



ST EDWARD'S
CHEDDLETON

Pew Sheet

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The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

It's wonderful to have you with us this morning, as we gather to worship together in this beautiful parish church. Don't hesitate to speak to our sidesperson if there is anything you need, and please do come and join us in the Choir House for refreshments after the service.

A loop system is installed in Church. If you wear a hearing aid, please tune it to 'T'. If you need gluten free communion wafers, please make yourself known to the vicar, a churchwarden or any church officials.

Today's Team

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Organist
Duty Warden
Server
Sidesperson
Intercessions
Refreshments

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T h o u g h t s & P r a y e r s

Kindly remember in your prayers the school and their families,
and the wider school community.

Prayers have also been asked for **Isabel, Paul, Bill, Joyce, Christine, Sarah, Deb, Jean, Barbara, Andrew P, Lyn, Andrew, Karen, Sylvia Goodliffe, and Ester Young.**

Please pray, too, for the family and friends of
Steve Walker and Mollie Swift, who died recently.

Collect

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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.

Readings

Ezekiel 18.1–4, 25–end

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.'

[...]

Yet you say, 'Why should not the son suffer for the iniquity of the father?' When the son has done what is lawful and right, and has been careful to observe all my statutes, he shall surely live. The person who sins shall die. A child shall not suffer for the iniquity of a parent, nor a parent suffer for the iniquity of a child; the righteousness of the righteous shall be his own, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be his own.

But if the wicked turn away from all their sins that they have committed and keep all my statutes and do what is lawful and right, they shall surely live; they shall not die. None of the transgressions that they have committed shall be remembered against them; for the righteousness that they have done they shall live. Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked, says the Lord God, and not rather that they should turn from their ways and live? But when the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity and do the same abominable things that the wicked do, shall they live? None of the righteous deeds that they have done shall be remembered; for the treachery of which they are guilty and the sin they have committed, they shall die.

Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live;

they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 25.1–8

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies triumph over me.

**2 Let none who look to you be put to shame,
but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.**

3 Make me to know your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.

**4 Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you have I hoped all the day long.**

5 Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

**6 Remember not the sins of my youth
or my transgressions,
but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,
according to your steadfast love.**

7 Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.

**8 He will guide the humble in doing right
and teach his way to the lowly.**

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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 21.23–32

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

What's On @ St Edward's

Monday
28 September

Community Café 10am

Tuesday
29 September

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Wednesday
30 September

Bell Ringing Practice 7:15pm

Thursday
1 October

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Friday
2 October

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Saturday
3 October

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Sunday
4 October

Joint Eucharist (**at All Saints**) 10am (!)

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday
11 October

Parish Eucharist ("Back-to-Church Sunday") 11am

Sunday
18 October

Parish Eucharist 9:15am
Story Church 3pm

Sunday
25 October

Parish Eucharist 11am

Sunday
1 November

Joint Eucharist (**at All Saints**) 10am (!)

Friday
6 November

Memorial Service 6pm

Sunday
8 November

Remembrance Sunday **10am (!)**

Notices

Memorial Service

Our annual service to remember loved ones who have died will take place on Friday, 6 November, 6pm.

If you would like the name of a deceased friend or relative read out during the service, please add them to the list at the back of church.

Back to Church Sunday: 11 October (11am)

We all know people who are on the fringes of our church community: those faithful members of the congregation who have never made back to church after the pandemic, perhaps, or friends and family who think that church isn't really for them. Do take a moment to consider who you might invite to our special "back to church Sunday" on 11 October, and please take them a copy of the invitation that you'll find at the back of church.

Reflection Group: Love That Dares to Speak

Why we believe what we believe: exploring questions of faith and ethics with openness, courage and compassion.

Join us for five sessions, **beginning Monday 12 October**, with a choice of 10.30am or 7pm. These gatherings will be a safe and welcoming space to share, listen, ask questions and grow in faith together.

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

St Edward's Day — Trip to Lichfield Cathedral: Tuesday, 13 October

Join us on Tuesday, 13 October — St Edward's Day! — for a special visit to Lichfield Cathedral.

We will leave Cheddleton at 1.30pm and enjoy a free guided tour of the Cathedral, followed by Choral Evensong. Afterwards, we will enjoy dinner together before heading home, arriving back in Cheddleton at around 9.30pm. The tour and Choral Evensong are free. Dinner will be at your own expense. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church. We will help to arrange lifts to and from Lichfield will be arranged privately.

It would be lovely to have a good group from St Edward's for this special day — all are very welcome!