

## 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 10<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

### Today's Services

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

### Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,  
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our  
hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the  
works of your commandments; that through your most  
mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be  
preserved in body and soul; 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

#### Isaiah 1.1, 10–20

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw  
concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah,  
Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

<sup>10</sup> Hear the word of the Lord,  
you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God,  
you people of Gomorrah!

<sup>11</sup> What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?  
says the Lord;

I have had enough of burnt-offerings of rams  
and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls,  
or of lambs, or of goats.

<sup>12</sup> When you come to appear before me,  
who asked this from your hand?  
Trample my courts no more;

<sup>13</sup> bringing offerings is futile;  
incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—  
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

<sup>14</sup> Your new moons and your appointed festivals  
my soul hates;

they have become a burden to me,  
I am weary of bearing them.

<sup>15</sup> When you stretch out your hands,

I will hide my eyes from you;  
even though you make many prayers,  
I will not listen;  
your hands are full of blood.

<sup>16</sup> Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;  
remove the evil of your doings  
from before my eyes;

cease to do evil,

<sup>17</sup> learn to do good;

seek justice,

rescue the oppressed,

defend the orphan,

plead for the widow.

<sup>18</sup> Come now, let us argue it out,  
says the Lord:

though your sins are like scarlet,  
they shall be like snow;

though they are red like crimson,  
they shall become like wool.

<sup>19</sup> If you are willing and obedient,  
you shall eat the good of the land;

<sup>20</sup> but if you refuse and rebel,  
you shall be devoured by the sword;  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

#### Psalms 50.1–8, 23–end

1 The Lord, the most mighty God, has spoken •  
and called the world from the rising of the sun to its  
setting.

2 Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth; •  
our God comes and will not keep silence.

3 Consuming fire goes out before him •  
and a mighty tempest stirs about him.

4 He calls the heaven above, •  
and the earth, that he may judge his people:

5 'Gather to me my faithful, •  
who have sealed my covenant with sacrifice.'

6 Let the heavens declare his righteousness, •  
for God himself is judge.

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak: •  
'I will testify against you, O Israel;  
for I am God, your God.

8 'I will not reprove you for your sacrifices, •  
for your burnt offerings are always before me.

23 'You that forget God, consider this well, •  
lest I tear you apart and there is none to deliver you.

24 'Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
honours me •

and to those who keep my way  
will I show the salvation of God.'

### Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16

#### The Meaning of Faith

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

#### The Faith of Abraham

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

### Gospel Reading

#### Luke 12.32-40

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

#### Watchful Slaves

'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he

comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

### This week's prayers

Please remember in your prayers:

- Those living in Lyndhurst Gardens.
- PCC in Shurdington
- 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 17<sup>th</sup> August 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

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

### 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.