

CALENDAR FOR JULY 2020

Sunday 26th July 10.30am Service of Thanksgiving, CROWN EAST

12th June **From the July Registers:-**
Funeral of Robert Tutchings

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**ST THOMAS'
CROWN EAST & RUSHWICK
JULY 2020**



*Won't be long before the doors are
open again!*

Public Worship returns to St Thomas'

The first service after lockdown at St Thomas' will be a Service of Thanksgiving on Sunday 26th July 2020 at 10.30am. We look forward to opening the church doors to you again.

Private Prayer at St Thomas'

Some of our churches are opening for private prayer across our parishes having considered the transmission risks and the resources to deep clean. St Thomas, Crown East has chosen to wait a while as they do not resources to open and close the church with key people currently self-isolating.

However, it will open for funerals with limited numbers. The number will depend on the calculations which have currently been worked out with 2m distancing between households

Collects and Readings for July 2020

Collect for the Fourth Sunday after Trinity – 5th July 2020

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world; draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ

Readings: Genesis 24. 34-38, 43-49, 58-end, Psalm 45. 10-end, Romans 7. 15-25a, Matthew 11. 16-29, 25-end

Collect for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity – 12th July 2020

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord

Readings: Genesis 25. 19-end, Psalm 119. 105-112, Romans 8. 1-11, Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

Collect for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity – 19th July 2020

Creator God, you made us all in your image; may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings: Genesis 28. 10-19a, Psalm 139. 1-11, 23-24, Romans 8. 12-25, Matthew 13. 24-30, 36-43

Collect for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity – 26th July 2020

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow; though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings: Genesis 29. 15-28, Psalm 105. 1-11, 45b, Romans 8. 26-end, Matthew 13. 31-33, 44-52

Letter from Rev Anne

Psalm 29

Honour the Lord, you heavenly beings;

Honour the Lord for his glory and strength.

Honour the Lord for the glory of his name.

Worship the Lord in the splendour of his holiness.

The voice of the Lord echoes above the sea.

The God of glory thunders.

The Lord thunders over the mighty sea.

The voice of the Lord is powerful;

the voice of the Lord is majestic.

The voice of the Lord splits the mighty cedars;

the Lord shatters the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon's mountains skip like a calf;

he makes Mount Hermon leap like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord strikes

with bolts of lightning.

The voice of the Lord makes the barren wilderness quake;

the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord twists mighty oaks

and strips the forests bare.

In his Temple everyone shouts, 'Glory!'

The Lord rules over the floodwaters.

The Lord reigns as king forever.

The Lord gives his people strength.

The Lord blesses them with peace.

How do we feel when we find ourselves in the midst of a storm, when the thunder is roaring above us and when the lightning is flashing across the sky?

During lockdown we have had time to stop, think and to consider the way we live. Some people have discovered a new joy in gardening, cooking or just being quiet and enjoying nature. Others have struggled with the solitude and isolation, which has challenged them and their mental health. Amidst all the terrors of the storm the mind of David the psalmist was still and calm leading him to sing of the power and greatness of God.

Living here in West Worcestershire we are constantly reminded of the joys of nature and the wonders of new life. We have seen new life in the lambs in the fields and our farmers, for whom life has carried on 'as normal' they will have witnessed other new life – calves and crops. All this reminds us that God is at the very centre of creation and is all powerful, all seeing and ever present. This terrible virus that we are experiencing has enabled us to find new opportunities and ways of doing and being church; it has created a new community spirit and shown us new ways of praising and worshipping God wherever we are physically, mentally and spiritually.

However, many of us are looking forward to the time we can step inside our church buildings and worship, not only together in fellowship, but along with the cloud of witnesses who have gone before.

In the meantime God bless you and keep you and give you his peace.

Rev Anne