**The North Walsham Benefice**

**Sunday 17th August**

**Blessed Virgin Mary**

Transformed by Christ: **Prayerful, Pastoral, Prophetic**

**8am** Holy Communion (1662) St Nicholas

**10.30am** Patronal Holy Communion St Mary’s

***No 10.30am service at St Nicholas today***

**Hearing Loop** installed *(centre pews at St Nicholas, south pews at St Mary’s) please advise us if this is not operating correctly.*

**Gluten free wafers** are available *(at the High Altar at St Nicholas).* If you would like to receive **Communion** in your place, please advise a welcomer/churchwarden.

**\*Morning Prayer is said daily 9am Monday – Friday** at St Nicholas

**\*Live streamed services****:** *YouTube* St Nicholas North Walsham

**Thursday 21st August**

**9.30am** Coffee Morning St Nicholas Rm

**10.30am** Holy Communion  St Nicholas

**Friday 22nd August**

**9.30am** Friday Prayer and Quiet Time Memorial Chapel

**Saturday 23rd August**

**12pm** Wedding – Kia Buller & Aidan Browne St Nicholas

**Sunday** **24th August – Bartholomew**

**8am** Holy Communion (1662) St Nicholas

**9.15am** Morning Prayer All Saints

**10.30am** Holy Communion  \*St Nicholas

**12.30pm** Burial of Ashes – Sandra Hill-Williams St Botolph

There will be no **5pm Sunday services** at St Nicholas until 14th September.

**Mary** was a young Jewish girl living in Nazareth when a messenger from the Lord announced that she was to be the bearer of the Son of God to the world. Her response "Let it be to me according to your word" revealed her natural sense of obedience to God and her reverence for his Word, showing her worthy to be the bearer of the Word made flesh. This day is now celebrated as the major feast of the Blessèd Virgin Mary throughout most of Christendom.

*Exciting Holiness*

**Collect**

Almighty God,
who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and chose her to be the mother of your only Son:
grant that we who are redeemed by his blood
may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom;
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. **Amen**

**Isaiah 61.10, 11**

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.11 For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

**Psalm 45.10-17**

10  Hear, O daughter; consider and incline your ear; ♦︎ forget your own people and your father’s house.
**11  So shall the king have pleasure in your beauty; ♦︎ he is your lord, so do him honour.**
12  The people of Tyre shall bring you gifts; ♦︎ the richest of the people shall seek your favour.
**13  The king’s daughter is all glorious within; ♦︎ her clothing is embroidered cloth of gold.**14  She shall be brought to the king in raiment of needlework; ♦︎ after her the virgins that are her companions.
**15  With joy and gladness shall they be brought ♦︎ and enter into the palace of the king.**16  ‘Instead of your fathers you shall have sons, ♦︎ whom you shall make princes over all the land.

**17  ‘I will make your name to be remembered through all generations; ♦︎ therefore shall the peoples praise you for ever and ever.’**

**Galatians 4.4-7**

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. 6And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, ‘Abba! Father!’ 7So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

**Luke 1.46-55**

And Mary said, ‘My soul magnifies the Lord, 47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, 48 for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; 49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. 50 His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. 51 He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. 52 He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; 53 he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. 54 He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, 55 according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.’

**Post Communion Prayer**

God most high,
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:
we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption
you visit us with your Holy Spirit
and overshadow us by your power;
strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience
and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Readings for August 24th - Bartholomew**

Isaiah 43.8-13, Psalm 145.1-7, Acts 5.12.16, Luke 22..24-30

**Notices**

Today, as we celebrate the **Blessed Virgin Mary,** we give thanks for our St Mary’s Worstead – for all who built, have sustained, and will pass on this precious place of worship and witness.

**Progress update from across the Benefice!**

**Worstead:**after a very successful Festival, will be applying for grants from the Festival Committee to renovate the kitchen under the church tower, and overhaul some parts of the church organ in need of repair

**Edingthorpe:** meeting with the Architect and PCC members this month to look at maintenance tasks that need doing to secure and enhance the building.

**North Walsham:** more news coming on the ***Nicholas Project,*** with an engagement session led by our partners in the Major Churches Team supporting our thinking.

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**St Nicholas North Walsham** NR28 9BT, **St Botolph Westwick** NR10 5BW

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