

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 3rd August 2025

7th Sunday after Trinity

Today's Services

8am	St Paul's	BCP Holy Communion
9:30am	St Paul's	Sunday Worship
11.00am	Holy Trinity	Sunday worship
11.00am	St Mary's	Sunday Worship

Collect

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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.

Lectionary Readings

Hosea 11.1-11

God's Compassion Despite Israel's Ingratitude

When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.

² The more I called them,
the more they went from me;

they kept sacrificing to the Baals,
and offering incense to idols.

³ Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk,
I took them up in my arms;
but they did not know that I healed them.

⁴ I led them with cords of human kindness,
with bands of love.

I was to them like those
who lift infants to their cheeks.
I bent down to them and fed them.

⁵ They shall return to the land of Egypt,
and Assyria shall be their king,
because they have refused to return to me.

⁶ The sword rages in their cities,
it consumes their oracle-priests,
and devours because of their schemes.

⁷ My people are bent on turning away from me.
To the Most High they call,

but he does not raise them up at all.

⁸ How can I give you up, Ephraim?

How can I hand you over, O Israel?

How can I make you like Admah?

How can I treat you like Zeboiim?

My heart recoils within me;

my compassion grows warm and tender.

⁹ I will not execute my fierce anger;

I will not again destroy Ephraim;

for I am God and no mortal,

the Holy One in your midst,

and I will not come in wrath.

¹⁰ They shall go after the Lord,

who roars like a lion;

when he roars,

his children shall come trembling from the west.

¹¹ They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt,

and like doves from the land of Assyria;

and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

Psalm 107.1–9, 43

1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious, •
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

2 Let the redeemed of the Lord say this, •
those he redeemed from the hand of the enemy,

3 And gathered out of the lands
from the east and from the west, •
from the north and from the south.

4 Some went astray in desert wastes •
and found no path to a city to dwell in.

5 Hungry and thirsty, •
their soul was fainting within them.

6 So they cried to the Lord in their trouble •
and he delivered them from their distress.

7 He set their feet on the right way •
till they came to a city to dwell in.

8 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his goodness •
and the wonders he does for his children.

9 For he satisfies the longing soul •
and fills the hungry soul with good.

43 Whoever is wise will ponder these things •
and consider the loving-kindness of the Lord.

Colossians 3.1-11

The New Life in Christ

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things
that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand
of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on
things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life

is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Gospel Reading

Luke 12.13-21

The Parable of the Rich Fool

Someone in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.’ ¹⁴But he said to him, ‘Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?’ ¹⁵And he said to them, ‘Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.’ ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” ¹⁸Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” ²⁰But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’

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This week's prayers

Please remember in your prayers:

- Those living in Little Shurdington.
- Witcombe Social Fundraisers group. Fundraisers at Shurdington. Badgeworth Friends and fundraisers.
- 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. Amen

In Church next week

Sunday 10th August 8th Sunday after Trinity

8am	St Mary's	Holy Communion BCP
9:30am	St Paul's	Sunday Worship
11am	Holy Trinity	Holy Communion
11am	St Mary's	All-age worship

ECO tip for August

Help your garden wildlife during the hot weather. Feed garden birds as the supply of seeds and berries dries up, and also feed hedgehogs (with hedgehog biscuits) as their prey of slugs, snails and worms diminishes. Provide water for hedgehogs and birds and make sure that small mammals can get out if they fall into your pond.