

Forest Benefice News



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

Sunday 19th July – 7th Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am	Sunday Communion – All Saints Church Rangemore
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Next Week – 26th July

26th July	10.00 am	Sunday Communion Draycott
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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.
Amen.

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.

Bible Readings for Sunday

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.

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!

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 particularly think of Venezuela today.
- 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.
- As our schools break up for the summer holiday, we pray that all staff and pupils will have a great summer break. For those children changing schools in September we pray for smooth transition.
- We pray for Samuel and George as we prepare for them to be Baptised 25th July at St Werburgh Church.

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

Diary dates

21 st July	Newborough PCC meeting is 21 st July at 2 pm
25 th July	Baptism Samuel & George Carrington, Hanbury Church

From the Pulpit – We often ask the question: Why doesn't God do something about the troubles in the world? Usually, the question is based on our time scale and our understanding. The gospel reading today reminds us that God works to a different timescale and to different standards. One of those assumptions is that because God is love then in the end everything and everyone will be okay. But if we want to better understand the way God works the best place to look is Jesus. He both loves but also judges.

Yours in Christ, Rev Stewart

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