

Forest Benefice News



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

Sunday 27th September – 17th Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am	Sunday Communion St Augustine's Draycott in the Clay
12.30 pm	Baptism of Jesse and Matthew Wainwright St Augustine's Draycott in the Clay

Next Week – 4th October

4 th October	10.00 am	Sunday Communion All Saints, Newborough
Collect Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen		Post Communion Collect Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Bible Readings for Sunday

Philippians 2.1–13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Matthew 21.23–32

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Prayers for the Week



Please pray for all those known to us who are 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 currently, through warfare or terrorism, from natural disasters or from accidents.
- At this time, we particularly pray for those affected by the unexpected death of Noah Woods. Be with his family and all those who mourn his death following this tragedy.
- We pray for who are preparing loved one's funerals. We particularly pray for the families of Graham Strickland and Clive Brough.
- We rejoice with the family and friends of Jesse and Matthew Wainwright who are being baptised today at St Augustine's Church, Draycott.

Graham Strickland - Graham's funeral service will take place at Lichfield & District Crematorium, Monday 28th September at 11.30 am. After this service there will be refreshments served at The Cock Inn, Hanbury. All are welcome to attend.

Clive Brough - Clive's funeral service will take place at St Werburgh's, Hanbury, Friday 16th October at 11.00 am. Everyone is invited to the

Memorial Hall for refreshments after this service. There will be a private family committal later in the afternoon.

Upcoming Events - We are planning our Benefice Harvest Celebration to be 11th October, 10.00 am at Hanbury. Please bring your gifts and a plate of food to share for our Harvest Lunch. Feel free to bring wine or beer if you would like to, but please bring a glass.

Diary dates

6 th Oct	7.00 pm Hanbury & Draycott PCC
18 th Oct	10.00 Harvest Service including All Saints School, Rangemore

From the Pulpit – Nan used to say “the road to hell is paved with good intentions.” Last week, we heard how the workers in the vineyard were paid the same wage however long they worked in the day, a metaphor for God’s abundant grace not being reliant on our efforts. This week, Jesus speaks of two sons, one who initially refused to work for his father but recanted, and one who appeared to comply but failed to turn up. It’s human nature to applaud the son who did the right thing and castigate the other. Fortunately, God is constant in his love for us, and our faith enables us to work for His good pleasure in looking not to our own interests, but to the interests of others.

Yours in Christ

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