

Forest Benefice News



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

Sunday 9th August – 10th Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am	Sunday Communion St Werburghs Hanbury
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Next Week – 16th August

16th August	10.00 am	Sunday Communion All Saints Rangemore
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Collect

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to
be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage
never to lose hope,
but always to bring our
prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post Communion Collect

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate
of mercy
should stand open for those
who trust in you:
look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of
your will
may never wander from the
way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Bible Readings for Sunday

Romans 10.5–15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.'

But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.

For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

Matthew 14.22–33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand

and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

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.
- We lift all areas of the world that are amid fires, we particularly think about France and Spain. We pray for safety for all concerned. Thank you for the emergency services in those areas

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.

If you would like to receive this Newsletter by email please do pass your email address to Rev Liz.

Upcoming Events

Lunch at the Boars Head

The next lunch at the Boars Head is booked for Sunday 30th August, 12 for 12:30. Please see the Church Notice board for menu choices and book with Terry (from Tutbury church) in the usual way

Future Planning

We are planning our Benefice Harvest Celebration to be 11th October, 10.00 am at Hanbury. After this service there will be a 'Bring and Share' Lunch. More details to follow.

Diary dates

11 th August	2.00 – 4.00 pm MP's Surgery All Saints Church Newborough
12 th August	2.00 pm Communion at Far Fillimore Care Home

From the Pulpit – I used to be indecisive but I'm not so sure now. I always feel sorry for Peter, engaging mouth before brain, but this time he nearly puts his foot in it! It's another 2 chapters before he exclaims "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." and becomes the rock on which the church is built. His first tentative steps are taken because he has already seen the impossible, but then the fear strikes him and his belief in his own abilities sinks as quickly as his feet are submerged in the water. Jesus doesn't ask us to defy the laws of gravity, but to have faith that he will hold us throughout the storms of life.

Yours in Christ, Rdr John

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