

The Greenway Benefice Sunday Sheet

Holy Trinity Badgeworth, St Paul's Shurdington, and St Mary's Witcombe with Bentham

(Sunday services, readings and prayers are on this sheet, please look in the Three in One for other news and notices)*

Sunday 20th July 2025

5th Sunday after Trinity

Today's Services

9.30 St Paul's Holy Communion
11.00 Holy Trinity BCP Morning Prayer
11.00 St Mary's Holy Communion with Baptism

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is
governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful
people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Lectionary Readings

Amos 8.1-12 The Basket of Fruit

This is what the Lord God showed me—a basket of
summer fruit. ²He said, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I
said, 'A basket of summer fruit.' Then the Lord said to
me, 'The end has come upon my people Israel;

I will never again pass them by.

³ The songs of the temple shall become wailings on
that day,' says the Lord God;

'the dead bodies shall be many,
cast out in every place. Be silent!'

⁴ Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

⁵ saying, 'When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;

and the sabbath,

so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practise deceit with false balances,

⁶ buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.'

⁷ The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

⁸ Shall not the land tremble on this account,
and everyone mourn who lives in it,
and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and
sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?

⁹ On that day, says the Lord God,
I will make the sun go down at noon,
and darken the earth in broad daylight.

¹⁰ I will turn your feasts into mourning,
and all your songs into lamentation;

I will bring sackcloth on all loins,
and baldness on every head;
I will make it like the mourning for an only son,
and the end of it like a bitter day.

¹¹ The time is surely coming, says the Lord God,
when I will send a famine on the land;
not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water,
but of hearing the words of the Lord.

¹² They shall wander from sea to sea,
and from north to east;
they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord,
but they shall not find it.

Psalm 52

1 Why do you glory in evil, you tyrant, •
while the goodness of God endures continually?

2 You plot destruction, you deceiver; •
your tongue is like a sharpened razor.

3 You love evil rather than good, •
falsehood rather than the word of truth.

4 You love all words that hurt, •
O you deceitful tongue.

5 Therefore God shall utterly bring you down; •
he shall take you and pluck you out of your tent
and root you out of the land of the living.

6 The righteous shall see this and tremble; •
they shall laugh you to scorn, and say:

7 'This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, •
but trusted in great riches and relied upon
wickedness.'

8 But I am like a spreading olive tree in the house of
God; •

I trust in the goodness of God for ever and ever.

9 I will always give thanks to you for what you have
done; •

I will hope in your name,
for your faithful ones delight in it.

New Testament Reading

Colossians 1.15-28

The Supremacy of Christ

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— ²³provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

Paul's Interest in the Colossians

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Gospel Reading

Luke 10.38-end

Jesus Visits Martha and Mary

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her

then to help me.' ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

This week's prayers

Please remember in your prayers:

- Those living in Laurence Close.
- Those who work in our hotels, public houses and bed and breakfast accommodation.
- We are also praying for the people of Ukraine and the Middle East, that they may freely live in peace.

Shurdington Primary School

We are continuing our school links, and we pray for the staff and pupils. This term's school value is Thankfulness.

Our Frontline Prayer

We thank you, Heavenly Father, for the gift of this community. We commend one another to you on our different frontlines.

Wherever we are, whatever we do, whoever we are, may the Holy Spirit guide us in all things so that we may do God's will in the world, in the service of Jesus Christ and with great joy.

In Church next week

Sunday 27th July 6th Sunday after Trinity

10.30 Holy Trinity Benefice Holy Communion
(Revd Rebecca's Retirement)

This will be the only service in the Benefice this morning – all welcome

2.30pm Holy Trinity Baptism Service

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Eco tip for July

Taste the benefits of seasonal and local food. Try to incorporate locally grown produce into your diet and shopping list throughout the seasons. Not only has it saved the impact of transporting it over thousands of miles, it should taste better after the shorter journey!