

ST MARTIN'S
Brighthouse
Sunday
21st September

Celebrant / preacher
Rev Paul / Rev Stephen
Reader
Christine Helliwell
Prayers
Liz Lawley

**THIS WEEK WE ARE
PRAYING FOR**

King Charles and Queen
Camilla,

our link Parish of St Paul,
Bugwema, and their Priest Rev
Osije; Bishops Toby and Smitha;
Rev Paul and Rev Stephen; the
staff and pupils at St Andrew's
Junior and Infant Schools, the
residents of Upper Bonegate
and for

Graham Davies, Adam Ayres,
Margaret Bancroft, Christine
Palethorpe, Roy Williams, Nigel
Ashworth, Christine Blagbrough
and for all those caring for
them.

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH

21st Edward Singleton,
22nd Desmond Barraclough,
26th Florence Dyson,
27th Madge Anderton,

NEXT WEEK

Reader
Colin Harker
Prayers
Graham Lawley

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EVENSONG

There will be a Sung Evensong at 6.30pm on
Sunday 12th
Everyone welcome

THURSDAY MORNING EUCHARIST

There is a simple Eucharist every Thursday at
10.00am.
This is followed by tea/ coffee, cake and general
chit chat.
Everyone is welcome.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

Please bring your boxes to church for counting
Or
Ring Sue Empson

PAROC-ALE

Meets at The Red Rooster at 4.00'ish on the first of the
month for drinks (non- alcoholic drinks available) for general
inconsequential chitchat.
Everyone welcome.

CHURCH CLEANING

Our **very** small band of church cleaners would dearly like
some help. If you can help on Friday mornings from about
9.30am to do some light vaccing or dusting, please see Colin
at church (or just turn up)



September 21st – Trinity 14

Collect

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. This is good and pleases God our Saviour, who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth. For, there is one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus. He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone. This is the message God gave to the world at just the right time. And I have been chosen as a preacher and apostle to teach the Gentiles this message about faith and truth. I'm not exaggerating—just telling the truth.

Gospel - Luke 16:1-13

Jesus told this story to his disciples: "There was a certain rich man who had a manager handling his affairs. One day a report came that the manager was wasting his employer's money. So the employer called him in and said, 'What's this I hear about you? Get your report in order, because you are going to be fired.' The manager thought to himself, 'Now what? My boss has fired me. I don't have the strength to dig ditches, and I'm too proud to beg. Ah, I know how to ensure that I'll have plenty of friends who will give me a home when I am fired.' So he invited each person who owed money to his employer to come and discuss the situation. He asked the first one, 'How much do you owe him?' The man replied, 'I owe him 800 gallons of olive oil.' So the manager told him, 'Take the bill and quickly change it to 400 gallons.' 'And how much do you owe my employer?' he asked the next man. 'I owe him 1,000 bushels of wheat,' was the reply. 'Here,' the manager said, 'take the bill and change it to 800 bushels.' The rich man had to admire the dishonest rascal for being so shrewd. And it is true that the children of this world are more shrewd in dealing with the world around them than are the children of the light. Here's the lesson: Use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. Then, when your possessions are gone, they will welcome you to an eternal home. If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities. And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven? And if you are not faithful with other people's things, why should you be trusted with things of your own? No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money."

Post-Communion

Father almighty, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out into the world in the power of the Holy Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.