

Pew Sheet for 21st June 2026

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Sunday 21st June

9.30am BCP Communion at Aston le Walls

10.00am Family Service at Eydon

11.00am Holy Communion at Woodford Halse

6pm Evening Prayer at Boddington—Canx

Wednesday 24th June

9.45am Morning Prayer at Byfield

11.45am Prayer Group Woodford Halse

Sunday 28th June

9.30am BCP Communion at Byfield

11.00am Holy Communion at Aston Le Walls

Wednesday 1st July

9.45am Holy Communion at Byfield

11.45am Prayer Group Woodford Halse

Saturday 4th July

5-7pm Youth Church Woodford Halse

Sunday 5th July

9.30am Holy Communion at Boddington

10.00am BCP Morning Prayer at Eydon

10.00am Café Church at Woodford Halse

11.00am Holy Communion at Byfield

**Advance notice.

James and I will be inviting anyone from the benefice to come to a BBQ at the Rectory on Sunday 12th July. Please look out for further information nearer to the time. Clare

Beginnings and Endings



As June arrives, perhaps some of us sense a gentle invitation to pause and notice where we are. The weeks ahead carry a particular energy for me, a feeling that something is drawing to a close, even as new possibilities begin to open up. For many households, June marks the end of exams and years of study, bringing a heady mix of relief, tiredness and excitement.

This year, that feels especially close, as my son Noah comes to the end of his GCSEs. Like many families, we've lived with revision timetables, quiet encouragement, lots of snacks and prayers, all held alongside that familiar question: *what comes next?*

Across our communities, others will be marking different endings and beginnings too. The school year begins to wind down, projects reach their conclusion, and routines soften as summer draws closer. Even the natural world joins in. Spring's freshness gives way to the smell of barbecues and freshly cut grass. Days stretch long into the evening, gardens flourish, and light seems to linger as if reluctant to leave.

In every season of life, God remains our constant. While our circumstances shift and change, God's faithful presence does not. Scripture reminds us that God walks with us through endings and beginnings alike, offering hope when outcomes are still unknown, peace while we wait, and reassurance as new possibilities unfold.

Christian hope is not about having all the answers, but about trusting the One who holds them. As we journey through June, my prayer is that we may notice what is ending, celebrate what is beginning, and step forward with confidence and joy, trusting that God is already there, welcoming us into all that lies ahead.



The Revd Becky Dyball
Bishop's Missioner

Sunday 21 June 2026 Third Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into
our hearts whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to
your service,
that we and all creation may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of
God;
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.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 20:7-13

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Jeremiah cried out: O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughing-stock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten. O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

Or **Genesis 21:8-21**

PSALM Psalm 69:8-11. (12-17). 18-20 (or 69:14-20)

R Hide not your face from your servant, O Lord.

For your sake have I suffered reproach;
shame has covered my face.
I have become a stranger to my kindred,
an alien to my mother's children. **R**

Zeal for your house has eaten me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen
upon me.

I humbled myself with fasting,
but that was turned to my reproach. **R**

I put on sack cloth also
and became a byword among them.
Those who sit at the gate murmur against
me,
and the drunkards make songs about me. **R**

But as for me, I make my prayer to you,
O Lord;
at an acceptable time, O God.
Answer me, O God, in the abundance of
your mercy
and with your sure salvation. **R**

Draw me out of the mire, that I sink not;
let me be rescued from those who hate me
and out of the deep waters.

Let not the water flood drown me,
neither the deep swallow me up;
let not the Pit shut its mouth upon me. **R**

Answer me, Lord, for your loving-kindness
is good;
turn to me in the multitude of your mercies.
Hide not your face from your servant;
be swift to answer me, for I am in trouble.
Draw near to my soul and redeem me;
deliver me because of my enemies. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 6:1b-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL Matthew 10:24-39

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Jesus summoned the twelve and sent them out with the following instruction: "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

POST COMMUNION

O God, whose beauty is beyond our
imagining
and whose power we cannot comprehend:
show us your glory as far as we can grasp
it,
and shield us from knowing more than we
can bear
until we may look upon you without fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.



Hide not your face - from your ser-vant, O Lord.

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