

28th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Sunday 13 October 2024



**I AM** the Lord your God  
You shall have no other gods before ME

You shall not take the Name of the Lord God in VAIN

Remember the Sabbath and keep it HOLY

Honor your FATHER AND MOTHER

You shall NOT Kill

You shall NOT commit Adultery

You shall NOT STEAL

You shall NOT bear FALSE WITNESS

You shall NOT covet your neighbor's WIFE

You shall NOT covet your neighbor's goods

Take me home !!

## Rector's Tidings

**T**oday the word of God challenges us: in what do you put your heart? Where is your security? What makes your life valuable and worthwhile? Here comes the advice of God's word and wisdom as early as the Old Testament and here comes Jesus' warning: Do not put your heart in possessions for they will become your masters. Let God be your Lord. Let it be Jesus whom we follow

How happy are we when once in a while the Lord invites us to encounter him on a deeper level beyond the banality of life, be it in prayer, in listening to the word he speaks to us, in our thanksgiving after communion, in admiring the beauty of his creation. When we really encounter him he changes us, for known or unknown to us he invites us to follow him more radically. But we can refuse the invitation. It saddens him, for he loves us. Let us ask the Lord here in the eucharist that we may always follow his call and invitation.

*Fr Hugo*



**Entrance Hymn:**

27 Christ is made the sure foundation

**Collect:**

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 the book of Wisdom

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## Responsorial Psalm

**R./ Fill us with your love so that we may rejoice.**

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. **R/**

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Give us joy to balance our affliction for the years when we knew misfortune. **R/**

Show forth your work to your servants; let your glory shine on their children. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **R/**

## Second Reading:

A reading from the the Hebrews

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Gradual Hymn:**

69 He is Lord

## Gospel Reading

Hear the The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Prayers of Intercession

God our Creator, we give you thanks for the mystery of life and the beauty of the earth. We remember in your presence all who strive to reveal your glory. We pray for churches throughout the world that seek to help in the care and protection of the environment. We ask your blessing on church groups that work in areas of deprivation and with people that are counted as of little importance. We pray for all relief organisations and those working with the world's poor.

Lord, in your love and goodness,  
**hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all who enrich our lives by their talent and care. We ask you to bless all who influence our future by the decisions they make in governments or in multinational companies. We pray for the work of all who are involved in conservation and in Fair Trade. We remember the unemployed and all who are denied human rights. We ask your blessing upon all oppressed and homeless people.

Lord, in your love and goodness,  
**hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for our homes, our talents and all that you have given to us. May we use our resources for the benefit of those in need and for the improvement of the world around us. Bless our homes, that they may reflect your love and be where your peace and your presence are known to abide.

Lord, in your love and goodness,  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord God, giver of life and health, we come in our weakness to your strength, in our troubles to your peace. We ask your blessing upon all who are suffering, all who are ill at home or in hospital. We give thanks for the talent and attention of doctors, nurses and all in the caring professions. We pray especially for all who feel lonely or neglected and all who have no one to care for them.

Lord, in your love and goodness,  
**hear our prayer.**

Holy and merciful God, we rejoice in your saving power and that you give us life that is eternal. We ask your blessing upon all the saints who have revealed your glory by their lives. We remember also all who have enriched us by their goodness and care, and we pray for all our loved ones and friends who are departed from us.

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

# Intercessions

## - For the Church:

For Justin, our archbishop, Christopher and Martin our bishops and for the bishops, priests, deacons and people of the Diocese of The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East

For everyone at Christ Church and St Matthew's

## - For the world:

Russia and Ukraine, the Holy Land, Lebanon

## - For our community:

The Charity Shop and Food Cupboard

Indiebride

The Halls Trust and Co-op business centre

Christ Church Primary School, Van Gogh Primary School and Reay Primary School

For our local services, including the post delivery

## - For the Sick and Bereaved:

Alice, Anastasia, Bangori, Bishop Christopher, Chester, Christina, Fay and family, Gerald, Gill, Gladstone, John, Julie, Kandy & Benji, Karen, Kenneth, Maria, Neville, Pam, Ruby, Robert, Ron and Stephen

## Offertory Hymn

84 I have decided to follow Jesus

## Communion Hymn

10 Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound

## Post Communion Prayer

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn

172 O Jesus, I have promised



# Prayer and Meditation

The man in today's reading raises a profound question when he asks Jesus what he needs to do to inherit eternal life. Jesus questions him to check his sincerity. We learn that he has obeyed all God's commandments since he was young. Jesus then poses the real question: can you give up all of your wealth for me? Jesus knew this man was very rich and his question reveals this fact to everyone. The man is unwilling to obey Jesus' demand for him to give up this wealth. The man turns away sadly from Jesus and his invitation to become one of his followers. Jesus uses this incident to teach his disciples. He tells them how hard it is for rich people to enter the Kingdom of God. The disciples are shocked. From the Old Testament, riches were generally seen as a sign of God's blessing. This threw the Kingdom of God into a whole new light.

## Oratio

Psalm 90:12-17 helps us to keep our focus on God. The psalmist asks openly for God's help and blessing and so can we. However we must ensure we keep our faith and trust in God himself, not the blessings we receive. God is always with us both in the good times and in hard times.

## Meditatio

- Why were the disciples shocked by Jesus' words to the rich man?
- What was Jesus asking of this man?
- What does this reading have to say about the cost of following Jesus?
- Does this passage teach us that living a good moral life is not enough? What is needed for us to receive eternal life?

## Contemplatio

The Wisdom of Solomon 7:7-11 reminds us that God's wisdom is more valuable than earthly riches. Hebrews 4:12-13 underlines the power of God's word to judge our thoughts. How might we apply this to Jesus' teaching about riches?

## Services and events this week

Sunday 20th October: 11am Eucharist & 6pm Spanish Mass

## Regular Giving

We welcome online donations, which you can make via scanning the QR code. Many thanks for your generosity.



## Next Bubble Church

Sunday 3rd November: all families welcome! Book your spot at [bubblechurch.org](http://bubblechurch.org)

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## Bible Verses for this week

After the summer break, Fr Steve is beginning daily 60 minute Bible verses again. You can watch them on our website or on our social media channels: Monday Psalm 113:4 - Tuesday Psalm 119:45 - Wednesday Psalm 1:3 - Thursday Psalm 98:4 - Friday Psalm 145:13

## Come & Sing

The German Choir of London, of which Fr Steve is a member, are coming to Christ Church on **Saturday 16th November** and holding a Come & Sing rehearsal in English from 10am-4pm. All are welcome to take part: if you book before October 16th you get a discounted ticket of £16 (full) or £12 (under 25s, students and over 65s). You can book your place online at [deutscherchorlondon.org.uk](http://deutscherchorlondon.org.uk)

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## Introducing Teen Thursday Club - TTC: Our New Youth Club!

On November 7th, we'll be launching a brand-new club for 15-18 year olds on Thursday evenings from 5pm-7pm, featuring table tennis, table football, refreshments and crafts. Please do spread the word!

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