

THE GAUZEBROOK GROUP OF CHURCHES GAZETTE 20TH SEPTEMBER 2020 TRINITY 15



Alderton Church



*Easton Grey
Church*



Foxley Church



*Hullavington
Church*



Luckington Church



*Sherston
Church*



Norton Church



*Stanton St.
Quintin
Church*

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,

which cannot be moved, but stands fast forever. Psalm 125: 1

Welcome

Welcome to our services today.

Sadly, we are still not allowed to sing as a congregation in our restrained Sunday services. But we can sing or recite to ourselves our favourite hymn or psalm. Over the years the Psalms have been central in the thoughts of many people from all parts of society and all over the world. The psalm for today, number 105, and especially verses 1 – 7, recite again the acts of God for his people and reminds them how unfailing they are. Commentator, Derek Kinder, says 'Like a jewel turned this way and that, the worship of God displays on some of its many facets its concern to tell everyone what God has done and said, and what He is; and to show thanks for past mercies by coming back for more.' These verses set for today are as follows. Try using them as your song and in your experience.



'Praise the Lord and pray in his name!
Tell everyone what he has done.
Sing praises to the Lord! Tell about his miracles.
Celebrate and worship his holy name with all your heart.

Trust the Lord and his mighty power.
Remember his miracles and all his wonders
And his fair decisions.
You belong to the family of Abraham, his servant:
You are his chosen ones, the descendants of Jacob.'

The Lord is our God,
Bringing justice everywhere on earth.
(Psalm 105 vs 1-7)

John Metters (Licensed Lay Minister)

A prayer in our current situation

Lord Jesus, who calls us
to seek that we might find;
eagerly I seek you now,
my soul thirsts for you;
for your deliverance,
for your healing,
for your living water;
O Lord, hear my prayer,
and let my cry come unto you.
Amen

First Reading – Philippians 1: 21-end

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.



²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— ³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 20: 1-16

²⁰For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; ⁴and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went.



⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" ⁷They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." ¹³But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

The Collect for Sunday 20th September

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers

Bible Readings for the Week

Here are the bible readings for this week.

Day	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3	Reading 4
Monday	Proverbs 3: 13-18	Psalm 119: 65-72	Mathew 9: 9-13	2 Corinthians 4: 1-6
Tuesday	Proverbs 21: 1-6, 10-13	Psalm 119: 1-8	Luke 8: 19-21	
Wednesday	Proverbs 30: 5-9	Psalm 119: 105-112	Luke 9: 1-6	
Thursday	Ecclesiastes 1: 2-11	Psalm 90: 1-6	Luke 9: 7-9	
Friday	Ecclesiastes 3: 1-11	Psalm 114: 1-4	Luke 9: 18-22	
Saturday	Ecclesiastes 11: 9-12:8	Psalm 90: 1-2, 12-end	Luke 9: 43b-45	

Church Services

Because we do not want to be in a position where we are having to turn people away from a service in their own village, we are asking that you go to the service(s) in your village. However, it may be there is room for extra people and you can contact the relevant churchwarden, on the understanding that you may have a message to step down if people from the host village want to come.

The services in the coming weeks are:

Sunday 20 th September	9.30am	Stanton St Quintin	A Service of Holy Communion
	9.30am	Alderton	A service of Praise & Thanksgiving
Sunday 27 th September	11am	Hullavington	A Service of Holy Communion
	6pm	Luckington	Evening Prayer
Sunday 4 th October	9.30am	Alderton	Family Communion
	11am	Hullavington	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Sherston	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Stanton St Quintin	Morning Praise

Churches Open for Private Prayer!

Our churches that are able to open for Private Prayer at this time are:

Alderton	Please contact the churchwardens to be able to arrange access	
Hullavington	Wednesday afternoons	3pm – 4pm
Luckington	Fridays	4.45pm – 5.45pm
Sherston	Saturdays	11am – 3pm
Stanton St Quintin	Wednesdays	10am – 3pm

Clearly it is up to each individual to assess the risk for themselves and to only attend if they want to and feel comfortable in doing so.

Little Lights

Each Friday during term time we welcome all pre-school children (0-5 years) and their parents / carers. Join us at 10am in Hullavington Church for a short story, music time and activity, ending with play time, squash and biscuits/coffee and cake. For more info contact Becky Fisher 07974030212 otherwise just come – no charge.



Prayer List

Please pray for those who are unwell; Joyce Gleed, Peter Watts and Elspeth Schwenk.



If you, or someone you know would like to go on the list then please contact Alison, our administrator.

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Please don't hesitate to get in touch in the event of a pastoral emergency. However, we would be grateful if you could avoid contacting us about other matters on our days off.