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Pew Sheet

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The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

It's wonderful to have you with us this morning, as we gather to worship together in this beautiful parish church. Don't hesitate to speak to our sidesperson if there is anything you need, and please do come and join us in the Choir House for refreshments after the service.

A loop system is installed in Church. If you wear a hearing aid, please tune it to 'T'. If you need gluten free communion wafers, please make yourself known to the vicar, a churchwarden or any church officials.

Today's Team

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Organist
Duty Warden
Server
Sidesperson
Intercessions
Refreshments

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T h o u g h t s & P r a y e r s

Kindly remember in your prayers the school and their families,
and the wider school community.

Prayers have also been asked for **June, Bill, Joyce, Erica, Christine, Sarah, Deb, Mollie, Jean, Barbara, Andrew P, Hannah, Lyn, Andrew, Karen, Sylvia Goodliffe, and Ester Young.**

Collect

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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.

Amen.

Readings

Wisdom 12.13,16–19

Neither is there any god besides you, whose care is for all people,
to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly;

[...]

for your strength is the source of righteousness,
and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all.
For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness
of your power,
and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it.
Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness,
and with great forbearance you govern us;
for you have power to act whenever you choose.

Through such works you have taught your people
that the righteous must be kind,
and you have filled your children with good hope,
because you give repentance for sins.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 86.11–end

11 Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth;
knit my heart to you, that I may fear your name.

**12 I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
and glorify your name for evermore;**

13 For great is your steadfast love towards me,
for you have delivered my soul from the depths of the grave.

**14 O God, the proud rise up against me
and a ruthless horde seek after my life;
they have not set you before their eyes.**

15 But you, Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and full of kindness and truth.

**16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me;
give your strength to your servant
and save the child of your handmaid.**

17 Show me a token of your favour,
that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed;
because you, O Lord, have helped and comforted me.

Romans 8.12–25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption.

When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 13.24–30, 36–43

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus put before them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, “Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?” He answered, “An enemy has done this.” The slaves said to him, “Then do you want us to go and gather them?” But he replied, “No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’

[...]

Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.’ He answered, ‘The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

Let anyone with ears listen!

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

What's On @ St Edward's

Monday 20 July	Morning Prayer 8:30am Community Café 10am
Tuesday 21 July	Morning Prayer 8:30am
Wednesday 22 July	Morning Prayer 8:30am Bell Ringing Practice 7:15pm
Thursday 23 July	//
Friday 24 July	Morning Prayer 8:30am Holy Communion 5pm
Saturday 25 July	//
Sunday 26 July	Joint Eucharist (at All Saints) 10am (!)

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 2 August	Joint Eucharist 10am (!)
Sunday 9 August	Parish Eucharist 11am
Sunday 16 August	Team Service 10.30am (at Beresford Memorial School)
Sunday 23 August	Parish Eucharist 11am
Sunday 30 August	Joint Eucharist (at All Saints) 10am (!)

Notices

Sustainable Flower-Arranging Workshop – Friday 28 August

A workshop on sustainable flower arranging will be held at St Edward's, Cheddleton, on Friday 28 August from 10am–1pm. Led by Pam Moseley of Quirky Flowers, the session will explore practical techniques for creating beautiful church flower arrangements using seasonal, locally sourced materials and alternatives to floral foam.

The cost is £20 per person, including flowers, materials and a light lunch.

To book or find out more, please contact Nicky Martin at stedwardscheddleton@gmail.com or 07873 778135.

Leek Show – this Saturday 25 July

We'll be at the **Leek Show** with our Churches Together stall, and we'd love your help! If you can spare an hour or two during the day to welcome visitors, chat with people, or lend a hand on the stall, please speak to **Pam or Agnes**. If you're unable to volunteer, we'd still love to see you. Please do come along to the show, visit our stall, say hello, and help support our church's presence in the community.

Summer (and Autumn) Socials: Save the Date(s)

Open Vicarage: Saturday, 15 August, 4–7pm

Hymns & Pimms: Friday, 28 August, 6pm

Harvest Festival: Sunday, 13 September, 3pm

St Edward's Day – Trip to Lichfield Cathedral: Tuesday, 13 October

Please put these dates in your diary now – more info coming soon.

Saints in the Summer

Don't forget to buy your tickets for the Saints in the Summer music festival at All Saints this weekend, including performances with one of the UK's leading ABBA tribute bands and Denise Leigh, a choir workshop and concert, and a fun-filled concert for all the family with the Band of the West Midlands Fire Service (followed by refreshments and games!)

Tickets are available online: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/allsaintsleek>