Welcome to Maresfield Church



CONTRIBUTORS:

- Maresfield Conservation Group
- Bonners School
- History Society
- Village Lunch Group
- St.Barts Flower Team

Pimms, Prosecco and Canapes will be served in the Churchyard after Evensong

The Welcome *All stand*

HYMN

Praise my Soul the King of Heaven
To his feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
To his people in distress;
Praise him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;
Praise him still the same as ever,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
You behold him face to face,
Sun and moon, bow down before him,
Dwellers in all in time and space:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace. (Tune Goss)

Invitation to Confession *All Sit or Kneel*

All: Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to Have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. but thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders; spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, restore thou them that are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: and grant, O most merciful Father for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy Holy name. Amen.

The Absolution

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live; and hath given power and commandment to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: he pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Lord's Prayer

ALL **Our Father which 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 them that 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.

The Opening Responses *All Stand*

O Lord, open thou our lips.
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us
O Lord make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

William Smith arrangement

Psalm 91 (*Chant Havergal)*

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
And abides under the shadow of the Almighty,
Shall say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my stronghold,
My God, in whom I put my trust.'
For he shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler
And from the deadly pestilence.
He shall cover you with his wings
And you shall be safe under his feathers;
His faithfulness shall be your shield and buckler.
You shall not be afraid of any terror by night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day;
Of the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
Nor of the sickness that destroys at noonday.
Though a thousand fall at your side
And ten thousand at your right hand,
Yet it shall not come near you.
Your eyes have only to behold
To see the reward of the wicked.
Because you have made the Lord your refuge
And the Most High your stronghold.
There shall no evil happen to you,
Neither shall any plague come near your tent.
For he shall give his angels charge over you,
To keep you in all your ways.
They shall bear you in their hands,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.
You shall tread upon the lion and adder;
The young lion and the serpent you shall trample
Underfoot.
Because they have set their love upon me,
Therefore will I deliver them;
I will lift them up, because they know my name.
They will call upon me and I will answer them;
I am with them in trouble,
I will deliver them and bring them to honour.
With long life will I satisfy them
And show them my salvation.

GLORIA

Old Testament Reading: 2 Samuel 7:18-end

This is the word of the Lord.
ALL Thanks be to God.

All stand as the choir sings

The Magnificat (Brewer in D)

My soul doth magnify the Lord:
And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded:
The lowliness of his handmaiden
For behold, from henceforth:
All generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is
His Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all
generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath
Scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and
Hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with ood things: and the
Rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant
Israel: as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and
His seed, for ever. GLORIA

The New Testament Reading: Philippians 4:4-9 *All Sit*

This is the word of the Lord
ALL Thanks be to God

The Nunc Dimittis
(Brewer in D) *All Stand as the choir sings*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:
According to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all
People;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the
Glory of thy people Israel. GLORIA

The Apostles' Creed *All Stand*

ALL **I believe in God the Father Almighty**
Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:

He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand
Of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come
To judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The Holy Catholic Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit.
Let us pray. *All sit*

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer

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 them that 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.

The Responses

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but
Only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of the Day - Sixth Sunday after Trinity Collect

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
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

Second Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels,
And all just works do proceed: give unto thy servants
That peace which the world cannot give; that both our
Hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and
Also that by thee we being defended from the fear of
Our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness;
Through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All Amen

The Third Collect for Aid against all Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and
By thy great mercy defend us from all perils and
Dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our
Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All Amen

The Anthem *All Sit as the choir sing*

How beauteous are their feet C V Stanford

Short Reflection leading into the Prayers (concluding with The Grace)

ALL **The Grace of Our Lord, Jesus Christ**
And the love of God
And the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit
Be with us all, evermore. Amen.

HYMN

For all the saints who from their labours rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest. *Alleluia*

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou Lord, their Captain, in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness, still their one true light. *Alleluia*

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
Fight, as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win, with them, the victor's crown of gold. *Alleluia*

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. *Alleluia*

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost. *Alleluia*

(Ralph Vaughan Williams)

Organ Voluntary

Maresfield Parish would like to thank:
Coro Nuovo, David Moore, Conductor
Fr. Michael Maine, Organist
Fr.Stephen Terry, Cantor

Final Blessing



Donations towards restoration works at St.Bartholomew's Church, Maresfield will be very much appreciated. Thank you.