

## 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 21st June 2026**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

### Today's Services

9.30 St Paul's Holy Communion  
11.00 Holy Trinity BCP Morning Prayer  
11.00 St Mary's Holy Communion

### 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.

### Lectionary Readings

#### Genesis 21.8–21

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. <sup>9</sup> But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. <sup>10</sup> So she said to Abraham, 'Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.' <sup>11</sup> The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. <sup>12</sup> But God said to Abraham, 'Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named after you. <sup>13</sup> As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.' <sup>14</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. <sup>16</sup> Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, 'Do not let me look on the death of the child.' And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up

her voice and wept. <sup>17</sup> And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, 'What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. <sup>18</sup> Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.' <sup>19</sup> Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. <sup>21</sup> He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

#### Psalm 86.1–10, 16–end

1 Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, •  
for I am poor and in misery.  
2 Preserve my soul, for I am faithful; •  
save your servant, for I put my trust in you.  
3 Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God; •  
I call upon you all the day long.  
4 Gladden the soul of your servant, •  
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.  
5 For you, Lord, are good and forgiving, •  
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.  
6 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer •  
and listen to the voice of my supplication.  
7 In the day of my distress I will call upon you, •  
for you will answer me.  
8 Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord, •  
nor any works like yours.  
9 All nations you have made shall come and worship you, O Lord, •  
and shall glorify your name.  
10 For you are great and do wonderful things; •  
you alone are God.  
16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; •  
give your strength to your servant  
and save the child of your handmaid.  
17 Show me a token of your favour,  
that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; •  
because you, O Lord, have helped and comforted me.

#### Romans 6.1b–11

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> 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.

5 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. <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup> But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

## Gospel Reading

### Matthew 10.24–39

‘A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup> 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. <sup>27</sup> What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup> 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. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. <sup>30</sup> And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup> 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; <sup>33</sup> 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.

<sup>35</sup> 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; <sup>36</sup> and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. <sup>37</sup> 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; <sup>38</sup> and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

## This week’s prayers

Please remember in your prayers:

- Those living in John Lambe House.
- Our Benefice Bible Study discussion groups. The Julian Meeting.
- 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

### Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June

2pm St Paul’s Holy Communion

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

10.30 St Paul’s Benefice Holy Communion

*This will be the only service in the Benefice this Sunday – all welcome*

## ECO tip for June

This month we are encouraged to take part in a citizen science project to increase our awareness of God’s creation.

### Why not try #30 days Wild in June

Organised by The Wildlife Trusts, the family resource pack is full of ideas to help you find out more about nature, help nature in your local area and celebrate all things wild.

More ideas in this month’s Three in One

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