

SUNDAY 17 AUGUST, TRINITY 9

8.30am BCP Holy Communion
10am Holy Communion

We welcome The Revd Sarah Atkins, Dean of Chapel at Magdalene College, who is leading our services today.

COLLECT

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

READINGS (*in pew bibles*)

NT Hebrew 11. 29 - 12.2 (p. 242)
NT Luke 12. 49-56 (p. 80-81)

**NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY 24 AUGUST,
BARTHOLOMEW/TRINITY 10**

8.30am BCP Holy Communion
10am Holy Communion

We welcome The Revd Anna Jones, Chaplain of Queens' College, who will be leading our services.

CONTACTS

The church is now in Vacancy, please refer any queries to the Churchwardens and, during office hours, to Emma.

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CHURCH OFFICE – OPENING TIMES

9am-1pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
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NOTICES

"In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father"

COULD YOU LEAD INTERCESSIONS ON SUNDAYS?

FIND OUT MORE ON SUNDAY 7 SEPTEMBER AT 11.30AM

In the intercessions we the congregation use our voices to offer the whole world to God in prayer. It is enriching for us and our prayers to have different people doing this. Those who do it find it is a wonderful way to draw close to God and to serve others. Some people write their own and others lead with pre-prepared words. Ask yourself: might I be called to minister in this way?

Join Sarah Atkins and Stephen Reynolds to find out more, without committing, at an information session to see how simple and enlivening it might be to get involved on an occasional basis. All welcome of any age.

'GET INVOLVED!

Three subgroups have been organised to address three initiatives that the church is keen to support:

1. Churchyard: we need a dedicated group willing to help in enhancing accessibility, promoting wildlife conservation, ensuring safety, and cultivating a welcoming and peaceful environment for all.

2. Eco Church helps churches care for God's creation through worship, buildings, land, lifestyle, and community action, with award recognition. We have already made a start, so come and join us and see what we can achieve in our journey with Eco Church.

3. Accessibility: A dedicated group is needed to assess, plan, and initiate changes that ensure our church is truly accessible, welcoming, and inclusive for everyone.

Please contact Stephen Reynolds if you want to get involved: stephen@reynoldsfamily.co.uk

Please Note: There will be an Accessibility Meeting on Thursday 28 August 7pm-8pm in the Bakehouse.

If you are at all interested come along! All welcome.

BOOK GROUP

The Book Group is reading ***Crooked Cross*** by Sally Carson to discuss at the next meeting on Thursday 11 September. The book 'describes, through the eyes of one ordinary family, the Nazis' growth in power between December 1932 and August 1933. It is extraordinarily prescient, anticipating all the horrors they were about to inflict on the world, and in this respect, it joins a small group of novels, ...written to try to alert the world to what was happening.' All welcome - no invitation needed! For more information, please email bookgroup@trumpington.church

RIDE + STRIDE – SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

This event is the single largest source of income for many Historic Churches Trusts enabling them to make Grants to places of Christian worship. We have a poster and sponsorship forms in church if you would like to take part. More info: <https://camhct.uk/ride-and-stride>
We also hope to offer refreshments to visitors, from 10am-4pm; please tell Sheila if you could help out for an hour or two and/or make a cake. Half the proceeds come to our church.

BIBLE STUDY

Please contact one of the Churchwardens if you would like to join a group (Tuesday evening online or Wednesday evening in person) and they will put you in touch with the group leader. Please note that both groups are taking a break during August.

GIVING

If you would like to make a donation in support of the life and ministry of our church, you can:

- Leave a cash donation in the plate provided
- Make a contactless donation using the GoodBox
- Use a yellow envelope. If you pay tax we can claim the Gift Aid, but only if you fill out your details.
- Please speak to Edmund about making a regular electronic gift and the best way to do this.

Everything helps – thank you!

If you want to put a note in the pewsheets, please contact Emma in the office, no later than 9am Wednesday if the note is intended for the forthcoming Sunday. Thank you.

Heather Smith
reflects on Psalm 82

The psalmist pleads for God to give justice to and rescue those who are weak, orphaned and needy – words which could be written today. Weak and needy people are scattered across the world, in our own country and all around the earth. Journalists bring us their stories and their photographs appear on our screens, showing us the misery that is inflicted on those who are powerless.

It's tempting to close our minds to all this suffering. What can we do? How can we choose which cause to support and how to work for justice? But while it seems too big for our small minds, nothing is too big for God. "For all the nations belong to you!" says the psalmist. Surely God is concerned for the fate of each and every person on earth.

St Teresa of Avila understood the frustration and helplessness we feel when faced with such enormous need. "Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you," she said. "Christ has no body now on earth but yours; no hands but yours; no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ must look out on the world. Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which He is to bless His people."

We have a responsibility to do something. And whatever we do demonstrates God's love. The difference we make, no matter how small, is God's work. 🌊



No feet
but yours

God of Love, teach us to work unceasingly for justice and to show your compassion to all, especially to those who suffer at the hands of the powerful. Amen.

Finding God on the smallholding

by Jeni Parsons

It's harvest time on this smallholding, though harvesting goes on in other ways throughout the year, as things become ready to gather for eating. Tomatoes and courgettes threaten to overwhelm us unless we give lots away, so we do exactly that. The blueberries, loganberries and blackberries are shared with blackbirds, initially a bit unwillingly, then when everything is about to inundate us I'm glad to share again.

This month begins with Lammas. As a Christian festival it's when the first grain to be harvested is traditionally made into a loaf for Eucharist. In deeper history it harks back to pre-Christian times which we can share with our neighbours who walk a different path of faith.

Thankfulness is part of all faiths and of the lives of all people of goodwill. So in this time of sharing I thank God and Mother Nature for what is given to be shared out. 🌊

Make the most of the summer *Creating community*

by Heather Smith

Summer is a time not only for holidays, but also for carnivals, festivals and fetes. Given how much effort and hard work they take to organise, you might be wondering why this topic is included in a series about holidays, which should be all about rest and relaxation. The complete change of focus from everyday activities might confirm the notion that "a change is as good as a rest".

But more than that, these summer celebrations, with the need to work together, go a long way towards improving our sense of community. We are social beings. So often we find ourselves fulfilling different roles and building different kinds of relationships in the various groups with whom we interact. It helps us to find out more about ourselves and to fulfil our true potential. But we should not forget to include those who are lonely or generally excluded. It can be hard to see everyone enjoying the benefits of community if you aren't included. 🌊

“ I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you.”

Philippians 1:3-4