

Forest Benefice News



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

Sunday 4th October – 18th Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am	Sunday Communion All Saints, Newborough
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Next Week – 11th October

11 th October	10.00 am	Sunday Communion St Werburghs, Hanbury Please bring your Harvest Gifts. After the service there will be a bring and share lunch, please do join us and bring a guest!
Collect God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen		Post Communion Collect We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. Amen

Bible Readings for Sunday

Philippians 3.4b–14

...even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 21.33–end

‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.”

But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.' When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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.
- We pray for all who are bereaved and preparing loved one's funerals. We particularly pray for the family of Clive Brough.
- As our Diocesan Bishop, Michael, retires, we thank you Lord for +Michael's ministry and time with us here in Lichfield. We pray for +Sarah as takes on the role of Acting Diocesan Bishop.

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	2.00 pm Harvest Service including All Saints School, Rangemore <i>Please note change of time</i>

From the Pulpit –

This part of Matthew's gospel is set towards the end of Jesus' ministry and his time here on earth. This is set in the week of his final earthly life. This part we've heard today is concerned with a debate with religious leaders, the facts, the actions and the consequences those actions will have. Once more we have a parable using a vineyard to illustrate the story. The parable today is about God restoring his kingdom, taking action and putting things right. What would our world look like today if God's kingdom were fully restored?

Yours in Christ

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