

The Parish Church of St. John the Evangelist, Wingates



St. Bartholomew's are planning a very family friendly music and arts afternoon at **St Bartholomew's church** on **Saturday 20th August** from 2:00pm. There will be some of Revd Carol's art with related organ music [it's a bit like Pictures at an Exhibition] and we hope that those coming will be inspired to produce some of their own artistic masterpieces.

There will be refreshments served and, for those interested, a quick guide to how organs work.

FLOWER FUND

Flowers have been placed in church this month in memory of

Jack Beresford



TODAY'S ECO-TIP

Ask yourself: do you really need to buy it? Is it a need or want? Could you live without it or would you just rather like it? In the west we buy too much, waste too much, throw too much away. Think about it...sleep on it...go back to it another day if you really think you need it.

SAVE THE DATE!

On Saturday, **1 October** the usual Bric à Brac & Brew will be different. Cakes (donations invited) will be sold in aid of Macmillan's. And Pauline is asking for sponsors as she will dye her hair green in honour of the occasion, if you will sponsor her! How can you resist an offer like that?



Sunday, 14 August 2022

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion

Today's Hymns: 1072, 673, 1201, 428

Today's Readings (New International Version UK)

Jeremiah 23: 23-29

²³ 'Am I only a God nearby,' declares the LORD, 'and not a God far away?'
²⁴ 'Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them?' declares the LORD. 'Do not I fill heaven and earth?' declares the LORD. ²⁵ 'I have heard what the prophets say who prophesy lies in my name. They say, "I had a dream! I had a dream!"' ²⁶ How long will this continue in the hearts of these lying prophets, who prophesy the delusions of their own minds? ²⁷ They think the dreams they tell one another will make my people forget my name, just as their ancestors forgot my name through Baal worship. ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream recount the dream, but let the one who has my word speak it faithfully. For what has straw to do with grain?' declares the LORD. ²⁹ 'Is not my word like fire,' declares the LORD, 'and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?'

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched round them for seven days. ³¹ By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient. ³² And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. ³⁵ Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. ³⁶ Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were put to death by stoning; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and ill-treated – ³⁸ the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground. ³⁹ These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, ⁴⁰ since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy that was set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Luke 12: 49-56

⁴⁹ 'I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!
⁵⁰ But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. ⁵² From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. ⁵³ They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' ⁵⁴ He said to the crowd: 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, "It's going to rain," and it does. ⁵⁵ And when the south wind blows, you say, "It's going to be hot," and it is. ⁵⁶ Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don't know how to interpret this present time?

Collect for the Ninth Sunday after Trinity

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.

Post Communion

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

SERVICES NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, 21 August

9.30 a.m. All-age Service

CONFIRMATION 2022

The next Confirmation Service will take place in November 2022. This year, we hope that younger candidates will attend the Ignite Youth Church (next meeting 17 September) and then 2 further Saturday sessions for more directed teaching. Adults who wish to be confirmed will be asked to meet in an informal house group. For further information contact Rev'd Andy Jones. Application forms are available in church and must be returned by 7 September .

2023 TEAM RETREAT

There is to be a Team Retreat at Foxhill Retreat Centre in Frodsham from 19-21 May 2023. Cost £180 per person. Single ensuite / twin rooms. Day rate of £40 for anyone wishing to attend on Saturday without staying overnight. Contact Malcolm on malcolm@revmw.co.uk or 07557 658452

URGENT!!!!

We are running short on biscuits!
Any contributions gratefully received!