

**Pew Sheet for 30th
August 2026**
Revd. Clare 01327 260204

Sunday 30th August

10.00am Benefice Communion at Eydon

Wednesday 2nd September

9.45am Holy Communion at Byfield

11.45am Prayer Group at Woodford Halse

Saturday 5th September

5-7pm Youth Church at Woodford Halse

Sunday 6th September

9.30am Holy Communion at Boddington

10.00am Café Church at Woodford Halse

11.00am Holy Communion at Byfield

12.00 Eydon Fete

Wednesday 9th September

9.45am Morning Prayer at Byfield

11.45am Prayer Group at Woodford Halse

Saturday 12th September

Ride, stride and drive

Sunday 13th September

9.30am Holy Communion at Eydon

10.00am Morning Prayer at Boddington

11.00am Common Worship Communion at Aston le Walls

11.00am Café Church at Byfield

Saturday 12th September

Woodford Halse Village show. Displays of flowers and produce, a performance by the Community Choir and refreshments in the church during the day.

3.00pm - 5.00pm Aston le Walls Village Hall. Cream Teas (free!), Silent Auction of experiences and items, a raffle, a bottle tombola, a cake and bread stall and a book stall. Come and share tea and time.

All in aid of St Leonard's Church.

Further details and auction booklets from Johnnie Lloyd Morgan 07711 335799

There is a lot going on across the benefice and it is easy to become so involved with what is going on in one village that we often don't notice what is going on somewhere else in the benefice. Most Sundays there are several services in different churches across the benefice and as we meet and worship God in one village it is easy to forget that people are worshipping God and sharing God's love at different types of service in other villages.

Last Sunday our reading from Romans reminded us that we are all individually members of the church which is the body of Christ, and that each one of us has been given different gifts and abilities to help the church grow and become stronger. That is as true for individual churches within a benefice as it is for individuals within a village church and it is good to remember that as a benefice each of our churches has different resources, and different gifts and abilities so that together as a benefice we are able to work together to share God's love and build God's church on earth far more effectively than we could as individual village churches.

This Sunday is a fifth Sunday and there will only be one service in the benefice, which will be at 10am in Eydon. This gives us an opportunity to get together as a benefice, to worship God, to meet other people from across the benefice and to share what is happening in our own communities. The choir will be singing, bellringers from across the benefice will be forming a band to welcome us into church and it would be great to see people from across the benefice sharing together in worship, even if it is not in your favourite place or your favourite style of worship.

I look forward to seeing many of you there,

Every blessing.

Clare

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

30 August 2026 Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the
world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of
your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to
you;
through him who was lifted up on the
cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 15:15-21

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Or **Exodus 3:1-15**

PSALM Psalm 26:1-8

R Lord, I love the place where your glory abides.

Give judgement for me, O Lord,
for I have walked with integrity;
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

Test me, O Lord, and try me;
examine my heart and my mind. **R**

For your love is before my eyes;
I have walked in your truth.
I have not joined the company of the false,
nor consorted with the deceitful. **R**

I hate the gathering of evildoers
and I will not sit down with the wicked.
I will wash my hands in innocence,
O Lord,
that I may go about your altar, **R**

To make heard the voice of thanksgiving
and tell of all your wonderful deeds.
Lord, I love the house of your habitation
and the place where your glory abides. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 12:9-end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they

are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

GOSPEL Matthew 16:21-end

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

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

POST COMMUNION

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true
manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our
earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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