



# Connection

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021**  
**Eighth Sunday after Trinity**



## **Collect**

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,  
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern  
both our hearts and bodies  
in the ways of your laws  
and the works of your commandments;  
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,  
we may be preserved in body and soul;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

## **Ephesians 3: 14-end**

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **John 6: 1-21**

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.'

One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Jesus, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.' When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Strengthen for service, Lord,  
the hands that have taken holy things;  
may the ears which have heard your word  
be deaf to clamour and dispute;  
may the tongues which have sung your praise  
be free from deceit;  
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love  
shine with the light of hope;  
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body  
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;  
glory to you for ever.

**Amen**

### **Requests for Prayers**

**We pray for all those who are sick everywhere and for those who have asked for our prayers and for their carers:** Roy and Margaret Putnam, Brian Bolam, Wendy Dufty, Yvonne Seward, Andy Caddell, Gayle Richards, Laurence Alexander

**We continue to pray for:** Percy and Sharon Blizzard, Jackie Pickford, Clive Hunt.

**We pray for those who are in residential care:** Sheila Bigland-Gibbons, Barbara Milton, Rita Sheppy and David Wilkinson.

**We pray for those who have died everywhere:** Jane Rogers, Anne Wood and Edward Bunn and their families. And also for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time.



### **Church Services**

**The church services this week will be at:**

9.00am Chapel of Ease, Bredon's Norton – Rev Catherine Lack

10.30am St Faith's Overbury + Baptism – Rev Alison Davies

12.30pm Holy Trinity, Eckington – Baptism – Rev Allison Davies

4.00pm St Mary's, Elmley Castle – Licensing Service – Bishop Martin Gorick

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### The Rota for August 2021

Date	Church	Time	Minister
1 <sup>st</sup> August	St Mary's, Elmley Castle	10.30am	Reverend Katryn Leclezio
	Holy Trinity, Eckington	10.30am	Reverend Allison Davies
8 <sup>th</sup> August	St Barbara's, Ashton Under Hill	10.30am	Reverend Katryn Leclezio
	St Giles, Bredon	10.30am	Reverend Allison Davies
15 <sup>th</sup> August	St Peter's, Besford	10.30am	Reverend Allison Davies
	St Peter's, Little Comberton	10.30am	Reverend Katryn Leclezio
22 <sup>nd</sup> August	Chapel of Ease, Bredon's Norton	9.00am	Reverend Doug Chaplin
	St Nicholas, Teddington	10.30am	Reverend Katryn Leclezio
29 <sup>th</sup> August	United Service St Giles, Bredon	10.30am	Reverend Katryn Leclezio

### Midweek Communion

Date	Church	Time	Minister
11 <sup>th</sup> August	St Faith's, Overbury	10.00am	Reverend Allison Davies
18 <sup>th</sup> August	St Peter's, Little Comberton	10.00am	Reverend Katryn Leclezio
25 <sup>th</sup> August	St James', Defford	10.00am	Reverend Katryn Leclezio



**Reverend Allison Davies**

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