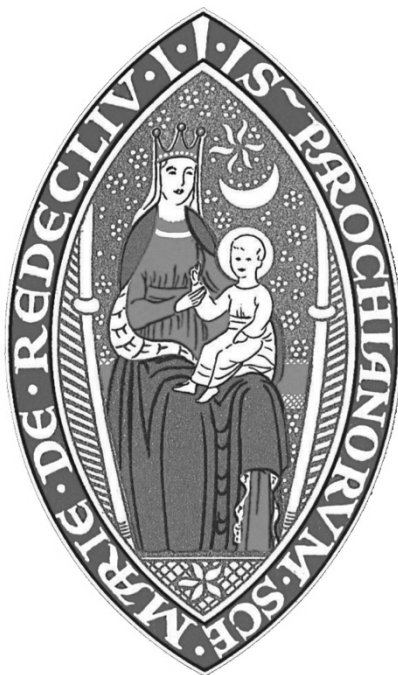




Parish Eucharist

for Bible Sunday

25th October 2026

10:30am

Welcome to St Mary Redcliffe

Singing the song of faith and justice

Welcome to our Parish Eucharist, the centre-point of our community and life together, especially if you are joining us for the first time. We are an inclusive church and celebrate our diversity, welcoming and affirming all who wish to share in the Love of God. If you have children please speak to the duty warden about children's church.

You are welcome here today.

Any instructions given in worship are only invitations. Please adopt the position you find most helpful or comfortable. Join in with the service as you feel able, speaking where words are in bold. If you prefer to let the liturgy wash over you then that's fine too! Please also be aware that this service is livestreamed. If you would prefer not to appear in the livestream please speak to a welcomer who will assist you to find an appropriate seat.

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*Welcome to St Mary Redcliffe. Please
take a moment before our service begins
to prepare to meet God.*

*Today's officiant is the Revd Dr Brutus
Green. The mass setting is St Anne's
Mass - James MacMillan (b. 1959).*

*The service is introduced with an
invitation to pray:*

Sentence

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
to which indeed you were called in the
one body.

Please stand as you are able for the hymn.

**Thy hand, O God, has guided
thy flock from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page.
Our fathers owned thy goodness
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness,
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**Thy heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest, as to least.
They bade men rise and hasten
to share the great King's feast;
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word
to all alike proclaiming
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**Through many a day of darkness,
through many a scene of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely
to guard the nation's life.
Their gospel of redemption,**

**Sin pardoned, man restored,
was all in this enfolded,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict
and cast away our crown?
Not so: in God's deep counsels
some better thing is stored;
we will maintain, unflinching,
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**Thy mercy will not fail us,
nor leave thy work undone.
With thy right hand to help us,
the victory shall be won;
and then, by men and angels,
thy name shall be adored
and this shall be their anthem,
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

*THORNBURY NEH 485
Basil Harwood 1859-1949
Edward Plumtre 1821-91*

The Lord be with you.
All And also with you.

Please be seated for the words of welcome.

Children's Church Welcome

*We hear what the children are doing
today, ending in a prayer:*

**All Jesus teach us all we pray
to follow you along the way,
be our guide in all we do,
help us all learn more from you.
Amen.**

The children head to the Undercroft.

Let us pray:

All **Almighty God, to whom
all hearts are open,
all desires known and from
whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration
of your Holy Spirit
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify
your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

Deacon The Word of God is living and active. It judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart. All is open and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we give account. We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

All **Almighty God,
our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed:
through negligence,
through weakness, through
our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus
Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve
you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you
from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you
in all goodness
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All **Amen.**

Please stand to sing the Gloria.

Glory be to God on high,
**and in earth peace,
good will towards men.**
**We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee
for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son,
Jesus Christ:
O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the
world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away
the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand
of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art Holy,
Thou only art the Lord,
Thou only O Christ with
the Holy Ghost art the most high
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

John Merbecke 1510-1585

The Collect for Bible Sunday

Let us pray:

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Nehemiah 8:1-6, 8-12

A reading from the book of the prophet Nehemiah.

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all

the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose; so they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.' So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, 'Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.' And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

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

Please stand.

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 ‘Come unto me and rest;
 lay down, thou weary one,
 lay down
 thy head upon my breast.’
 I came to Jesus as I was,
 weary and worn and sad;
 I found in him a resting place
 and he has made me glad.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 ‘Behold, I freely give
 the living water, thirsty one;
 stoop down and drink and live.’
 I came to Jesus and I drank
 of that life-giving stream;
 my thirst was quenched,
 my soul revived and now I live in him.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 ‘I am this dark world’s light;
 look unto me, thy morn shall rise
 and all thy day be bright.’
 I looked to Jesus and I found
 in him my star, my sun;
 and in that light of life I’ll walk
 till travelling days are done.**

*KINGSFOLD NEH 376
 Horatius Bonar 1808-89
 Adpt from an English Folk song RVW*

Please be seated.

Colossians 3:12-17

A reading from the letter to the
 Colossians

As God’s chosen ones, holy and
 beloved, clothe yourselves with
 compassion, kindness, humility,

meekness, and patience. Bear
 with one another and, if anyone
 has a complaint against another,
 forgive each other; just as the
 Lord has forgiven you, so you
 also must forgive. Above all,
 clothe yourselves with love,
 which binds everything together
 in perfect harmony. And let the
 peace of Christ rule in your
 hearts, to which indeed you were
 called in the one body. And be
 thankful. Let the word of
 Christ dwell in you richly; teach
 and admonish one another in all
 wisdom; and with gratitude in
 your hearts sing psalms, hymns,
 and spiritual songs to God. And
 whatever you do, in word or
 deed, do everything in the name
 of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks
 to God the Father through him.

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

The Gospel Procession

Please stand.



Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: ‘Heaven and earth will pass
 away but my words will never pass
 away.’

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Matthew 24:30-35

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ according to
Matthew.

The congregation sings:



Jesus said, 'The sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

The congregation sings:



The Sermon

Please be seated.

Helena Hoyle King, ordinand

The Creed

Please stand as you are able.

Deacon Let us stand and declare our faith
in God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified;

**who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Deacon Let us pray for the whole church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Please be seated.
The response is:*

All Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The intercessions conclude:

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

The Peace

The congregation stands.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

The peace of the Lord
be always with you.
All **And also with you.**

Subdeacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace. The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it. The offering is taken up. If you are a UK taxpayer, please complete the gift-aid envelope. Alternatively follow the QR code to make a secure donation online:



Offertory Hymn

**God has spoken by his prophets,
spoken his unchanging Word;
each from age to age proclaiming
God the one, the righteous Lord!
In the world's despair and turmoil
one firm anchor holds us fast,
God eternal reigns for ever,
God the first and God the last.**

**God has spoken by Christ Jesus,
Christ the everlasting Son,
brightness of the Father's glory,
with the Father, ever one:
spoken by the Word incarnate,
life, before all time began,
light of light, to earth descending,
God, revealed as Son of Man.**

**God is speaking by his Spirit
speaking to our hearts again;
in the ageless word declaring
God's own message, now as then.
Through the rise and fall of nations
one sure faith is holding fast:
God abides, his Word unchanging,
God the first and God the last.**

CALON LAN

John Hughes 1872-1914

George Wallace Briggs 1875-1959

The gifts are blessed:

Lord Jesus, you nourish us at the
table of your word and the table
of your sacrament; as we feed on
you, the bread of life, may we
daily grow into your likeness.

All All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.

The Eucharistic Prayer



Please kneel or be seated.

It is indeed right and good, our
duty and our joy, always and
everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal
God, through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

For he is your eternal and creative
Word, through whom all things
came into being; the Word made
flesh who dwelt among us, full of
grace and truth. He fulfils the Law
and the Prophets, dying for our
sins and rising again in
accordance with the Scriptures.
He stands among us in his risen
power, opening to us his living
word, and making himself known
in the breaking of the bread.

Therefore with angels and
archangels, and with all the
company of heaven, we proclaim
your great and glorious name, for
ever praising you and singing:

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.*

*Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the Highest.*

Lord, you are holy indeed, the
source of all holiness. Grant
that, by the power of your Holy
Spirit and according to your
holy will, these gifts of bread
and wine may be to us the body
and blood of our Lord Jesus
Christ

who, in the same night that he
was betrayed, took bread and
gave you thanks. He broke it
and gave it to his disciples,
saying: Take, eat. This is my
body which is given for you. Do
this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks. He gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Subdeacon

**All Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world, rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup so that we, in the company of the blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus

Christ our Lord; by whom and with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our saviour taught us:

**All 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 those
who 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 Fraction

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are
one body, because we all
share in one bread.**

The Agnus Dei

Sung by the cantor.

*Lamb of God, that takest away the sins
of the world: have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, that takest away the sins
of the world: have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, that takest away the sins
of the world: grant us thy peace.*

The Invitation to Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the
world. Blessed are those who
are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to
receive you, but only say the
word, and I shall be healed.**

*The people receive communion.
All those baptised are invited to
receive bread and wine. If you would
prefer to receive a blessing please
bring this order of service with you.
Please ask if you would like a gluten
free wafer. Please follow the
direction of stewards.*

Motet

*O salutaris Hostia
Jean Baptiste Faure (1830-1914)*

*O salutaris Hostia,
Quae caeli pandis ostium:
Bella premunt hostilia,
Da robur, fer auxilium. Amen.*

*O saving Victim,
Who expandest the door of heaven,
Hostile armies press,
Give strength; bear aid. Amen.*

Prayers after Communion

God of all grace, your Son
Jesus Christ fed the hungry with
the bread of his life and the
word of his kingdom: renew
your people with your heavenly
grace, and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and
living bread; who is alive and
reigns, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

All **Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of
your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our
souls and bodies to be
a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of
your Spirit to live and work to
your praise and glory.
Amen.**

The notices are given.

Children's Church present their work.

Please stand for our closing hymn.

**Thou whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray
let there be light.**

**Thou who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind
let there be light.**

**Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight;
move o'er the waters' face,
bearing the lamp of grace
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.**

**Blessèd and holy Three,
glorious Trinity,
wisdom, love, might,
boundless as ocean's tide,
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth far and wide
let there be light.**

*MOSCOW NEH 466
F. de Giardini, 1716-1796
words: J. Marriott, 1780-1825*

The Blessing

Let us pray for God's blessing.

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Go now in peace, knowing that
you have been born again, not of
perishable seed, but of
imperishable, through the living
and enduring word of God; and
the blessing of God almighty, the
Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit, be among you and remain
with you always.

All **Amen.**

The Dismissal and Voluntary

Go in peace to love and serve
the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Carillon de Longpont Op.31
Louis Vierne 1870-1937*

*Please join us for refreshments at the
back of church.*