

PRAYERS: For your prayers this week.

Vocations and ministry:

All PCC members.

The sick:

Marianne, Kylie, Merry, Alex, David, Jackie, Nic, Babs, Russell and Lee, Dennis, Malcolm, Graham, Sue, Cindy and Alan.

All those in hospital, having treatment and waiting for test results.

Those needing long term care and support: Pauline, Richard, Margaret, 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 all those who grieve.

Weddings and Baptisms:

We pray for Annabelle and Ellis who were married in Hilmarton this month.

We pray for Olivia who was being baptised at Lyneham this weekend.

We pray for Chloe and Ciaran whose banns are being read over the next three weeks.

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

We pray for the King and all the Royal family.

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for churches in the Heytesbury Deanery. Loving God, we pray for your blessing on Warminster Christ Church, for all those who minister there.

In our prayers for the Anglican communion, we pray for The Anglican Church of Tanzania.

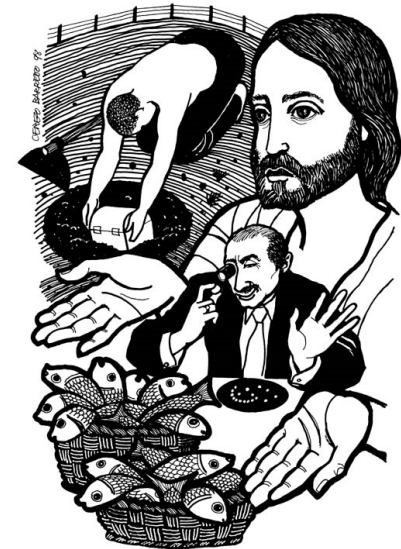
We pray for our Benefice congregations, parishioners and our churches in this time of vacancy. We pray for the person(s) who may feel called to this post.

We give thanks for those helping at this time.



The Benefice of
Lyneham and Woodhill

26th July
Trinity 8



**Bradenstoke
Broad Town
Hilmarton**

Communion - 9am
Communion - 10.30am
All-Age Service - 10.30am

Future services:

Sun 2 nd August	Clyffe Pypard Tockenham Lyneham	Communion - 9am Communion - 10.30am All-Age Service - 10.30am
Weds 5 th August	Hilmarton	Communion - 2pm (in church)
Sun 9 th August	Hilmarton	Communion & Patronal Service - 11am <i>Followed by Bring and Share lunch in church/churchyard</i>

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 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.

FIRST READING: *Romans 8.26-39*

²⁶The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, ³⁹nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL: *Matthew 13.31-33,44-52*

³¹Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' ³³He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

⁴⁴The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls;

⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' ⁵²And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

POST COMMUNION

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.