Choral Evensong

Second Sunday After Trinity 14th June 2026: 5:30pm

***Introit**: Notre Pere* Maurice Durufle 1902-1986
***Responses**: William Smith* 1603-1645
***Canticles**: Evening Service in C* Stanford 1852-1924
***Anthem**: I Saw the Lord* John Stainer 1840-1901
***Voluntary**: Fugue sur le nom d'Alain Op.7* Maurice Duruflé 1902-1986

Office Hymn

Come down, O love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

DOWN AMPNEY NEH 137
R. Vaughan Williams 1872-1958
Italian, Bianco Da Siena d 1434
Tr R. F. Littledale 1833-90

Psalm: 43

Give sentence with me, O God, and defend my cause against the ungodly people : O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.
For thou art the God of my strength, why hast thou put me from thee : and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?
O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me : and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.
And that I may go unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness : and upon the harp will I give thanks unto thee, O God, my God.
Why art thou so heavy, O my soul :and why art thou so disquieted within me? O put thy trust in God : for I will yet give him thanks, which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 21.1-15

David came to Nob to the priest Ahimelech. Ahimelech came trembling to meet David, and said to him, 'Why are you alone, and no one with you?' David said to the priest Ahimelech, 'The king has charged me with a matter, and said to me, "No one must know anything of the matter about which I send you, and with which I have charged you." I have made an appointment with the young men for such and such a place. Now then, what have you at hand? Give me five loaves of bread, or whatever is here.' The priest answered David, 'I have no ordinary bread at hand, only holy bread—provided that the young men have kept themselves from women.' David answered the priest, 'Indeed, women have been kept from us as always when I go on an expedition; the vessels of the young men are holy even when it is a common journey; how much more today will their vessels be holy?' So the priest gave him the holy bread; for there was no bread there except the bread of the Presence, which is removed from before the Lord to be replaced by hot bread on the day it is taken away.
Now a certain man of the servants of Saul was there that day, detained before the Lord; his name was Doeg the Edomite, the chief of Saul's shepherds.
David said to Ahimelech, 'Is there no spear or sword here with you? I did not bring my sword or my weapons with me, because the king's business required haste.' The priest said, 'The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom you killed in the valley of Elah, is here wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod; if you will take that, take it, for there is none here except that one.' David said, 'There is none like it; give it to me.'
David rose and fled that day from Saul; he went to King Achish of Gath. The servants of Achish said to him, 'Is this not David the king of the land? Did they not sing to one another of him in dances,

“Saul has killed his thousands,
and David his tens of thousands”?’
David took these words to heart and was very much afraid of King Achish of Gath. So he changed his behaviour before them; he pretended to be mad when in their presence. He scratched marks on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle run down his beard. Achish said to his servants, ‘Look, you see the man is mad; why then have you brought him to me? Do I lack madmen, that you have brought this fellow to play the madman in my presence? Shall this fellow come into my house?’

New Testament Reading: Luke 11.14-28
Now he was casting out a demon that was mute; when the demon had gone out, the one who had been mute spoke, and the crowds were amazed. But some of them said, ‘He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons.’ Others, to test him, kept demanding from him a sign from heaven. But he knew what they were thinking and said to them, ‘Every kingdom divided against itself becomes a desert, and house falls on house. If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? —for you say that I cast out the demons by Beelzebul. Now if I cast out the demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your exorcists cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out the demons, then the kingdom of God has come to you. When a strong man, fully armed, guards his castle, his property is safe. But when one stronger than he attacks him and overpowers him, he takes away his armour in which he trusted and divides his plunder. Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.
‘When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it wanders through waterless regions looking for a resting-place, but not finding any, it says, “I will return to my house from which I came.” When it comes, it finds it swept and put in order. Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and live there; and the last state of that person is worse than the first.’
While he was saying this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, ‘Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts that nursed you!’ But he said, ‘Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!’

Collect
O Lord, who never failest to help and govern them whom thou dost bring up in thy stedfast fear and love; Keep us, we beseech thee, under the protection of thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Office Hymn

Bread of heaven, on thee we feed,
for thy flesh is meat indeed;
Ever may our souls be fed
with this true and living Bread,
day by day with strength supplied
through the life of him who died.

Vine of heaven, thy blood supplies
this blest cup of sacrifice.
'Tis thy wounds our healing give;
to thy cross we look and live.
Thou our life! O let us be
rooted, grafted, built on thee.

BREAD OF HEAVEN NEH 276(ii)
Archbishop William Maclagan 1826-1910
Josiah Conder 1789-1855

Offertory Hymn

At even, when the sun was set,
the sick, O Lord, around thee lay;
O in what divers pains they met!
O with what joy they went away!

Once more 'tis eventide, and we
oppressed with various ills draw near;
what if thy form we cannot see?
we know and feel that thou art here.

O Saviour Christ, our woes dispel;
for some are sick, and some are sad,

and some have never loved thee well,
and some have lost the love they had;

And some have found the world is vain,
yet from the world they break not free;
and some have friends who give them pain,
yet have not sought a friend in thee;

And none, O Lord, have perfect rest,
for none are wholly free from sin;
and they who fain would serve thee best
are conscious most of wrong within.

O Saviour Christ, thou too art man;
thou hast been troubled, tempted, tried;
thy kind but searching glance can scan
the very wounds that shame would hide.

Thy touch has still its ancient power;
no word from thee can fruitless fall:
Hear, in this solemn evening hour,
and in thy mercy heal us all.

ANGELUS NEH 243
Henry Twells 1823-1900
Adapted from a melody contributed by
G. Joseph to Heilige Seelenlust Breslau 1657

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Vicar's Spire-Climb

We have now raised nearly £4000 from over 80 individual donations. Thank you to all who have given and all who came out to support me on the day! Any final donations can be given by scanning this QR code.

Upcoming Free Lunchtime Recital

At 1:00pm on **Thursday 18th June**, join us for a recital with Lucie Tenet and Anna Harris are an established Bristol-based duo, performing music using piano, voice and clarinet. Music by Augusta Holmés, Gabriel Fauré and Margot Wright will be included in their recital.

Summer Pilgrimage

The Summer Pilgrimage 'beating the bounds' was postponed due to wet weather on 6th June, and will now be taking place on **Saturday 12th July from 12-4pm.** Come ready to explore on foot the far corners of the parish of Redcliffe.

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Viewing the Hogarth Altarpiece

The next viewing of William Hogarth's Altarpiece, painted for St Mary Redcliffe in 1755/56, takes place at St Nicholas Church between 2pm and 3pm on **Thursday 18th June**. There is no need to book - just drop in!

Board Game Club

The next session of Board Game Club is **Sunday 5th July**, with a further session scheduled for Sunday 2nd August, taking place in the Undercroft 12:15pm-3:00pm. No prior knowledge needed, join in with games or bring your own! The club will also have a Bring & Share lunch.

Confirmation

We are pleased to let you know that Bishop Neil, the acting bishop of Bristol, will be coming to SMR to do a confirmation service on **Tuesday 21st July** at 7.30pm. It is not too late to join the group of those preparing to be confirmed. The next meetings of the group will take place on Sunday 7th and 14th June after the 10.30 service, from 12 noon to 1pm. Please speak to one of the clergy if you would like to join. Being confirmed is a very special way of being blessed by the Holy Spirit. You are warmly invited to join the group.

Upcoming events

There are lots of exciting events coming up at St Mary Redcliffe, including poet laureate Simon Armitage on **3rd October** and 80s pop superstar Nick Heyward on **30th November**! Keep an eye on our events page!
stmaryredcliffe.co.uk/events

Section Leaders Opportunity

St Mary Redcliffe is now seeking to appoint professional singers as Section Leaders (SATB) to lead its voluntary (robed) choir. The commitment is to sing at Sunday services on 38 Sundays of the year. The choir sing 2 morning services (choral mattins and eucharist) and are required from 9:00 until 11:45. For Evensong the commitment is from 16:30 until 18:45. There is also a Friday choir rehearsal each week from 19:00 until 20:30, a total commitment of 6.5 hours per week. The Section Leaders will replace the Choral Scholarship programme from September, redoubling our commitment to invest in music, and in developing young singers, while ensuring that the choir is supported throughout the year to enhance our worship and extend our repertoire, working alongside the volunteer choir and choristers.
Applications close on 19th June. **stmaryredcliffe.co.uk/vacancies**

In our prayers

Joan & Lewis, John, Marley, Lucy, Sarah, Chris, Geoffrey & Nicole, George, Dennis, Frank

In remembrance on their anniversary of death

Alexander Walters, Cliff Elson, Molly West, Roystan Willan

The Week Ahead at St Mary Redcliffe

Monday 15th June	9:00am Morning Prayer
Tuesday 16th June	9:00am Morning Prayer 6:15pm Christian Meditation
Wednesday 17th June	9:00am Morning Prayer 11:00am Holy Communion
Thursday 18th June	9:00am Morning Prayer
Friday 19th June	
Saturday 20th June	
Sunday 21st June	3rd Sunday after Trinity 9:30am Choral Mattins 10:30am Sung Eucharist – Preacher: the Vicar 5:30pm Choral Evensong – Preacher: Canon Stephen

Contact Details

Pastoral

If you have any pastoral concerns or needs, please contact the ***Pastoral Team*** *pastoral@stmaryredcliffe.co.uk or* ***The Revd Dr Brutus Green*** *brutus.green@stmaryredcliffe.co.uk*

Safeguarding

St Mary Redcliffe is committed to promoting a safer church environment within our parishes and communities for everyone, including those who are survivors of abuse. Any concerns of for more information please contact our Parish Safeguarding Officer ***Esther Keller*** *at safeguarding.officer@stmaryredcliffe.co.uk or on 07811723427*

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