

PRAYERS: For your prayers this week.

Vocations and ministry:

Benefice Clergy: Jonathan and Richard and those helping in the vacancy.

The sick:

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

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

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

Those who have died:

We pray for Margaret Gibbs, for funerals being planned, those we know and those we read about in the news.

We pray for all those who grieve.

Weddings and Baptisms:

We pray for Chloe and Ciaran whose banns are being read this month.

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 Bradford Deanery. God of all blessings, we hold before you the communities of Bradford Deanery. We pray for the Rural Dean, Assistant Rural Dean, and Lay Chair. We pray for all who live there to be guided by your word and know your peace upon them.

In our prayers for the Anglican communion, we raise to you the Episcopal church.

We pray for all churches that are members of the Inclusive Church Network

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



9th August
St Laurence and Inclusive Church



Hilmarton

Communion & Patronal Service - 11am

Future services:

Sun 16 th August	Bradenstoke	Communion - 10.30am
Sun 23 rd August	Lyneham	Communion - 9am
	Broad Town	Communion - 10.30am
	Hilmarton	All-Age 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

Searching God, for you,
no one is lost
no one is left behind
no one is the price to be paid for the greater good.
Give us the same restless desire, the same fierce joy
which finds grace in every child of earth
and makes a community open to all.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
who loved the world and did not count the cost.

FIRST READING

2 Corinthians 9.6-10

⁶The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹As it is written,

‘He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures for ever.’

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

GOSPEL

Matthew 6.19-24

¹⁹‘Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²²‘The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; ²³but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

²⁴‘No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

POST COMMUNION

Eternal God,
who gave us this holy meal
in which we have celebrated the glory of the cross
and the victory of your martyr Laurence:
by our communion with Christ
in his saving death and resurrection,
give us with all your saints the courage to conquer evil
and so to share the fruit of the tree of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.