

**THE GAUZEBROOK GROUP OF
CHURCHES
GAZETTE
30TH AUGUST 2020
TRINITY 12**



Alderton Church



*Easton Grey
Church*



Foxley Church



*Hullavington
Church*



Luckington Church



*Sherston
Church*



Norton Church



*Stanton St.
Quintin
Church*

**Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
Isaiah 43:1**

Welcome

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire *or* deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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.

How do you pray? Let's be honest – it's not always easy, especially when we know that our Heavenly Father is 'always more ready to hear than we are to pray'. Archbishop Michael Ramsey once remarked that when he set aside time to pray for say an hour, it took about him about 55 minutes to prepare – and only 5' actually *praying!* So clearly, preparation is important, as is our posture and breathing. But above all, it is our *listening to God which helps us to pray.*



St Augustine said "We shall rest and we shall see, we shall see and we shall love, we shall love and we shall praise, in the end which is no end". We begin by *resting*, learning to be still. Then we shall begin to *see* in a new way: seeing ourselves as God perceives us, as part of His creation. That leads naturally to us *loving God and our neighbour*. In the end, we shall *praise God*, because we begin to acknowledge what is the height and depth, the fullest extent of His love and abundant mercy; our natural response is Thankfulness and Adoration.

Let Him come in search of you. Praying today's collect may be a helpful way to prepare to meet Him.

Rev Alastair Davies

A prayer in our current situation

O Lord, whenever life's storms
cause us to look down in fear,
lift our heads to look up to you,
lift our hearts to rejoice in you,
the One who has redeemed us,
owns us, and calls us by name;
to your praise and glory. Amen.

First Reading – Romans 12: 9-end

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good;
¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.
¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.



¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' ²⁰ No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 16: 21-end

²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'



²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

The Collect for Sunday 30th August

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us :
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Other Ways to Worship

'Daily Hope' is the free phone line that you can call there are various options including the Church of England's weekly service (this is the one available online). There are a total of 6 different options on this phone line.



Watch the BBC for a Sunday 'Songs of Praise'. Radio 4's Sunday Worship is at 8.10am. Bristol Cathedral have many services taking place throughout the week, you can find the details by going to their website <https://bristol-cathedral.co.uk/>

DailyHOPE – Holiday at home

Here is a little something new that is being offered on DailyHOPE, the Church's freephone line, of the 'Holiday at Home'.



Since its launch at the beginning of May the DailyHOPE line has received more than 215,000 calls. That accounts for over 2.5 million minutes of listening to prayers, hymns and reflections. The Diocese have been so glad it has had such a reach and impact.

In addition to the normal offering of hymns, the daily office, reflections and prayers over this summer month there is a new offering of **Holiday at Home**. This offers an opportunity for those who rarely leave their houses a chance to be 'transported' on a holiday – with prayers of thanks for times past, a poem recollecting holidays and even a soundscape to evoke those memories of past holidays. Here is a link to a taster of Holiday at Home- [Holiday at Home Taster](#)

Bible Readings for the Week

Here are the bible readings for this week.

Day	Reading 1	Reading 2	Reading 3
Monday	1 Corinthians 2: 1-5	Psalm 33: 12-21	Luke 4: 16-30
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 2: 10b – end	Psalm 145: 10-17	Luke 4: 31-37
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 3: 1-9	Psalm 62	Luke 4: 38-end
Thursday	1 Corinthians 3: 18-end	Psalm 24: 1-6	Luke 5: 1-11
Friday	1 Corinthians 4: 1-5	Psalm 37: 3-8	Luke 5: 33-end
Saturday	1 Corinthians 4: 6-15	Psalm 145: 18-end	Luke 6: 1-5

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.

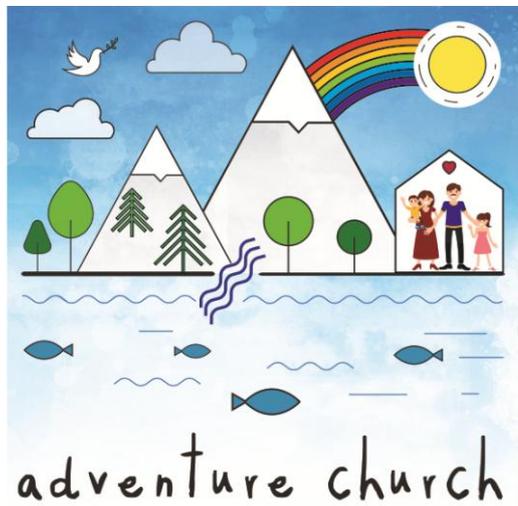
The services in the coming weeks are:

Sunday 30 th August	9.30am	Sherston	A service of Holy Communion
	3pm	Stanton St Quintin	Adventure Church
	6pm	Hullavington	Evensong
Sunday 6 th September	9.30am	Foxley	Open Air Service (weather permitting)
	11am	Hullavington	A service of Holy Communion
Sunday 13 th September	9.30am	Sherston	A service of Holy Communion
	6pm	Hullavington	Evening Prayer

Please continue to pray for the Ministry Team and all those involved in the practical measures to make public worship possible.

Please note the above services taking place in August across the group. This is the up to date list and differs slightly from what is in the Parish Life magazine, please note that Evensong is on Sunday 30th August.

Please remember that the government has said that face coverings should be worn in church.



Don't miss Adventure Church
Sunday 30th August

3pm

Stanton St Quintin Church
Bring a picnic blanket and a picnic
All are welcome

Come and join us for
Evensong
With live music and a small choir
Sunday 30th August, 6pm
Hullavington Church



Under current Government guidelines we are allowed to have an organist and small choir. Unfortunately members of the congregation are still not able to sing. However, we think it will be lovely to have live music and a small choir to aid us in our worship. We hope to see you on Sunday. Don't forget your face covering!

As places are limited due to social distancing rulings, please book your place with Catherine by emailing derekcatherine@hotmail.com

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	Thursday mornings	10:30am-12:30

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

Do you have a child who is Pre-School age or know someone who does? Yes, then why not invite them to join Becky at Little Lights!



Little Lights takes place each Friday morning during term time, hopefully in Hullavington Church at 10am. There is a bible story and craft activity.

Little Lights is starting back on Friday 11th September. For more information please contact Becky.

Back to School!

For many of the children and teachers in our villages, Tuesday 1st September will mark the return to school. Whilst this will be an exciting time for many, there will probably be added anxiety this year for children, parents and school staff as they return to school under Covid 19 restrictions. We also remember those moving on to college and university.



Please pray for all those involved, for safety, peace of mind, excitement and that they might know God's hand upon them.



Luckington



Sherston C of E



Prayer List

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



We remember in our prayers Nebros Rostram (mother) and Nadar Rostram (son) who were both seriously injured in the Lebanon explosion and their home has been destroyed.

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.