

South Wye Team Ministry Newsletter

12th October 2025 – Trinity 17



South Wye News and Events

St. Peter's, Bullinghope

The new service pattern for St. Peter's is:

1st Sunday 11.15am Holy Communion

3rd Sunday 11.15am Morning Prayer

5th Sundays there will be a joint service with St Martins.

All are welcome to join us at Bullinghope for any of our services.

October 19th is our Harvest Festival, all are welcome to join us at 11.15am and any produce will be donated to St Martin's Foodshare.

Clean Our Church!

To save money we need volunteers to clean St. Martin's church regularly as our cleaners have retired.

We plan to have 2 teams, with each group cleaning a maximum of once a month. We start on Wednesday 15th October at 1pm.

Please contact Gillian or the office as soon as you can. Thank you, Gillian.

Bonus Ball Scheme

The next payment for the bonus ball scheme is due at the beginning of October, for the period October 2025 to March 2026. If you do not pay by standing order, could you please pay your £26 for each ball you have to the office by cash or cheques. Cheques should be made payable to St. Martin with St. Francis Roof Account. Alternatively, you can pay directly to the account: sort code 30-80-55, account number 42121368.

There are numbers available if you wish to increase your chances of winning and to raise more money for the church. Please contact the office or myself.

Many thanks for your support, Sue Cockroft.

Coffee Morning

Sue Cockroft will be holding a coffee morning on Saturday 18th October, from 10.30am-noon at 199 Ross Road. Coffee, tea, cakes and raffle.

Proceeds for St. Martin's church.

Warrington Trip

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel our planned trip to Warrington for Rev. Anne's welcome service. We have not had enough people sign up for the trip, so are unable to cover the cost of the coach.

South Wye Services

Through the Week:

Sunday 9:30am Morning Prayer at St. Martin's (streamed on St. Martin's FB page)

For our Prayers

Those who are ill or in need of your prayers, including:

Brenda Baylis	Irene F	Charlie	Sue	Maureen Gerard	Peter
Mike	Karen	Nathan	Colin	Rachel	Katie
Simon	Eddie	June M	Marie	Mandy	Shelley
Susan G	Anita				

I am updating the prayer list. If you would like to remain on the prayer list, or would like a loved added to the list, please contact me via the office. Thank you, Sharron

Those who have died and those who mourn their loss:

Mia HZ. Deborah C. Sylvia W. Thomas S. Margaret Milne

Collect for Trinity 17

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings for Trinity 17

Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7

A Letter to the Exiles

29 This is the text of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets and all the other people Nebuchadnezzar had carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

⁴ This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵ "Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶ Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. ⁷ Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."

2 Timothy 2: 8-15

8 Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, 9 for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained. 10 Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

11 Here is a trustworthy saying:

If we died with him,
we will also live with him;

12 if we endure,
we will also reign with him.
If we disown him,
he will also disown us;
13 if we are faithless,
he remains faithful,
for he cannot disown himself.

Dealing With False Teachers

14 Keep reminding God's people of these things. Warn them before God against quarrelling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen. 15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

Luke 17: 11-19

Jesus Heals Ten Men With Leprosy

¹¹ Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy^[a] met him. They stood at a distance ¹³ and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

¹⁴ When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.

¹⁵ One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷ Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

Bible Study based on 2 Timothy 2: 8-15

Bible notes

The passage opens with slightly more of the content of 1:10's 'sound teaching'. Verse 8 looks like a very slender statement of Paul's Gospel (found also in Romans 1:3-4), but it compresses his faith perfectly. By holding together Jesus' birth and resurrection, Paul insists that neither his earthly nor his heavenly story is sufficient: the one depends on the other. And if his earthly story accentuates his Jewishness, his heavenly story underlines his significance for all humankind.

Timothy is to explain this 'word of truth' (v.15) associated with the chained and imprisoned Paul without any sense of shame. Paul's chains symbolise the freedom denied him because of his service of Christ. In the eyes of the world, he is no better than a criminal. Yet what looks like humiliation is actually his participation in Jesus' dying and living. He is confident that by persevering in the gospel he will come to share in Christ's heavenly salvation; abandoning his calling could only mean condemnation on the day of judgement. The 'sure saying' in verses 11-13 may have been part of a hymn or creed in the Early

Church. It closes on a note of divine abundance: God's abiding faithfulness has the last word in this pithy summary of the 'word of truth' (the 'sure saying' phrase occurs throughout the Pastorals, but not elsewhere in Paul's writings, as a series of summaries of Paul's gospel: see 1 Timothy 1:15, 3:1, 4:9; Titus 3:8).

Paul's slender statements of his Gospel contrast sharply with other 'words' in his sights (v.14). These are not the debates aired among Jewish rabbis and Greek philosophers, whose give and take explores the mysteries of truth. Ruinous 'wrangling' over words is like the prisoner's chains that chafe the skin and constrain bodily movement. The liberating truth of the Word of God is found in brevity.

Reflection

Spend a few moments thinking about what stands out for you from the Bible reading. This idea may help.

In 1696, one of the first free public libraries in England was opened, in Wimborne Minster, Dorset. The first donor believed his books would be safe in the church. This was a time when some religious books were burnt by the authorities. So a later donor insisted on having his books chained to the shelves, though the library itself remained open and free for the townspeople to use.

Wimborne's chained books symbolise open access despite restricted movement, like the chains that held the imprisoned Paul. Being 'chained like a criminal' didn't stop him spreading the gospel: 'the word of God is not chained' (2 Timothy 2:9).

Questions for reflection

You may wish to use these questions and the picture to help you think about or discuss issues arising from this week's Bible passage.



Questions

- Why are these books (from Hereford's medieval library) in chains?
- In what ways can we free the Bible so that everyone can appreciate its message?
- Who can you pray for who is in chains (real or metaphorical)?

Sudoku

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Wordsearch based on Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7

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