

# 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 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

## Today's Services

8am	St Mary's	BCP Holy Communion
9:30am	St Paul's	Sunday Worship
11am	Holy Trinity	Holy Communion
11am	St Mary's	All-age worship

**Collect** Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

## Lectionary Readings

**Genesis 1.1-2.23**

### Six Days of Creation and the Sabbath

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth,<sup>2</sup> the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.<sup>3</sup> Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light.<sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.<sup>5</sup> God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.'<sup>6</sup> So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so.<sup>7</sup> God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so.<sup>10</sup> God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.<sup>11</sup> Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so.<sup>12</sup> The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good.<sup>13</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and

let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years,<sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so.<sup>16</sup> God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars.<sup>17</sup> God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth,<sup>18</sup> to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.<sup>19</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.'<sup>21</sup> So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good.<sup>22</sup> God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.'<sup>23</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so.

### Psalm 136.1-9, 23-end

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious, •  
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Give thanks to the God of gods, •  
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords, •  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 4 Who alone does great wonders, •  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 5 Who by wisdom made the heavens, •  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 6 Who laid out the earth upon the waters, •  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 7 Who made the great lights, •  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 8 The sun to rule the day, •  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 9 The moon and the stars to govern the night, •  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 23 Who remembered us when we were in trouble, •  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 24 And delivered us from our enemies, •  
for his mercy endures for ever;
- 25 Who gives food to all creatures, •  
for his mercy endures for ever.

26 Give thanks to the God of heaven, •  
for his mercy endures for ever.

### Romans 8.18-25 Future Glory

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.<sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God;<sup>20</sup> for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope<sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.<sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now;<sup>23</sup> and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.<sup>24</sup> For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen?<sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience,

### Gospel Reading

#### Matthew 6.25-end Do Not Worry

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?<sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?<sup>27</sup> And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?<sup>28</sup> And why do you worry

about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin,<sup>29</sup> yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.<sup>30</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?

<sup>31</sup> Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" <sup>32</sup> For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.<sup>33</sup> But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

### This week's prayers

Please remember in your prayers:

- Those living in Bryerland Road
- Churchwardens for Badgeworth: Roger Brown, Paul Stanfield.
- 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.

### In Church next week

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February Sunday next before Lent**

9.30 St Paul's      Holy Communion

11.00 Holy Trinity    BCP Morning Prayer

11.00 St Mary's      Holy Communion

### ECO tip for February

Lent is a time when Christians traditionally fast and focus on God. Why not try a **Carbon Fast** - consider ways to live more simply, cut your carbon footprint and focus on the whole of God's creation.

More details at

<https://climatesewards.org/resources/carbon-fast-for-lent/>

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