

Tyndale Benefice



Wotton-under-Edge with Ozleworth
North Nibley, Alderley (including Tresham)

Sunday, 2nd August 2020
Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Collect:

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and
ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

or

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Principal Readings:

1st Reading: *Isaiah 55: 1-5*

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not
bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

2nd Reading: *Romans 9: 1-5*

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

Gospel: *Matthew 14: 13-21*

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, ‘This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.’ Jesus said to them, ‘They need not go away; you give them something to eat.’ They replied, ‘We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.’ And he said, ‘Bring them here to me.’ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Reflection from Revd Morag

TRUST. In the past four months we have needed to take a lot of advice/regulations on trust. “Stay home, protect the NHS.” Wash your hands; keep a physical distance; wear a face covering - to mention just a few. Only time will tell for how much longer people around the world will need to trust such advice and act upon it. In the reading from Romans, Paul expresses great sorrow that the people of Israel, regardless of all the good that God had lavished on them, still did not recognise and trust the Messiah sent by God. To see some of those good gifts from God, look at Isaiah 55 and the invitation that everyone who thirsts should come to the waters. Hear God’s promise to make an everlasting covenant with his people. There is so much in the Scriptures that were very well known to the Jews in Jesus’ time.

Putting trust in God is not something that just happens. It comes about as we experience the grace and mercy of God (look up today’s Psalm 145: 8-9, 15-22) The psalms, read daily, have been a great source of comfort to many during these months; and undoubtedly have been drawing people into a closer and deeper relationship with God, whom we can trust for all our needs.

An example of that can be found in the story of the feeding of the five thousand. All those men, plus the women and children, who had followed Jesus on foot from the towns around the lake, were tired and hungry by the end of the day. Jesus had compassion on them, and ministered to their needs with five loaves and two fish. It's worth recalling that all who were there that evening received enough and there was plenty left over.

I wonder how many followed Jesus that day because one of their neighbours invited them to go with them. Do we trust Jesus enough to invite our families and friends to come with us when we go to meet with him? One part of the Gloucester Diocese 'Life' Vision which could have been written for this time is to 'share our stories in new and different ways, including through digital media.' I look forward to hearing your stories of how you are telling the good news of Jesus during a time when we see so few people face to face.

For your prayers:

For those who have died and their families:

Doreen Milling who died on 24th July.

Margaret Parish who died on 21st July.

Anthony Shepherd from Alderley, whose funeral was on 30th July at St. Kenelm's.

Joy Green whose funeral was on 31st July at St. Mary's.

Following her daughter Caroline's funeral on Monday, Lynda Durrant would like to thank everyone for their prayers and kind thoughts for her family.

A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus

Lord Jesus Christ,

you taught us to love our neighbour,
and to care for those in need
as if we were caring for you.

In this time of anxiety, give us strength
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,
and to assure the isolated
of our love, and your love,
for your name's sake.

Amen.

Daily Prayer continues to be said at 9.00 every morning in individual homes.

We pray for:

- The World and its needs
- The Church and her life
- Those who are ill in body, mind or spirit
- Ourselves

If you wish to join us, you will find a choice of three services on the website - Midweek Prayer (from the Church of England), Morning Prayer, and Reflective Service. <http://wottonparishchurch.org.uk/resources-for-prayers-services-at-home/>

Year of Mind – where we remember those that have died during this week in previous years.

Wotton

1st: Mary Georgina Shellard (2010)

2nd: Sidney Pearce (2005)

4th: James Edward Ansell
Hamilton Turner (2005)
Edward Mills (2008)

Doris Mary Heavens (2009)

Leslie Heavens (2010)

5th: Hugh Blake (2005)

Tony George Walker (2006)

Pamela Jean Adamson (2011)

8th: Stephen Robert (Bob) Davies (2011)

Nibley

3rd: Hollie Joanne Gage (2010)

5th: Charlotte Hollie Gage (2010)

6th: Edith Annie Banyard (1974)

8th: Harrison Rolfe Candy (1971)

In August we remember in our prayers the congregation of the Synwell Chapel.

In 'normal' times, the pew sheet has a list of people who are ill. These people are included in prayer at Sunday services, & at Morning Prayer every day. To continue this prayer - please email the Parish Office or leave a message on the Parish mobile if you would like prayer for yourself or a family member. There is a group of people who will pray.

Spiritual Crisis? Prayer Ministry?

Has this time of isolation raised concerns or fears of a spiritual nature & you want to talk about them? Would you like prayer ministry, such as has been offered after Eucharist & at Healing and Wholeness Services? There is a small group of people who are trained & who are able to listen to you and offer help. Please ring the Parish mobile on 07483 146531, with your name and phone number, to request a phone call. This offer is for those who live in the Parishes of Wotton under Edge, North Nibley, Alderley and Tresham.

*******Notices*******

St. Mary's – wishes to thank everyone who has contributed to the School's bibles. You are still able to do so, should you wish to.

Audrey Sewell – Revd Peter will be interring Audrey's ashes at Nibley Cemetery on Thurs 6th August at 2pm. All welcome (please ensure social distancing is adhered to.)

Latest Reopening Update

St. Mary's - In line with current C of E regulations St. Mary's will be open for private prayer each **Wednesday**, between **10 and 5pm**. The church will not be supervised during these times. We strongly advise you to wear a face mask, as per the Gloucester Diocese guidelines.

St. Martin's - We are sad that the church building will remain closed until further notice. **We are unable to provide the requirements to be able to reopen, even for private prayer.** The churchyard, however, is open and provides a place for quiet reflection and prayer – with benches. Please do make use of it.

St. Kenelm's & The Chapel of Ease, Tresham - In line with the current Church of England guidance on reopening churches, Alderley and Tresham PCC has agreed that **Tresham** will be open on **Mondays** from **10am to 5pm** and **St. Kenelm's** on **Fridays** from **10am to 5pm**. The churches will not be supervised during these times.

There will not be a service in either church during August.

St. Martin's - Revd Peter Marsh, from his woodwork shed – Each week during church closure, a recorded 'St Martin's Morning Service' or 'Ramblings', produced by the congregation & David Moss, is available on the church website www.northnibleychurch.uk
This week: 8th Sunday after Trinity, Lesley Hewish will be taking the service whilst Peter has a break.

Know someone without online access or prefers not to use the internet? Daily Hope Phone Lines – The Church of England have a FREE OF CHARGE phone line available 24 hours a day offering comforting hymns, reflections and prayers. **Ring 0800 804 8044**

Diocese of Gloucester Podcasts – an ongoing fortnightly audio series finding out about different projects, organisations and inspirational stories. The tenth podcast is from Bishop Robert & Archdeacon Hilary. They are discussing rest. You can play the podcast by going to:
<https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/2020/podcast-episode-10-leadership-rest/> On here are also sermons for the upcoming Sunday, and a short video for children and families based on the upcoming Gospel reading – all worth a look and listen!

Prayer and digital resources available – if you would like any sent to you email wotvicsec@btconnect.com or visit the website wottonparishchurch.org.uk

Services from the BBC

- Daily service on Radio 4 at 9.45am LW or DAB
- Live on Sunday is streamed at 8.10am each Sunday.
- Songs of Praise is aired on BBC1 on Sunday at 1.15pm
- Choral Evensong on Radio 3 on Wednesdays at 3.30pm and Sundays at 3pm

A prayer for the Vacancy **Lord God,**

Thank you for the appointment of the Reverend Rachel Cook as our Vicar (designate). We pray for her and her family as she brings her ministry as Chaplain at RAF Waddington to a close and prepares to move to this Benefice.

We pray for the peoples in the parishes of the Tyndale Benefice as we prepare for Rachel's arrival. Help us to grow in love and care for all as we face changes in society and work patterns due to COVID19.

We continue to pray for our clergy, reader and church wardens in their work for the parishes in these unusual times. Show us all how to grow in faith and in our relationship with you through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. We ask this prayer in Jesus' name.

Amen

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Revd Morag Langley – 01453 845 147

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