many people.

However, in August you will see that the services have been simplified and are shorter than the previous ones. The liturgy will be the same each week as will some other elements of the service. But there will still be a different talk each week from a church leader working in another part of the UK – this is part of a 'facing the future after Covid' series. There will also be a profile each week of a different saint or hero of the faith who has strong local connections; this is to be inspired by the past. Between them, these five saints cover nearly 1,000 years of the Christian faith in our part of the world.

This booklet includes details of all the hymns, readings, speakers and heroes of the faith that will feature in the five August services that you will find on line or on your DVD's. We hope you will get a sense of expectancy as you look forward each week. You might also want to use the words of the service just by yourself at other times of the week. Enjoy and be blessed!!

SANCTUARY ORDER OF SERVICE FOR AUGUST

GATHERING TOGETHER

Opening music from Smetana's Ma Vlast

Part of the section called Vlatava – the river that flows through Bohemia, played by the Kranz Youth Orchestra from Slovenia. Smetana wrote the music when he was completely deaf. The whole piece is lovely and so evocative of a flowing river. If you want to listen to the whole of it just go to YouTube and various versions of it will appear.

Welcome from Sarah Couchman or Tom Peryer

Opening responses

Please say the words in bold (or white on the screen) whenever they appear

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.

Let us recognize his presence with us.

Silence is kept.

As God's people we meet in his name:

let us worship him together.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

From the rising of the sun to its setting

the Lord's name is greatly to be praised.

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord.

O praise the name of the Lord!

OPENING HYMN

2 August - Thou whose almighty word

9 August - The king of love my shepherd is

16 August - In Christ alone

23 August - Lord of all hopefulness

30 August - Sing to God new songs of worship

CONFESSION

The grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all.
Let us come to him, in sorrow for our sins, seeking healing and salvation

We confess to you that too often our lives fall short of the life you have called us to.

Lord have mercy and fill us with the good fruits of your Spirit.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner

We confess to you that too often our life as a church is diminished through our lack of faith, service, generosity and compassion.

Lord have mercy on us and make us a church that shines through with love for you and our neighbour.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us sinners

We confess to you that our nation has turned away from you in so many ways, choosing the values of this world rather than eternal values.

Lord have mercy and bring our nation back to you.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us sinners.

Great God, you are one God, and you bring together what is scattered and mend what is broken.

Unite us with the scattered peoples of the earth that we may be one family of your children. Bind up all our wounds and heal us in spirit, that we may be renewed as disciples of Jesus Christ, our Master and Saviour. **Amen**

LOOKING BACK - A HERO OF THE FAITH

- 2 August - St Alphege of Weston and Canterbury
- 9 August - William Tyndale
- 16 August - John Wesley
- 23 August - William Wilberforce
- 30 August - George Müller

HEARING GOD'S WORD

- 2 August - from Isaiah 58 and Mark 8
- 9 August - from Colossians 2 and Matthew 15
- 16 August - from Romans 12 and John 15
- 23 August - from Ecclesiastes 3 and Mark 1
- 30 August - from Isaiah 43 and Luke 21

TALK

The talks throughout August are by church leaders from around the UK. They have been asked to give one answer to the question 'What next -after Covid?' and to sum it up in one word.

- 2 August - **'Restore'** by Paul Harcourt
- 9 August - **'Kindness'** by Nicola Neal
- 16 August - **'You'** by Anthony Delaney
- 23 August - **'Change'** by Mark & Lindsey Melliush
- 30 August - **'Disrupt'** by Paul Langham

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us affirm our faith in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

**We believe in God the Father,
God almighty, by whose plan
earth and heaven sprang to being,
all created things began.**

**We believe in Christ the Saviour,
Son of God in human frame,
virgin-born, the child of Mary
upon whom the Spirit came.**

**Christ, who on the cross forsaken,
like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
he descended to the dead.**

**We believe in Jesus risen,
heaven's king to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended
till as judge he comes again.**

**We believe in God the Spirit;
in one Church, below, above:
saints of God in one communion,
one in holiness and love.
So by faith, our sins forgiven,
Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,
we shall rise with him in glory
to the life that knows no end.**

PRAYERS

Gracious God,
we give thanks and pray for all Christian people;
for our Bishops Peter and Ruth, for all Christian leaders,
and for those who teach and guard the faith;
for those who serve and lead in All Saints especially Mark our Rector.
May he and Meg be refreshed and renewed as they holiday with
their family.
May the word of Christ dwell richly in all our hearts,
and knit all of us at All Saints together in the bond of your love.
Hear us.

Hear us, good Lord.

We pray for the leaders of the nations, and for those in authority
under them. Give them the gift of your wisdom, and a right
discernment in all things. Especially we pray for our Queen, our
Prime Minister and all those in Parliament and in our local council.
Hear us.

Hear us, good Lord.

We give thanks for and pray for our city of Bath and our community of Weston. May your kingdom grow in this place and help all churches, especially our church to proclaim you in word and deed, as ambassadors and servants so that many will come to know your saving love.

Hear us.

Hear us, good Lord.

We pray for those carrying grief, fear, sickness or any kind of distress

Especially we pray for those known to us in our own church family and those close to us. May you bring comfort and healing to all those in need.

Now we take a few moments to pray in silence or aloud for those on our hearts for whatever reason

Hear us, good Lord and accept these prayers for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

We end our prayers with the prayer our Saviour taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever.**

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

- 2 August - The Lord's my shepherd
- 9 August - Brother let me be your servant
- 16 August - Crown Him with many crowns
- 23 August - For the healing of the nations
- 30 August - Christ is made our sure foundation

CLOSING PRAYERS

We say together:

**Almighty God, we have sung your praise, heard your word and brought our prayers to you, now keep us as we under the shadow of your loving wings and in the community of faith, your church. May we never be ashamed to confess your Son Jesus as our Saviour and Lord. Take us and use us to love and serve in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the source of all goodness and growth, pour his blessing upon all things created, and upon us his children, that we may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all people.

And may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us all, and those we love, today and always. Amen.

MUSIC AND IMAGES AS WE LEAVE

The music as we leave is in the form of a round. The Latin words are: 'Dona nobis pacem' (Grant us your peace) sung by the Sunday 7pm Choir at St. Francis De Sales Church in Ajax, Ontario. The photos of churches were taken by Dave Saunders, a longstanding member of the All Saints Church.