

## 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 24<sup>th</sup> August 2025**  
**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

### Today's Services:

10.30am St Mary's Benefice Holy Communion

*This will be the only service in the Benefice today—all welcome.*

### Collect

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,  
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;  
and that they may obtain their petitions  
make them to ask such things as shall please you;  
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 1.4-10

##### Jeremiah's Call and Commission

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

<sup>5</sup> 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
and before you were born I consecrated you;  
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.'

<sup>6</sup> Then I said, 'Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to  
speak, for I am only a boy.' <sup>7</sup> But the Lord said to me,  
'Do not say, "I am only a boy";  
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,  
and you shall speak whatever I command you.

<sup>8</sup> Do not be afraid of them,  
for I am with you to deliver you,  
says the Lord.'

<sup>9</sup> Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth;  
and the Lord said to me,  
'Now I have put my words in your mouth.

<sup>10</sup> See, today I appoint you over nations and over  
kingdoms,  
to pluck up and to pull down,  
to destroy and to overthrow,  
to build and to plant.'

#### Psalm 71.1-6

- 1 In you, O Lord, do I seek refuge; •  
let me never be put to shame.
- 2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; •  
incline your ear to me and save me.
- 3 Be for me a stronghold to which I may ever resort; •  
send out to save me, for you are my rock and my  
fortress.
- 4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, •  
from the grasp of the evildoer and the oppressor.
- 5 For you are my hope, O Lord God, •  
my confidence, even from my youth.
- 6 Upon you have I leaned from my birth,  
when you drew me from my mother's womb; •  
my praise shall be always of you.

#### Hebrews 12.18-end

You have not come to something that can be touched, a  
blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest,  
<sup>19</sup>and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words  
made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken  
to them. <sup>20</sup>(For they could not endure the order that was  
given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall  
be stoned to death.' <sup>21</sup>Indeed, so terrifying was the sight  
that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') <sup>22</sup>But you have  
come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the  
heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal  
gathering, <sup>23</sup>and to the assembly of the firstborn who are  
enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to  
the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup>and to Jesus,  
the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled  
blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.  
See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if  
they did not escape when they refused the one who  
warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if  
we reject the one who warns from heaven! <sup>26</sup>At that  
time his voice shook the earth; but now he has  
promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth  
but also the heaven.' <sup>27</sup>This phrase 'Yet once more'  
indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created  
things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain.  
<sup>28</sup>Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that  
cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer  
to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe;  
<sup>29</sup>for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

## Gospel Reading

**Luke 13.10-17**

### **Jesus Heals a Crippled Woman**

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. <sup>11</sup>And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight.

<sup>12</sup>When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' <sup>13</sup>When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup>But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' <sup>15</sup>But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water?' <sup>16</sup>And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' <sup>17</sup>When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

### **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.

## This week's prayers

Please remember in your prayers:

- Those living in Marsh Terrace.
- Benefice Mothers' Union. 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 31<sup>st</sup> August 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

10am **Shurdington Primary School** Let's Worship!

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- all welcome.

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