



Connection

Sunday 27th September 2020
Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity



Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Reading: 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.

Reading: Matthew 21: 23-32

When Jesus 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.'

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Requests for Prayers

If there is someone or something that you would like to pray for please email us



Please continue to pray for the ill and isolated, frontline, hospital and medical staff and for anyone who is suffering in the world

Those who are sick: Roy and Margaret Putnam, Richard Clements, Simon Collett, Christopher Frith, Edward Bunn, Brian Bolam

We continue to pray for: Don Dufty, Percy and Sharon Blizzard, Jackie Pickford, Clive Hunt, Mary Doney

Those in residential care: Sheila Bigland-Gibbons, Barbara Milton

Those who have died and their families: Brian Druce, Charles Brazier, Nils Wilkes, Simon Flynn

Anniversary of a death: Please pray for those who have lost loved ones

Church Services

The church services this Sunday 27th September will be at:



9.00am St Faith's, Overbury



10.30am Holy Trinity, Eckington

The Rota for October 2020

Date	Church	Time	Minister
4 th October	Chapel of Ease, Bredon's Norton	9.00am	Reverend Allison Davies
	St Mary's, Elmley Castle HARVEST SERVICE	10.30am	Canon Roger Spiller
	St Faith's, Overbury HARVEST SERVICE	10.30am	Lay Led
	St Barbara's, Ashton U Hill HARVEST SERVICE	10.30am	Lay Led
	Holy Trinity, Eckington, HARVEST SERVICE	4.00pm	Lay Led
11 th Oct	Holy Trinity, Eckington	9.00am	Reverend Allison Davies
	St John the Baptist, Beckford HARVEST SERVICE	10.30am	Reverend Allison Davies
18 th Oct	St Mary's Elmley Castle	9.00 am	Canon Roger Spiller
	St Giles', Bredon	10.30am	Reverend Catherine Lack
	St James', Defford *	10.30am	Reverend Allison Davies
25 th Oct	St Barbara's Ashton Under Hill	9.00am	Reverend Doug Chaplain
	Holy Trinity, Eckington	10.30am	Bishop Michael Hooper

*this service is a ticketed only event – please contact Alison Kahn at acbhteam@gmail.com

News from the Diocese

Prayers and diocesan news can be found at www.cofe-worcester.org.uk

Ordinations Ember Card

Please find attached the ember card for this year's ordinations to be held on 26 and 27 September.
Please pray for all the candidates.

Please pray for all those who are preparing to be ordained this Michaelmas, and among them to serve in the Diocese of Worcester.



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Join the Diocese this September for More Open Conversations

A reminder to sign up for the Open Conversations on the future of our diocese via Zoom.

The final date is: Monday 28 September: 2 to 4pm and 6 to 8pm:

You can find more details at: www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/open-conversations

Reverend Allison Davies

Vicar of Eckington, Defford with Besford and Associate Priest for the churches of the Bredon Hill Group

