

Forest Benefice News



Welcome to worship. We are glad you are here and hope this helps you share in today's service.

Sunday 26th July – 8th Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am	Sunday Communion – St Augustine's Draycott
Next Week – 2nd August	

2nd August	10.00 am	Sunday Communion All Saints, Newborough
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Collect

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever. Amen

Bible Readings for Sunday

Romans 8.26–end

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 13.31–33, 44–52

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all

of it was leavened.' 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

Prayers for the Week



Please pray for all those known to us who in need of our prayers and for those mentioned below.

'Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.' 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

- We pray for our King, our Government, our Bishops and Clergy.
- Please pray for peace throughout the world and especially for all those who are suffering at this time, through warfare or terrorism, from natural disasters or from accidents.
- We pray for those in need of healing and we're thankful for healings received
- We pray for those in mourning and for those who are preparing loved one's funerals.
- We have a new Prime Minister and new cabinet members are being appointed. We lift in prayer all members of parliament and ask that all decisions made are for the good of the people.

If you would like a home visit or prayer for anything or anyone at all, please do contact Rev Liz or Dawn Charles. You can find contact details at the back of this newsletter.

Upcoming Event - Rev Andy is helping to arrange a fundraising **Community BBQ** for All Saints, Rangemore on Saturday 1st August from 5pm. Tickets are £10 and it's BYOB. Please do support if you can. To book please call 01283 712359 or email; coordinator.bundtbenefice@outlook.com

Rev Liz will not be available 28th & 29th July. Please leave a phone message if you need to contact her. If its an urgent message, please contact either Judy Ireland or John Harrison.

Diary dates

27 th July	7.30 pm Newborough Parish Council
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From the Pulpit – Last week Rev Stewart reminded us that Jesus both loves but also judges. In our reading this week Jesus taught that the kingdom of heaven begins small but grows greatly, works quietly like yeast, and is worth giving up everything to gain. He also compared it to a net gathering every kind of fish, saying that at the end of the age the righteous will be separated from the evil. We seem to be on a theme with our gospel readings now, which reminds us that God works to a different timescale and to different standards. I wonder what emotions that stirs in you?

Yours in Christ, Rev Liz

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