



St Paul's
**United
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Order of Service

Sunday 25 September 2022



Please use 'T' on your hearing aid if you need to use the Hearing Loop.

Today's service is being led by: **John Ponsford**
The Organ is played by: **John Hankin**

It is a joy to welcome you to this service!

If you do not attend a church elsewhere, we invite you to join regularly with us in our Sunday worship and other activities – see www.stpaulsurc.org.uk

Feel free to spend time before worship for quiet preparation, especially once the music begins. We light a candle at the start of the service to remind us all of Christ's message of peace.

The Reformed Church recognises God's Word as its supreme authority and **you are asked to stand as the Bible is brought in** at the start of worship, **and again as the Bible is taken out after the blessing.**

We pray that you will know God's presence as we worship – in church, at home, online, outdoors, at work, school; in all places.

Welcome & Notices

Lighting the Peace Candle

Call to Worship

Hymn 94: Give to our God immortal praise

Prayer of Praise and Confession

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Talk: Keeping faith

Hymn: 549 One more step along the world I go

Junior Church blessing (Junior Church comes out to the front)

Leader: Whether we are together or apart we are one in God's spirit

Junior Church: The Lord bless us and keep us

All: The Lord make his face to shine upon us and be gracious to us. The Lord lift up his countenance upon us and give us peace.

(Junior Church leaves for its own activities)

Readings: Jeremiah 32: vv 1-3a, 6-15
Luke 16: 19-31

Jeremiah Buys a Field

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchanezzar. 2 At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, 3 where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Zedekiah had said, "Why do you prophesy and say: Thus says the Lord: I am going to give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it;

6 Jeremiah said, “The word of the Lord came to me: 7 Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, ‘Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.’ ” 8 Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, “Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.” Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.

9 And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel and weighed out the silver to him, seventeen shekels of silver. 10 I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the silver on scales. 11 Then I took the sealed deed of purchase containing the terms and conditions and the open copy, 12 and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin[a] Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. 13 In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, 14 “Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. 15 For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.”

The Rich Man and Lazarus

¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham.^[a] The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.^[b] ²⁴ He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ ³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

Hymn 636: The church of Christ in every age

Sermon – Getting on with it

Hymn 579: Lord, thy church on earth is seeking

Prayers of intercession

Offering and prayer of dedication

Hymn 574: Go forth and tell

Blessing

We extend a very warm welcome to you!

Prayer Time Fridays at 6-6.30pm 'Zoom' ID: 845 5391 2820.

Also open to pray for peace – Tuesdays 12-1pm, Thursdays 5-6pm

Tuesday Guild – Craft n natter – 10.15 small hall, all welcome

Table Top Sale next Saturday 9.30-noon *Do come along and support the stalls, and help us show off our lovely church to visitors*

Barn Dance next Saturday 7pm – Tickets £12 - available from Chris or Sue – proceeds to the church community garden. Includes ploughman's supper and soft drinks, plus cash bar for beer and wine.

Next Week – Harvest service with the Minister. *Please bring gifts of tinned or packet foods and toiletries for the Purley Food Hub.*

Next week – Harvest Lunch – *Bring and share – please let Sue know ahead what you'd like to bring. Open to our neighbours too so please bring friends etc (and let Sue know numbers in advance!)*

Beetle Drive – Now on 12th November 7-9pm – only £3.

Tickets from Cathy Heath or Sue, if you have already got tickets from the postponed event please put this new date in the diary.

Next Sunday – *Communion worship at 10.30 led by the Minister.*

The communion offering is in aid of the Link to Hope shoebox appeal

For future events and activities please see our website

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