**SUNDAY**

Readings 2 Timothy 11-14, Luke 17 5-10

* **8am** HOLY COMMUNION *Rev Pete*
* **11am**MORNING WORSHIP *Edison* *&*

 *Angela* (ordinands)

* **6:30pm** EVENSONG *Rev Pete*

6th October – **William Tyndale,**

Bible translator and Reformation martyr

Born c. 1494, William Tyndale became a priest after his studies at Oxbridge; but by1523 Tyndale’s only desire was to translate the Bible, so that English men and women could read it for themselves. It became his life’s passion.

 Inspired by his mentor, Erasmus, Tyndale’s translation was the first Bible to be published in English, the first to draw directly from Hebrew and Greek texts, and the first English translation to take advantage of the printing press. However, it was to cost him his life, for Tyndale’s work was seen as a direct challenge to the power of both the Roman Catholic Church and the laws of England in maintaining the Church’s position.

When the authorities had tried to stop his translation, Tyndale fled to Germany. It was there, in 1525, his New Testament emerged. It was quickly smuggled into England, and King Henry VIII, Cardinal Wolsey, and others, were furious. So Tyndale moved on to Antwerp, where for nine more years he continued his work. Then in May 1535 he was betrayed, arrested, and jailed in a castle near Brussels then burnt at the stake. His dying prayer was that the King of England’s eyes would be opened.  Sure enough, two years later King Henry authorised the Great Bible for the Church of England, which relied largely on Tyndale’s work.

Not only that, but in 1611, the 54 scholars who produced the King James Bible drew very heavily from Tyndale.  Even today we honour him:  in 2002, Tyndale was placed at number 26 in the BBC’s poll of 100 Greatest Britons.

**WEDS** (8th)

 **10:30am** HOLY COMMUNION *Rev Pete*

Services next week

Sun12th 9:30am St. B Morning Worship

 11:00am St. J Holy Communion

Weds 15th 10:30am **St. B** Holy Communion

 **Prayer for the Week**

**Lord God,**

**You are before, within and beyond our words.**

**Shape what we think this day.**

**Sharpen for good what is said.**

**Shield those we love.**

**Shelter us whatever comes our way.**

**Shoulder our sin and our burdens.**

**And make us good stewards of Your gifts**

**and resources.**

**For Your name’s sake. AMEN**

As well as continuing to pray for all those on our prayer list, **please also pray for Dom**, a young man now receiving palliative care, and Dom’s young family. May all those for whom we pray feel the arms of Jesus holding them close. AMEN

Don’t forget

Beat’n’Beans next Saturday, 11th Oct

 with the **Monday Folk** to entertain us.

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Rev. Mark Smeed & Rev. Marcus Giddy

 Monday 20th October

 7:30pm at St. Peter’s, Thundersley