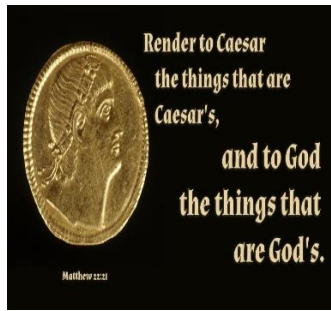




Parish of Christchurch



We welcome you to St George's Church
this Sunday 22nd October 2017,
the 19th Sunday after Trinity.

We welcome our President for today's service,
Rev Canon John Turpin

A COLLECT FOR THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

TODAY'S READINGS:

Old Testament: Isaiah 45; 1-7
New Testament: 1 Thessalonians 1; 1-10
Gospel: Matthew 22; 15-22

TODAY'S HYMNS:

516	Through all the changing scenes of life
24	Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord
81	Christ triumphant, ever reigning
	CHOIR PIECE
287	Just as I am, without one plea
442	Seek ye first the kingdom of God

Last Monday the Church remembered the life and work of Nicholas Ridley, Bishop of London and Hugh Latimer, Bishop of Worcester. Born into a wealthy Northumbrian family in about the year 1500, Nicholas Ridley studied at Cambridge, the Sorbonne and in Louvain. He was chaplain to Thomas Cranmer and master of Pembroke Hall in Cambridge before being made Bishop of Rochester in 1547. He had been clearly drawing closer to the Reformers as early as 1535 and, at the accession of King Edward VI, declared himself a Protestant. He assisted Cranmer in preparing the first *Book of Common Prayer* and was made Bishop of London in 1550. On the death of Edward, he supported the claims of Lady Jane Grey and was thus deprived of his See on the accession of Mary Tudor. He was excommunicated and executed in 1555. Hugh Latimer was a Leicestershire man, also educated at Cambridge but fifteen years older than Nicholas Ridley. Hugh was articulate but homely in his style of preaching, which made him very popular in the university, and he received its commission to preach anywhere in England. He became a close advisor of King Henry VIII after the latter's rift with the papacy and was appointed Bishop of Worcester in 1535. He lost the king's favour in 1540, over his refusal to sign Henry's 'six articles', designed to prevent the spread of Reformation doctrines, and resigned his See. He returned to favour on the accession of Edward VI, but was imprisoned in the Tower of London when Queen Mary ascended the throne in 1553. He refused to recant any of his avowedly reformist views and was burnt at the stake, together with Nicholas Ridley, on 16th October 1555.

THANKS AGAIN TO 'EXCITING HOLINESS' FOR MUCH OF THIS ARTICLE.

In the notices last week, I said that Norma and I has an appointment to meet Charles on 14th November. My apologies but I was wrong; the meeting is on 4th November. Please let either Norma or myself have a note (yes, a written note) of anything you would like us to raise with him.

We have now had two Sundays where laity have led the prayers of intercession (and again today). The clergy have indicated that they would like this to become a regular feature of the service. Do you think the same or are you against it? Again, please let Norma or me know

Many of you will know Aletha Siggins, a long-time member of St George's; I thought you might like to know that Aletha will be celebrating her 100th birthday tomorrow. There is a card at the back of the church for everybody to sign.

I think all of you will know Maureen Head who, sadly, is in hospital at the moment, and it seems that she needs 24-hour care and will be in a Nursing Home very soon. Your prayers for her and for her daughter Sylvia would be very much appreciated.

There is almost £150.00 in the 'Weight Loss' kitty at the moment. If anybody else would like to make any donations before I send cheques off to the charities, please let me know.

St. George's: 90th: update.

Next year sees the 90th anniversary of the opening of the New St. George's church building on its present site.

I Have spoken with Charles about what we might do as St. George's church community to mark the occasion.

The first service in the new building was held in late January of 1928, a dark and chilly time of the year, however, it is suggested that a special Eucharist should be held to commemorate this on a Sunday nearest to the original date but this not to be the only occasion on which we celebrate the ninetieth year.

We have discussed the possibility of a major celebration on April 22nd, the Sunday nearest to St. George's day which is our patronal festival. It would be good if Bishop Jonathan could come and preside and preach on this occasion but we cannot be definite about this for some weeks yet. However, if he is available on April 22nd, the uniformed organizations would not be able to take part because they are involved in their annual Scouts-and-guides St. George's Day service at the Priory.

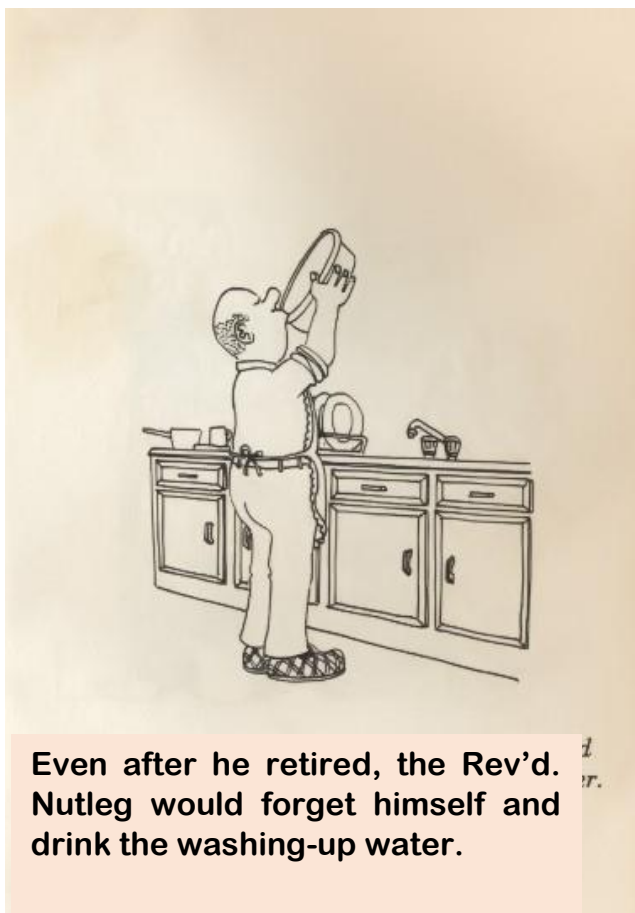
There is an alternative which is June 10th, when he would be able to come in the morning and the uniformed organizations, so long closely associated with St George's, would be available to be invited to participate.

These two dates, April 22nd and June 10th, are with Bishop Jonathan's PA at the moment and she will let Charles know what is possible for him when it becomes clear.

There are lots of other ideas floating around as to what we might do to celebrate, but until we have a definite date it is difficult to make firm plans, however I will keep you informed.

Rev'd. Eric Johnson.

A SUNDAY SMILE



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