

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 31st August 2025

11th Sunday after Trinity

Today's Services:

10am Shurdington Primary School -Let's Worship!

A shared service with Shurdington chapel - open to all Christians in our communities

This will be the only service in the Benefice today

- all welcome.

Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

Jeremiah 2.4-13

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. ⁵Thus says the Lord:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?

⁶ They did not say, 'Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?'

⁷ I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things.

But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination.

⁸ The priests did not say, 'Where is the Lord?' Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit.

⁹ Therefore once more I accuse you,

says the Lord,

and I accuse your children's children.

¹⁰ Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing.

¹¹ Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods?

But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit.

¹² Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate,

says the Lord,

¹³ for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Psalm 81.1, 10 end

1 Sing merrily to God our strength, • shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

10 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you up from the land of Egypt; • open your mouth wide and I shall fill it.'

11 But my people would not hear my voice • and Israel would not obey me.

12 So I sent them away in the stubbornness of their hearts, •

and let them walk after their own counsels.

13 O that my people would listen to me, • that Israel would walk in my ways!

14 Then I should soon put down their enemies • and turn my hand against their adversaries.

15 Those who hate the Lord would be humbled before him, •

and their punishment would last for ever.

16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat • and with honey from the rock would I satisfy them.

Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16

Service Well-Pleasing to God

Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' ⁶So we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?'

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 14.1, 7-14

Jesus Heals the Man with Dropsy

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

Humility and Hospitality

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ⁸'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be

repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

This week's prayers

Please remember in your prayers:

- Those living in Mitre Gardens.
- Our Benefice Council
- 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 7th September 12th Sunday after Trinity

8am	St Paul's	Holy Communion BCP
9:30am	St Paul's	Sunday Worship
11am	Holy Trinity	Sunday Worship
11am	St Mary's	Sunday 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.

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