

Sunday, August 7th, 2022

Services this week

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9.30am Holy Communion

11.30am Summer Celebration All Age Worship

5pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday August 9th

7pm Compline

Monday – Thursday

8am – 8.30am Quiet Morning Prayer

Services next week

Sunday August 14th: 8am Quiet Communion; 9.30am Holy Communion, 11.30am Sunday Celebration with Holy Communion

Tuesday August 16th: 7pm Compline

Monday to Thursday: 8–8.30am Quiet Morning Prayer

Bishop's Certificate In Discipleship and Mission

The Bishop's Certificate in Discipleship and Mission is a collection of open access short modules in discipleship and mission for lay people. Modules explore the Bible, the world and faith in everyday life. Three new courses are due to start in September. Please click the links below to find out more.

Loving Difficult People

This module is for anyone who has ever struggled with a difficult person in their life. The module will look at scripture as well help you learn practical skills. The module aims to help us manage difficult relationships and learn to love needy or hostile people without being overwhelmed ourselves. There will also be space for self-reflection.

<https://www.equiphub.org.uk/courses-events-resources/loving-difficult-people/>

Mission Shaped God

This is a 'why-to' rather than 'how-to' module about mission, which will help you to understand what God is doing in the world and how you can join in. We'll look at the 'five marks of mission' and find that, though evangelism is an essential and important part of mission, it's not the whole story...

<https://www.equiphub.org.uk/courses-events-resources/mission-shaped-god-2/>

John's Gospel

Take a deeper look at the life of John the apostle in his context. Explore his unique representation of Jesus as God and reflect on our responsibility as Christians today.

<https://www.equiphub.org.uk/courses-events-resources/johns-gospel/>

Are you ready to help Rev Gail celebrate?



Bible readings for this week

Hebrews 11:1–3 and 8–16

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for.

By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.

By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth.

People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country – a heavenly one.

Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Luke 12:32–40

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor.

Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

'Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him.

It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will make them recline at the table and will come and wait on them.

It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or towards daybreak. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into.

You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.'



Prayers for our church, our parish and our world

Pray for all young people within the Church.

Pray that young people are increasingly recognised as the present rather than the future.

Pray for all youth movements and holiday schemes.

Pray for young people living in homes that are struggling financially.

Living Lord

May we be filled with the energy of youth.

**Let us not be stuck in our ways,
But embrace and adapt to change.**

Amen.

PRAYERS and HOME COMMUNION

To add a name the prayer list or arrange Home Communion please
contact

Penny in the parish office 024 7636 8008.

The PRAYER CHAIN

If you or anyone you know, needs prayer urgently call **Chris on 07717 523512** who will pass your request through the chain.

Collect for this week

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please keep in touch

We'd love to know what you're up to and if there's anything you would like adding to the newsletter

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