

PRAYERS: For your prayers this week.

Vocations and ministry:

We pray for Churchwardens and building and maintenance works across the Benefice.

The sick:

Marianne, Kylie, Merry, Alex, David, Jackie, Nic, Babs, Russell and Lee, Dennis, Malcolm and Alan. All those in hospital, having treatment and waiting for test results and operations.

Those needing long term care and support: Pauline, Richard, those being cared for at home, the residents of Goatacre Manor Care Centre and other local care homes.

Those who have died:

We pray for Marianne Jones, all who have died recently, those we know and those we read about in the news. We pray for all those who grieve.

Special intentions *(This is for people who may have plans or hopes for which they would like our prayer support)*

We pray for everyone returning to school soon, those starting school and those moving on to the next stage of their education.

We pray for the King and all the Royal family.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we continue to pray for the Dorchester Deanery. Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the communities of Dorchester and the Winterbournes for all who live, work, pray, and play there. In our prayers for the global Church, we pray for The Church of South India (United).

We pray for our Benefice congregations, parishioners and our churches in this time of vacancy. We give thanks for those helping at this time.



The Benefice of
Lyneham and Woodhill

Tockenham
Communion - 10.30am

31st August
St Giles



Future services:

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| Weds 3 rd Sept | Hilmarton | Communion - 2pm (in church) |
| Sun 7 th Sept | Clyffe Pypard | Communion - 9am |
| | Tockenham | Communion - 10.30am |
| | Lyneham | All-Age Service - 10.30am |
| Sun 14 th Sept | Bradenstoke | Communion - 9am |
| | Hilmarton | Said Communion - 10.30am |
| | Broad Town | Morning Service - 10.30am |

Keep in touch by going to: www.achurchnearyou.com and searching for your parish church.

Using the Benefice of Lyneham and Woodhill Facebook page.

Getting your name added to the Benefice email list if it isn't already there – just email Elaine on beneficeofwoodhill@yahoo.co.uk and ask to be added.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
by whose grace Giles, kindled with the fire of your love,
became a burning and a shining light in the Church:
in flame us with the same spirit of discipline and love,
that we may ever walk before you as children of light;
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.

FIRST READING: *Psalm 112*

- 1 Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord,
who greatly delight in his commandments.
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.
- 5 It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.
- 6 For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered for ever.
- 7 They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.
- 8 Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.
- 9 They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;
their righteousness endures for ever;
their horn is exalted in honour.
- 10 The wicked see it and are angry;
they gnash their teeth and melt away;
the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.

GOSPEL: *Luke 14.1,7-14*

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, “Give this person your place,” and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, “Friend, move up higher”; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, ‘When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.’

POST COMMUNION

Merciful God,
who gave such grace to your servant Giles.
that he served you with singleness of heart
and loved you above all things:
help us, whose communion with you
has been renewed in this sacrament,
to forsake all that holds us back from following Christ
and to grow into his likeness from glory to glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.