

Pew Sheet for 19th July 2026

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Saturday 18th July

3-5pm Tea & cakes in Byfield churchyard
under shade (inside if wet)

Sunday 19th July

9.30am BCP Communion at Aston le Walls
10.00am Family Service at Eydon
11.00am Holy Communion at Woodford
Halse. Baptism of Arthur

Tuesday 21st July

2-2.45pm Little Angels

Wednesday 22nd July

9.45am Morning Prayer at Byfield
11.45am Prayer Group at Woodford Halse

Thursday 23rd July

10.00am Funeral Alan Holton at Byfield

Sunday 26th July

9.30am BCP Communion at Eydon
11.00am Holy Communion at Boddington
1.00pm Baptism of Herbert at Byfield
6.00pm Songs of Praise at Byfield



Saturday July 18th 3-5pm Alfresco Teas

with cake outside Byfield church under
shade or inside if wet or too hot.

After the BBQ on Sunday I seem to have
gained several items of cutlery, crockery and
tea towels which are not mine. If you think
they might be yours please do come and
collect them. Thanks, Clare"

A season of transition



July is a season of transition.

For many of our young people it's time for well-earned break after exams and the anxious wait for results – with all that can mean.

For others of us, it may be time for a holiday; or finding space to recharge our batteries.

For a few in our churches, those being ordained deacon or priest, it marks both an end and a beginning: the conclusion of a long period of preparation, study and formation; and then coming to terms with a new role, new expectations and new responsibilities.

Whatever July means for us personally, in the Church's calendar it's just a fragment of ordinary time; with none of the drama we associate with Christmas or Easter, of Pentecost, (just as of course, for many of us, July will not bring any respite from our regular routine).

Nevertheless, God is with us in the ordinary moments as well as in the times of crisis, he is with us in stability as well as in change. When we rest, he is the still point of the turning world, when in times of change or trial he sustains and upholds us.

As the psalmist puts it: 'If I take to the wings of the morning and settle in the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me and your right hand shall hold me fast.' (Psalm 139: 9-10) Whatever July means for you, may you find Christ's peace at the heart of it all.

The Very Revd Chris Dalliston
Dean of Peterborough

Bishop Alex will be coming to Woodford on 18th October for a confirmation service. This will be one of his first commitments in the diocese after being installed as Bishop of Brixworth towards the end of September. If there is anyone from across the benefice who is not confirmed and who would like to join Chris and Colin from Woodford in publicly affirming their faith at this service, please speak to Clare for more information.

Sunday

19 July 2026 Seventh Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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.

FIRST READING

Either **Wisdom of Solomon 12:13. 16-19**
A reading from the book of Wisdom.

There is not any god besides you, Lord,
whose care is for all people, to whom you
should prove that you have not judged
unjustly; for your strength is the source
of righteousness, and your sovereignty
over all causes you to spare all. For you
show your strength when people doubt
the completeness of your power, and you
rebuke any insolence among those who
know it. Although you are sovereign in
strength, you judge with mildness, and with
great forbearance you govern us; for you
have power to act whenever you choose.
Through such works you have taught your
people that the righteous must be kind,
and you have filled your children with good
hope, because you give repentance for sins.

Or **Isaiah 44:6-8**

A reading from the book of the prophet
Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
I am the first and I am the last; besides
me there is no god. Who is like me? Let
them proclaim it, let them declare and set
it forth before me. Who has announced
from of old the things to come? Let them
tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear, or be
afraid; have I not told you from of old and
declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there
any god besides me? There is no other
rock; I know not one.

Or **Genesis 28:10-19a**

PSALM Psalm 86:11-end

R All nations you have made shall
come and worship you, O Lord.

Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will
walk in your truth;
knit my heart to you, that I may fear your
name.
I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all
my heart,
and glorify your name for evermore; **R**

For great is your steadfast love towards
me,
for you have delivered my soul from the
depths of the grave.
O God, the proud rise up against me
and a ruthless horde seek after my life;
they have not set you before their eyes. **R**

But you, Lord, are gracious and full of
compassion,
slow to anger and full of kindness and
truth.
Turn to me and have mercy upon me;
give your strength to your servant
and save the child of your handmaid.
Show me a token of your favour,
that those who hate me may see it and
be ashamed;
because you, O Lord, have helped and
comforted me. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 8:12-25

A reading from the letter of Paul to the
Romans.

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.

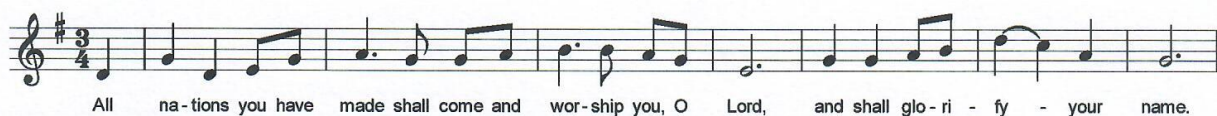
GOSPEL Matthew 13:24-30. 36-43

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

Jesus put before the crowd 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 Jesus 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!”

POST COMMUNION

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.



All na-tions you have made shall come and wor-ship you, O Lord, and shall glo-ri - fy - your name.

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