

Please Pray for Peace in our troubled world

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease.
and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven.
Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen

Holy God,

when our memories blot out your kindness
and we ignore your patient love,
remember us, re-make us,
and give to us poor sinners
the rich inheritance of Jesus Christ our Lord

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Keep in touch, or let us know if any help is needed at:

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We seek to grow through prayer and share Christ's love through engagement with all.

Weekly News

12th July 2026



SUNDAY

8:00 am Holy Communion

9:00 am Worship @ 9 in The Church Hall

10:00 am Parish Eucharist

WEDNESDAY

10:30 am Holy Communion

Double Thank Yous: First to all who helped tidy up the **Churchyard**, Friday & Saturday, thanks to your hard work, its looking very neat, spick & span.

The Ladies Guild thank all who supported their Coffee morning last week, and with your help raised the healthy amount of £284, to Church Funds.
Thank you, Thank you.

Church Children: Due to the absence of several of our leaders, we're sad to say that Church Children will be closing slightly earlier this summer. During July and August there will be a break, with no sessions running in the Croft. As always, everyone is warmly welcome to join us for the main service in the church at 10am. Wishing you all a wonderful summer.

Tom Morgan, the minister at RWB's The Light Church, has arranged a series of **30-minute prayer meetings on Zoom** for church members in Calne Deanery (that includes us) to **Pray for Sudan** in general, and for our link Diocese of Khartoum in particular. The meetings are from 1 – 1.30pm on Tuesday 14th July, Tuesday 15th September and Tuesday 10th November.

Here is the

link <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/82065558402?pwd=GPea8NqUR0gOBIMkDKvZlVMSjXIU88.I>

Saturday 1st August: Brighter Futures Coffee Morning - Raising funds for the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal providing Gift Boxes for patients in hospital over Christmas. Refreshments, Cake Stall, Raffle – please come along, you'll be welcome.

Saturday 12th September: Annual event of Ride and Stride. A note for your diary either to come and walk with us or perhaps sponsor a walker. At present we have no idea as to where we are walking but my people are working on it. Michael Page. Ride and Stride Czar.

Sunday 12th July 2026

6th Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding;
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING: *Isaiah 55:10-13.*

Thus says the LORD:

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

SECOND READING: *Romans 8:1-11*

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according

to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!

Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'