



ST EDWARD'S
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Pew Sheet

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The Sixth 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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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

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
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

Isaiah 55.10–13

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 65.8–end

8 You visit the earth and water it;
you make it very plenteous.

**9 The river of God is full of water;
you prepare grain for your people,
for so you provide for the earth.**

10 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase.

**11 You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.**

12 May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness
and the hills be girded with joy.

**13 May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep
and the valleys stand so thick with corn
that they shall laugh and sing.**

Romans 8.1–11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 13.1–9, 18–23

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

[...]

'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

What's On @ St Edward's

Monday 13 July	Morning Prayer 8:30am Community Café 10am
Tuesday 14 July	Morning Prayer 8:30am
Wednesday 15 July	Morning Prayer 8:30am Bell Ringing Practice 7:15pm
Thursday 16 July	
Friday 17 July	NO Morning Prayer NO Holy Communion
Saturday 18 July	
Sunday 19 July	Parish Eucharist 9:15am

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 26 July	Joint Eucharist (at All Saints) 10am (!)
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

Notices

A Walk through Creation & Sundae Sunday - It's the last day today!

It's the final day today of the joint prayer initiative, a walk through Creation. St Edward's will be open all day as usual. There are a number of displays, inviting visitors to explore to beauty and fragility of God's world. Visitors will be given a "pilgrim passport", directing them to the six other churches participating in the event (including St Andrew's).

We will also be celebrating God's creativeness **this afternoon at 2pm** by making (assembling!) ice-creams together. Do come along: it's sure to be fun!

The "Walk through Creation" event concludes on this afternoon with a service at St Philip (Werrington) at 4pm.

All welcome.

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.

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.