

ROTA FOR NEXT WEEK:

SUNDAY 26 JULY EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY + BAPTISM

Presiding: Revd. Nick **Preaching:** Revd. Nick

Chalice: Lana **Prayers:** Jayne **Reader:** Jenny

In our prayers this week....

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY BECOME ILL:

Beth Carr, Michelle, James, Ruth, Alfie, Steven Jones, Margaret, Hazel, Sandy Johnson, Simon Letchford, Laura Walker, Steve Fox, Lorraine McKew, Susan, Debbie Dunning, Albert Swales, Lisa Brown, Anne Brown, Tracey Porritt, Doreen Moore, Rachel Frost, Byron, Greta Longstaff, Patricia, Janet, Peter Noble, Doreen Muirhead, Val Parker, Connie & Malcolm Robinson, Paula Ramsdale, Ame, Alison, Olwyn, Terry, Jamie, Gill Moody, Jackie, Colin, Keith, Angie, Christine, Sarah.

Prayer for our Parish

As we plan and make decisions, God be our way.

As we learn and ask questions, God be our truth.

As we grow and as we change, God be our life. AMEN.

(Ruth Burgess)

CONTACT DETAILS:

PRIEST IN CHARGE: Revd Nick Green

PARISH MOBILE: 07729 794222

LICENSED LAY MINISTERS: Mrs Lana Green Tel: 07496 127428
Miss Sam Wood Tel: 07402 648723

CHURCH WARDENS: Mr Colin Moore Tel: 07512 922074
Mrs Linda Ross Tel: 07816 067362

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER Mrs Linda Ross Tel: 07816 067362

ROOM HIRE + PCC SECRETARY Mrs Jenny Hodgson Tel: 07941 716603

THE PARISH OF CHRISTCHURCH

(St Chad's, Roseworth + St John the Baptist, Durham Road)

'Blessing our communities in Jesus' name for the transformation of us all'

SUNDAY 19 JULY 2026 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



THIS WEEK AT CHRISTCHURCH

NOTICES

Tues 21 July 10am Holy Communion (Revd. Nick) at St John's

Tues 21 July 11am Chat, Chew & Choose at St John's

Chad's Pantry: Thursdays 9.30am—11.00am

Sundays 9.30am—10.30am

COLLECT:

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

First Reading:**GENESIS 28: 10-19A**

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven. 'So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

Second Reading:**ROMANS 8:12-25**

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 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. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; 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. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Gospel Reading:**MATTHEW 13: 24-30, 36-43**

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." 'Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

**DIARY DATES****Sun 26th July****12noon****PCC Meeting****in St Chad's**

Christchurch Mission Weekend (7th, 8th and 9th August) Please sign the sheets at the back of church if you are able to help with any of the activities over the weekend. Sam would like to get a small group together to organise the catering for the weekend and if you have a gazebo that we could borrow please let Sam or Rev'd Nick know.

This is an important and exciting time for Mission within our parish and wider community so all help will be gratefully received. Thank you.