

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 2nd August 2026

9th Sunday after Trinity

Today's Services

8am	St Paul's	BCP Holy Communion
9:30am	St Paul's	Sunday Worship
11.00am	Holy Trinity	Sunday worship
11.00am	St Mary's	Sunday Worship

Collect

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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 32.22–31

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' ²⁷ So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' ²⁸ Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Psalms 17.1–7, 16

1 Hear my just cause, O Lord; consider my complaint; •
listen to my prayer, which comes not from lying lips.
2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; •
let your eyes behold what is right.
3 Weigh my heart, examine me by night, •
refine me, and you will find no impurity in me.
4 My mouth does not trespass for earthly rewards; •
I have heeded the words of your lips.
5 My footsteps hold fast in the ways of your
commandments; •
my feet have not stumbled in your paths.
6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; •
incline your ear to me, and listen to my words.
7 Show me your marvellous loving-kindness, •
O Saviour of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up against them.
16 As for me, I shall see your face in righteousness; •
when I awake and behold your likeness, I shall be
satisfied.

Romans 9.1–5

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— ² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever.
Amen.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 14.13–21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to

eat.’¹⁷ They replied, ‘We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.’¹⁸ And he said, ‘Bring them here to me.’¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.²⁰ And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

ECO tip for August

Look after wildlife in the heat. Provide water for birds and insects - put a dish of water out to help wildlife stay hydrated. A stone in a plant saucer helps bees to perch and drink without drowning. These small actions make a big difference and are just some of the ways we can live out our calling to care for God’s creation. More information at: arochoa.org.uk/looking-afterwildlife-in-the-heat/

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This week’s prayers

Please remember in your prayers:

- Those living in Little Shurdington.
- Witcombe Social Fundraisers group. Fundraisers at Shurdington. Badgeworth Friends and fundraisers.
- 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.

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. Amen

In Church next week

Sunday 9th August 10th Sunday after Trinity

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