

Forest Benefice News



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

Sunday 30th August – 13th Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am	5 th Sunday Communion by Extension St Augustine's, Draycott
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Next Week – 6th September

6 th Sept	10.00 am	Sunday Communion All Saints, Newborough
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Collect

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in
strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post Communion Collect

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.

Amen

Bible Readings for Sunday

Romans 12.9–end

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.

Matthew 16.21–end

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.'

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.
- Following the tragedy in Middlesborough last weekend we pray for all concerned. Our thoughts are with the bereaved families.
- 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 pray for the families of Jude Histed, Casey Hollis and Arthur McLean, as we celebrate their baptisms. Jude will be baptised today at St Werburghs by Rev Dr Robin Trotter, Casey will be baptised 6th September at All Saints, Rangemore and Arthur 13th September at St Werburghs

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

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

2 nd Sept	School Term restarts
6 th Sept	Baptism of Casey Hollis at All Saints, Rangemore
13 th Sept	Baptism of Arthur McLean at St Werburghs, Hanbury

Rev Liz and Ray are camping at 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! If you have an urgent need please contact Judy Ireland or John Harrison.

From the Pulpit –

Last week I asked you if you had a stumbling block that hindered your relationship with Jesus. This week we have Jesus saying Peter is a stumbling block to him! Even Jesus had moments when he felt 'life' was getting in the way of his relationship with God. Life does sometimes get in the way of our spiritual growth and health. Can you see areas in your life where this might be the case? What can you do to ensure these blocks are as small as they can be?

Yours in Christ, Rev Liz

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