

# MAYFIELD SALISBURY PARISH CHURCH

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Live Streamed Service Every Sunday

Sunday 4 July 2021

## NHS SUNDAY



**I'm proud about the National Health Service....  
It is a piece of real Christianity too, you know.**

*Aneurin Bevan, 1897-1960*

**The best way to find yourself is to lose  
yourself in the service of others**

*Mahatma Gandhi, 1869-1948*

**Led by Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth the Chamber Group  
and the congregation in church and online**



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# AS A DIVERSE PEOPLE, THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP ALMIGHTY GOD



## Organ Voluntaries

Bunessan arr. Alan Bullard (b. 1947)

Give Thanks arr. James Biery (b. 1956)

## Welcome & Church News

## The Grace

## Preparatory Silence for Worship

## Call to Worship - Inspired by Eliza Buchakjian-Tweedy

Leader What does God require of us?

**All To do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with our God.**

Leader What does God command of us?

**All To love God with all our heart, and all our soul,  
and all our mind, and all our strength,  
and to love our neighbour as ourselves.**

Leader What does God ask of us?

**All To be present, to care and to love,  
with all the gifts that God has given us**

Leader Let us worship the God who will ask much of us,  
but who believes in us, and lives with us.

**All Let us worship the God who will be beside us  
on every step of the road.**

## Hymn 717 O Christ the Healer, We Have Come

O Christ, the healer, we have come  
to pray for health, to plead for friends.  
How can we fail to be restored,  
when reached by love that never ends?

From every ailment flesh endures  
our bodies clamour to be freed;  
yet in our hearts we would confess  
that wholeness is our deepest need.

How strong, O Lord, are our desires,  
how weak our knowledge of ourselves!  
Release in us those healing truths  
unconscious pride resists or shelves.

In conflicts that destroy our health  
we diagnose the world's disease;  
our common life declares our ills:  
is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

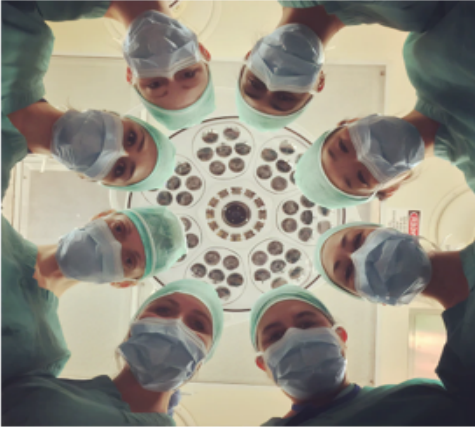
Grant that we all, made one in faith,  
in your community may find  
the wholeness that, enriching us,  
shall reach the whole of humankind.

## Prayer of Approach, 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

## Reflection

**Dr Rosamunde Burns, Consultant Anaesthetist, Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh; Honorary Senior Lecturer, University of Edinburgh**



**Reading**

**John 9:1 - 12**

**Read by Pamela Molyneaux**

### **A Man Born Blind Receives Sight**

9 As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3 Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. 4 We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

6 When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, 7 saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

8 The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" 9 Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." 10 But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" 11 He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." 12 They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

**Anthem**

**O God My Heart Is Ready**

Words: Psalm 108: 1 - 2

Music: John Wood

O God, my heart is ready, my heart is ready; I will sing,  
and give praise with the best member that I have.  
Awake, lute and harp; I myself will awake right early.

**Reading**

**Matthew 12:9 - 14**

**Read by Pamela Molyneaux**

### **The Man with a Withered Hand**

<sup>9</sup> Jesus left that place and entered their synagogue; <sup>10</sup> a man was there with a withered hand, and the Pharisees asked him, "Is it lawful to cure on the sabbath?" so that they might accuse him. <sup>11</sup> He said to them, "Suppose one of you has only one sheep and it falls into a pit on the sabbath; will you not lay hold of it and lift it out? <sup>12</sup> How much more valuable is a human being than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the sabbath." <sup>13</sup> Then he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and it was restored, as sound as the other. <sup>14</sup> But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him.

### **Video Reflection**

**Barbara Mole, Community Staff Nurse**

**Reading**

**Matthew 25:31 - 40**

**Read by Pamela Molyneaux**

31 [Jesus said] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

### **Reflection**

**Dr Hilary Watkinson, Retired General Practitioner**

## Applause for all NHS Staff, Past and Present

### Hymn 718 We Cannot Measure How You Heal

We cannot measure how you heal  
or answer every sufferer's prayer,  
yet we believe your grace responds  
where faith and doubt unite to care.  
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,  
survive to hold and heal and warn,  
to carry all through death to life  
and cradle children yet unborn.

The pain that will not go away,  
the guilt that clings from things long past,  
the fear of what the future holds,  
are present as if meant to last.  
But present too is love which tends  
the hurt we never hoped to find,  
the private agonies inside,  
the memories that haunt the mind.

So some have come who need your help  
and some have come to make amends,  
as hands which shaped and saved the world  
are present in the touch of friends.  
Lord, let your Spirit meet us here  
to mend the body, mind and soul,  
to disentangle peace from pain,  
and make your broken people whole.

**Sermon - Suffering and Healing**  
**Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth**

**Prayer for Others**

## Hymn 462 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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| 1 The King of love my Shepherd is,<br>Whose goodness faileth never;<br>I nothing lack if I am His,<br>And He is mine forever.                 | 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill<br>With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;<br>Thy rod and staff my comfort still,<br>Thy Cross before to guide me. |
| 2 Where streams of living water flow<br>My ransomed soul He leadeth,<br>And, where the verdant pastures grow,<br>With food celestial feedeth. | 5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;<br>Thy unction grace bestoweth;<br>And oh, what transport of delight<br>From Thy pure chalice floweth!     |
| 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,<br>But yet in love He sought me,<br>And on His shoulder gently laid,<br>And home rejoicing brought me.  | 6 And so through all the length of days<br>Thy goodness faileth never;<br>Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise<br>Within Thy house forever.      |

### Closing Responses - From St Patrick's Breastplate

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| Leader     | Christ be with me, Christ within me,           |
| <b>All</b> | <b>Christ behind me, Christ before me,</b>     |
| Leader     | Christ beside me, Christ to win me,            |
| <b>All</b> | <b>Christ to comfort and restore me.</b>       |
| Leader     | Christ beneath me, Christ above me,            |
| <b>All</b> | <b>Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,</b>      |
| Leader     | Christ in hearts of all that love me,          |
| <b>All</b> | <b>Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.</b> |

### Benediction

### Organ Voluntary

Now Thank We All Our God J. S. Bach, arr. Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

**THIS MORNING'S CHOIR MUSIC** John Wood is a contemporary composer of church music. The anthem is a Psalm setting written in the 1960s, Each verse is sung by an unaccompanied soprano solo before being repeated by the whole group. The second verse has a fanfare like quality to suit the text

## Thoughts from some of our retired NHS Staff at Mayfield Salisbury

**Douglas Blackwood (Consultant Psychiatrist)** - *'Mental Health forms a large part of the work of the NHS and services have changed and improved dramatically since the NHS started. As mental illnesses become better understood and new treatments discovered and trialled, the NHS has proved to be a unique and remarkably supportive environment for conducting clinical research while ensuring that all new treatments and services become available to everyone.'*

**Professor Heather Cubie – (Molecular Virologist and former Research and Development Director of NHS Lothian)** - *"My specialism was in molecular virology, so pertinent these days and my particular interest was Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) associated with cervical cancer. I was one of the first Clinical Scientists to be considered a consultant by taking PG medical exams; I fought for years with eventual success for an HPV Reference Laboratory in Scotland to follow the epidemiology and impact of HPV vaccine from when it was introduced to schoolgirls in 2008. Scotland's delivery of vaccine and data from surveillance has had a huge impact on global understanding of this cancer-associated virus. I was also R&D Director for NHS Lothian working towards breaking down silos between disciplines and between NHS and academia. In retirement, my work has centred on cervical screening and treatment in Malawi with Scottish Government funding and an extremely successful programme run by our colleague Malawians.*

*I am very proud to have been a part of the best social policy the UK has ever had. I used to say that my day job was too intense and not always enjoyable from day by day, but I loved it year by year! Working in the NHS not only gave me an amazing career but over 40 years of security. The ability then to use my NHS gained skills in Malawi has proved both humbling and so rewarding. I am very fortunate."*

**Alastair MacGilchrist (Consultant Gastroenterologist)** - *'How to sum up the best job in the world in one sentence? I spent my whole career working in a team where everyone wanted the same thing - to help people, and those people know that, and greatly appreciate it. What more could I want?'*

**Jenny McCallum (Midwife)** - *'I trained at the London Hospital starting in 1954 in Whitechapel - lots of war damage round about. We had a uniform designed by Norman Hartnell and the Sisters had caps with goffered lace and tails for special occasions !! At Christmas time we sang carols round the wards carrying lanterns with our capes turned inside to show the red linings.'*

**Colin McKenzie (GP)** - *'It was a great privilege to be able to help people during times of stress and distress. Another thought is the great debt we owed (not always fully acknowledged) to those non- medical members of staff who were very much an important part of the team.'*

**Professor Gillian Mead (NHS Lothian and University of Edinburgh, and President Elect of the British Association of Stroke Physicians)** - *“When Sandy asked me to share my thoughts about my experience of working in the NHS, my immediate reaction was one of pride. I’ve been a hospital doctor in the NHS for more than 30 years, and I’ve worked all over the UK and also in New Zealand. I’ve also been a medical researcher with University of Edinburgh for 21 years; and in 2012 I was honoured to receive a Personal Chair in Stroke and Elderly Care Medicine. My clinical work focuses on caring for older people and those who have had strokes. My research aims to improve quality of life for people who have a stroke-this includes what are sometimes described as ‘minor’ strokes-which can nevertheless turn peoples’ lives upside down, or major life threatening strokes that cause devastating disability.*

*As the NHS reaches its 75th anniversary this is a good opportunity to reflect on the crucial importance of clinical research in underpinning advances in medical care. Since I started working in stroke and elderly care medicine, there has been a revolution in treatments for stroke. Clinical research needs patients to consent to receive experimental treatments to find out whether they are better than existing treatments. As a result of clinical research, we now have drugs and medical devices to remove clots from the arteries in the brain, better ways to provide coordinated care on stroke units, operations to open up partially blocked arteries in the neck, and drugs to help prevent stroke recurring. My own research has shown that physical activity and fitness training after stroke reduces disability and improves quality of life. All of the advances in stroke care have been made because of clinical research supported by, and performed, in the NHS.*

*The power of clinical research has been demonstrated so clearly by the rapid development of vaccines and treatments for Covid 19. Not a day goes by without us hearing about how vaccine roll out will enable life to get back to some degree of normality. Clinical research is enabling us to understand more about how Covid 19 spreads, why some people are at higher risk of developing severe illness, and the longer term effects of Covid 19. So, today I am reflecting on the power of clinical research to improve medical care. As well as paying tribute to the NHS for its support of research, I would especially like to thank all patients who have signed up to research so that people in the future can benefit from new treatments.”*

**Jo Scott (Ward Sister)** - *‘I enjoyed a very happy and satisfying career in ward nursing, made many friends, had a lot of fun whilst working hard. As a ‘ward sister,’ (the term used now is charge nurse) I took pleasure in working with student nurses and seeing them develop into skilled practitioners. Working closely with a nursing team and other health professionals, exchanging information and ideas was always stimulating.’*

**Anne Sharp (Staff Nurse)** - *‘My work over 50 years with the NHS was a privilege to be part of. I learnt so much about the dignity of human beings, both patients and other staff, even in the worst of times.’*

## NEWS AND INTIMATIONS

- PLEASE NOTE** Due to current restrictions, Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth is regrettably unable to meet after the service today. Please feel free to be in contact by telephone **0131 667 1286** or by email at **[AForsyth@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:AForsyth@churchofscotland.org.uk)**.
- FORTHCOMING SERVICES** Starting this week and continuing throughout July and August, the service will begin at 10:15am. In July there will be no Sunday School provision. For further information, please contact the church office (**[churchmanager@googlemail.com](mailto:churchmanager@googlemail.com)** / **0780 801 1234**) or check the website: **[www.mayfieldsalisbury.org](http://www.mayfieldsalisbury.org)**
- MIDWEEK PEACE AND PRAYERS** Peace and Prayers takes place this Tuesday from 10.00am.

- WOULD YOU LIKE TO WELCOME STUDENTS NEW TO EDINBURGH?** Mayfield Salisbury Church has many links with the University of Edinburgh, and these have been strengthened by the arrival of the Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth as our minister, with his on-going links to the School of Divinity at New College.

Postgraduate Students arriving in Edinburgh to study at the School of Divinity from overseas often have few if any contacts with locals in general and with places of worship specifically.

Obviously the Covid pandemic has had a major impact on overseas student numbers, and we do not yet know how many might be involved. It would be helpful to gauge interest and support from members of the congregation who might like to support this initiative. If you would like to (1) be involved in the welcome event and/or (2) potentially become a 'welcome host', please contact Alastair MacGilchrist (**[a.macgilchrist@gmail.com](mailto:a.macgilchrist@gmail.com)**, **07931 730 805** or in person), preferably by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July. This is simply be a 'note of interest' rather than a definite commitment at this stage.

- SUPPORT MAYFIELD SALISBURY CHURCH** Regular and one-off **donations**, now possible through: **[www.give.net/20311853](http://www.give.net/20311853)**

6. **CHRISTIAN AID** Last week, we received from Christian Aid the shocking news that **over 30 million people in 20 countries are teetering on the brink of famine**. This is a global hunger emergency. The Covid-19 pandemic, violent conflict and the climate crisis have all increased global hunger. Now, people in countries including South Sudan, Afghanistan and Burkina Faso are facing the very real threat of starvation. **If we act now, we can save lives**. Donations can be made via the **Christian Aid website** at [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk) or by telephone on **020 7523 2269**.
7. **KILOMBERO RICE** available again £3 per 1kg bag white or brown. Every bag bought helps Malawian smallholder farmers pay for secondary education for their children. Contact Jean **0131 477 6648** or [jebleitch@gmail.com](mailto:jebleitch@gmail.com)
8. **PASTORAL CARE** Would you now like to be allocated a visitor or someone to phone you regularly? Are you going into hospital or know of someone who is ill? Contact Kay: [kay@backedge.co.uk](mailto:kay@backedge.co.uk) / **0790 362 6307**.
9. **ANNUAL LEAVE** The Church Manager, William Mearns is on annual leave from 4 to 17 July inclusive.
10. **YOUTH**

**Youth Activities** Youth Activities will be taking a break for the month of July during the school holidays, and Hillary will be in touch soon with plans for August and the coming school term!

**Youth Surveys 2021** An electronic version of the annual Youth Survey is now available to fill-out online; alternatively, there will be a basket for collection after worship on Sundays 4th and 11th July. Please be in touch with Hillary if you require a copy of the survey.

### **Books for the Journey**

Steve Aisthorpe, *Re-Wilding the Church* (2020)

Bruce Stanley, *Forest Church* (2020)

Walter Brueggemann, *Virus as a Summons to Faith* (2020)

## **Forthcoming Deadlines**

*Order of service for next week:* Thursday at 6.00pm.

*Next Grapevine:* Friday 27 August at 6.00pm.

Please send submissions to the Church Manager, William Mearns.

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