

Forest Benefice News



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

Sunday 13th September – 15th Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am	Sunday Communion St Werburghs, Hanbury We welcome Rev Andy Simpson to our church today
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Next Week – 20th September

20 th Sept	10.00 am	Sunday Communion All Saints, Rangemore
Collect Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen		Post Communion Collect Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Bible Readings for Sunday

Romans 14.1–12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Matthew 18.21–35

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of

pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

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 at this time, through warfare or terrorism, from natural disasters or from accidents.
- At this time we pray for those in the area surrounding Tibet and Nepal. As the rescue operations continue we pray for safety for the rescue services. Be with all who are affected by this disaster. If you feel you would like to donate to aid the rescue please visit <https://donate.redcross.org.uk/appeal/nepal-floods>
- We pray for those in mourning and for those who are preparing loved one's funerals. We particularly for the families of Graham Strickland and Clive Brough.
- We pray for Arthur McLean and his family, as we celebrate his baptism, today at St Werburghs Church.

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.

Upcoming Events - We are planning our Benefice Harvest Celebration to be 11th October, 10.00 am at Hanbury. See the separate leaflet.

Diary dates

23 rd Sept	2.00 pm -Communion Service at Far Fillimore Care Home
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From the Pulpit – Hello all, It's lovely to be asked to lead at Hanbury this morning. Even though I am licenced as assistant curate in this benefice, to date I have only really contributed at All Saints Rangemore. Today's Gospel reading of the Parable of the unjust servant is very much an example of the "Golden Rule" which, whilst appearing in many cultures, is given by Jesus as part of His Sermon on the mount "Do unto others as you would have them do to you". The unjust servant is either very ungrateful for what he has received or feels he is superior to his fellow servant. Thankfulness and humility are key Gospel principles which should be marks of those who follow Jesus!

Yours in Christ Rev Andy

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