

Forest Benefice News



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

Sunday 23rd August – 12th Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am	Sunday Communion St Augustine's, Draycott
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Next Week – 30th August

30th August	10.00 am	5 th Sunday Communion by Extension St Augustine's, Draycott
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Collect

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may
grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post Communion Collect

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set
aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made
whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this
broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ
our Lord.

Amen

Bible Readings for Sunday

Romans 12.1–8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Matthew 16.13–20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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.
- As the weather continues to be hot, we pray for safety for all. That fires will die down and water will be conserved.
- As our thoughts turn towards the start of the next academic year we thank you Lord for our schools, colleges and universities. We think of all young people making transitions this September, whether that's starting school, moving school or starting at college or Uni. We pray that all staff have had a relaxing and refreshing summer break and give thanks for their commitment to their roles.
- We thank you Lord for our lovely church at Draycott in the Clay. We note the anniversary of this church, 28th August

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). Phone 07757 682940 or email elteloftutbury@gmail.com

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

30 th Aug	Baptism of Jude Histed, 2.00 pm Hanbury Church. Rev Dr Robin Trotter will be conducting the service.
2 nd Sept	School Term restarts

Rev Liz and Ray are attending a Christian Festival over this Bank Holiday weekend, a time of worship, bible study and prayer. They're back in Hanbury late Monday evening and no doubt will welcome running water, a proper shower and flushing toilets once more! If you have an urgent need please contact Judy Ireland or John Harrison.

From the Pulpit – I don't know if it's a sign of getting older, but does anyone else have moments when they cannot for the life of them remember who someone is, or how they know them? It can be a little embarrassing sometimes. It can also be a stumbling block to any conversation! Sometime thought we have stumbling blocks in our relationship with Jesus, does this strike a chord with you? Yours in Christ, Rev Liz

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