

## 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Year A

### COLLECT

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### FIRST READING

 Isaiah 45:1.4-6

**T**hus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, numbers are that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me.

I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

### SECOND READING

 Thessalonians 1:1-5

**F**rom Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we

brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

**GOSPEL** 22:15-21  
A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

**T**he Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said.

And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say,

'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?'

But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied.

He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

## CONFIRMATION New date

The Bishop is coming to St Alphage on  
**Saturday 14 November at 12 noon**

for Mass and Confirmation.

If you wish to be confirmed and/or  
baptised please fill in a form from the  
back of church and return it to the vicar

## Life at St Alphage



The Lady Chapel after repairs and painting

## Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Mass at 8am Sundays

and at 11am. If you are coming  
to the 11 please ring Lynn  
**07507 235 445**

since numbers are limited by law.

Face covering also necessary.

There is also a broadcast service  
with hymns on **whatsapp** –  
details from Lynn.

## THANKS

to all who have worked hard to tidy  
up after the recent work on the  
chapel and sacristy.

## R.I.P.

Denis Felton died on 15<sup>th</sup> October after a  
long illness. He was for many years a  
member of the choir, together with  
Janice his wife. May he rest in peace.

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible, hid from our  
eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the  
Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name  
we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as  
light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou  
rulest in might;  
Thy justice, like mountains, high  
soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of  
goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great  
and small;  
In all life Thou livest, the true life of  
all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on  
the tree,  
And wither and perish—but naught  
changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of  
light,  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling  
their sight;  
All praise we would render; oh, help  
us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth  
Thee.

## ANNIVERSARIES

18	Roland Mills, Bertram Warne
20	Gladys Leila Randall Richard Fuller
22	John Arthur Chisholme, Annie McPherson
23	Gwawr Myfanwy Koning
24	Grace Weatherhead

