Sunday 22nd September



Fourth Sunday of Creation-tide 17th Sunday after Trinity

Worship in Truro Cathedral today

8:00am Holy Communion – The Book of Common Prayer, Dean Simon Robinson

10:00am Solemn Eucharist – President Canon Elly Sheard, Preacher Dean Simon Robinson 4:00pm Solemn Evensong – Canon Sue Wallace, Preacher Rev Chris McQuillen-Wright

10:00am Hymns for this morning's service

You made a Universe (please see separate sheet)

Above the moon earth rises (please see separate sheet)

409 Love of the father, love of God the Son

Music at the 10:00AM Choral Eucharist

Introit Salvator Mundi Tallis
Setting Missa Brevis Berkeley
Motet Civitas sancti tui Byrd
Voluntary Voluntary in C Byrd

Music at the 16:00 Choral Evensong

Responses Smith Hymns 251, 358

Canticles *Humfrey* in E minor Psalm 128
Anthem Rejoice in the Lord Alway *Purcell*Voluntary Fantazia of Four Parts *Gibbons*

Collect

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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: Jeremiah 14: 1-22

The word of the Lord that came to Jeremiah concerning the drought: Judah mourns and her gates languish; they lie in gloom on the ground, and the cry of Jerusalem goes up. Her nobles send their servants for water; they come to the cisterns, they find no water, they return with their vessels empty. They are ashamed and dismayed and cover their heads, because the ground is cracked. Because there has been no rain on the land the farmers are dismayed; they cover their heads. Even the doe in the field forsakes her newborn fawn because there is no grass. The wild asses stand on the bare heights, they pant for air like jackals; their eyes fail because there is no herbage. Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O Lord, for your name's sake; our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you. O hope of Israel, its saviour in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveller turning aside for the night? Why should you be like someone

confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O Lord, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us! Thus says the Lord concerning this people: Truly they have loved to wander, they have not restrained their feet; therefore the Lord does not accept them, now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins. The Lord said to me: Do not pray for the welfare of this people. Although they fast, I do not hear their cry, and although they offer burnt offering and grain offering, I do not accept them; but by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence I consume them. Then I said: "Ah, Lord God! Here are the prophets saying to them, 'You shall not see the sword, nor shall you have famine, but I will give you true peace in this place." And the Lord said to me: The prophets are prophesying lies in my name; I did not send them, nor did I command them or speak to them. They are prophesying to you a lying vision, worthless divination, and the deceit of their own minds. Therefore thus says the Lord concerning the prophets who prophesy in my name though I did not send them, and who say, "Sword and famine shall not come on this land": By sword and famine those prophets shall be consumed. And the people to whom they prophesy shall be thrown out into the streets of Jerusalem, victims of famine and sword. There shall be no one to bury them themselves, their wives, their sons, and their daughters. For I will pour out their wickedness upon them. You shall say to them this word: Let my eyes run down with tears night and day, and let them not cease, for the virgin daughter—my people—is struck down with a crushing blow, with a very grievous wound. If I go out into the field, look—those killed by the sword! And if I enter the city, look those sick with famine! For both prophet and priest ply their trade throughout the land, and have no knowledge. Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We look for peace, but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is terror instead. We acknowledge our wickedness, O Lord, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you. Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonour your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us. Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O Lord our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

Psalm 102: 1-12

Response: Let my crying, let my crying come before you, O Lord

O Lord, hear my prayer and let my crying come before you. Hide not your face from me in the day of my distress. Incline your ear to me; when I call, make haste to answer me

Response

For my days are consumed in smoke and my bones burn away as in a furnace.

My heart is smitten down and withered like grass, so that I forget to eat my bread.

Response

From the sound of my groaning my bones cleave fast to my skin. I am become like a vulture in the wilderness, like an owl that haunts the ruins. I keep watch and am become like a sparrow solitary upon the housetop. My enemies revile me all the day long, and those who rage at me have sworn together against me.

Response

I have eaten ashes for bread and mingled my drink with weeping,

Because of your indignation and wrath, for you have taken me up and cast me down. My days fade away like a shadow, and I am withered like grass.

Response

Second reading: Revelation 6: 12-17

When he opened the sixth seal, I looked, and there came a great earthquake; the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood, and the stars of the sky fell to the earth as the fig tree

drops its winter fruit when shaken by a gale. The sky vanished like a scroll rolling itself up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. Then the kings of the earth and the magnates and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, calling to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of the one seated on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

Gospel Reading: Matthew 24: 15-28

"So when you see the desolating sacrilege standing in the holy place, as was spoken of by the prophet Daniel (let the reader understand), then those in Judea must flee to the mountains; the one on the housetop must not go down to take what is in the house; the one in the field must not turn back to get a coat. Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing infants in those days! Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a sabbath. For at that time there will be great suffering, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. And if those days had not been cut short, no one would be saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. Then if anyone says to you, 'Look! Here is the Messiah!' or 'There he is!' —do not believe it. For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and produce great signs and omens, to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. Take note, I have told you beforehand. So, if they say to you, 'Look! He is in the wilderness,' do not go out. If they say, 'Look! He is in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

This week we are praying for: Philip Sharp, Christine Lidgeley, Margaret Adams, Jo, Andrew May, May Kincaid, Fiona Davie, Lisa Hill, Diane N, Tim Russ, Barbara Cowdry, June Parnell, Gillian Wills, Elliott Wills. Lynda Rodgett, Steve Scott, Peter Hulme.

For those who have died; Lee, Ben Thapa and Clifford Radcliffe.

Next Sunday, 29th September 2024

08:00 BCP Holy Communion10:00 Choral Eucharist16:00 Solemn Evensong

News, services and notices for the week beginning: 23.09.24

Monday 23 rd	9.00	Holy Communion (St Mary's Aisle)
	9.30	Morning Prayer (St Samson's Chapel)
	17.30	Evensong
Tuesday 24 th	9:00	Holy Communion (St Mary's Aisle)
	9.30	Morning Prayer (St Samson's Chapel)
	17.30	Evensong
Wednesday 25 th	9:00	Holy Communion (St Mary's Aisle)
Lancelot Andrewes, bishop, 1626	9.30	Morning Prayer (St Samson's Chapel)
Sergei of Radonezh,1392	17.30	Evensong
Thursday 26 th	9:00	Holy Communion (St Mary's Aisle)
Wilson Carlile, 1942	9.30	Morning Prayer (St Samson's Chapel)

	12.10	Christian Meditation	
	17.30	Evensong	
Friday 27 th	09.00	Holy Communion (St Mary's Aisle)	
Vincent de Paul, 1660	09.30	Morning Prayer (St Mary's Aisle)	
	11:00	BCP Holy Communion (St Mary's Aisle)	
	17.30	Evensong	
Saturday 28 th	09.00	Holy Communion (St Mary's Aisle)	
	09.30	Morning Prayer (St Samson's Chapel)	
	16:00	Evening Prayer	

Creation-tide is an important season of the church's year, and we will be keeping this season in Truro Cathedral from Sunday 1st September until Sunday 6th October, Harvest Festival. During this time we will share in reflecting on the goodness of God's Creation, the damage being done to the natural world by the activities of humanity and the call of God on the lives of each of us to care better for the world we live in. As well as being reflected in our liturgy there will be an opportunity to spend time in reflection, prayer and study around the issue of creation care using a special booklet created by Canon Elly for these weeks of Creationtide. Copies of the booklet will be available at all services from 1st September. Do take one to help your prayers and reflections during this time, but please also do not take more than one as we do not have copyright permission to print any more, and we do not have permission to put the booklet online. If you would like to join with others in reflecting on and praying for our responsibility to care for God's world, you are invited to join Canon Elly in the St Plran's room in the Old Cathedral School on Mondays 23rd and 30th September 2.30pm to 4.00pm where we will ponder together the issues raised in the booklet.

Our keeping of Creationtide continues **today** with coffee after the 10am Eucharist when members of the **Cathedral Creation Care Group** will be on hand with leaflets, prayers and (free!) packets of wildflower seeds for you to take home and scatter in your (or someone else's) garden. Do come and talk to us about who we are and what we do in encouraging Truro Cathedral to be a more eco-friendly place. We would love to have you on board if you want to join us. Coffee will be served in the Chapter House this week.

Next Sunday 29th September, we welcome David Hart from Christian Aid as our visiting preacher, reminding us of the global consequences of climate change for some of the world's most vulnerable communities. David will be available to meet over coffee after the service. Later in the day he has kindly agreed to host a group meeting of anyone who is interested to find out more about Christian Aid's work and ask any questions we may have about the impact of the global environmental crisis across the world. We will meet 2.30 - 3.30 pm in the Assembly hall in the OCS. All are welcome.

St Martin-in-the-Fields church in London is hosting a series of Autumn lectures which can be joined in person or via the livestream. The topic is "Inspiration; the influences that have shaped my life" and is hosting a sequence of very distinguished speakers. See https://www.stmartin-in-the-fields.org/congregational-life/lectures/ for more details. It looks very worthwhile, so do join if you can.

An invitation to the next Long Table Lunch

On Sunday 6th October we will celebrate Harvest at the 10:00am Choral Eucharist. Afterwards, we will hold the next Long Table Lunch. For a change we will gather in The Chapter House at 12:00; do bring a packed lunch and join in the fellowship. Please let Sarah McLachlan know if you would like to attend. Thank you.

Please take this sheet away with you