



Coffee is served in the church between the 9.30am and 11am services.
Interest bags for pre-school children are available.

Tuesday 4th September 7.30pm at St Mary & St Nicolas Taize Prayer... All are welcome, the prayer lasts about 45 minutes and includes singing simple Taize chants, a bible reading, prayers and silence.

Guided Prayer Week

Starts Saturday 8th September with an Introductory Session 9.45 - 11.30. Please see this months Tidings Magazine for further details, Page 7. Responses for taking part should be returned by 26th August.

CHOIR OPEN EVENING CONCERT

An informal evening of music by St Mary & St Nicolas Choir

Sunday 9th September at 6.30pm in Church

Raffle and refreshments
Free Admission

8.00am Holy Communion
Celebrant: The Revd Alan Fiddymnt
Preacher: The Revd Evan McWilliams

9.30am Family Communion
Celebrant: The Revd Aileen Workman
Preacher: The Revd Evan McWilliams
Readers: Sarah & Richard Chadd

Singers 45 As we are gathered
Hymn 544 O God beyond all praising
Hymn 506 May the mind of Christ my Saviour
Hymn 323 I am the bread of life
Communion I/K 18 He became poor
159 Eat this bread
Hymn 275 Guide me O thou Great Redeemer

11.00am Sung Eucharist
Celebrant: The Revd John Bennett
Preacher: The Revd Evan McWilliams
Reader: Penny Adams

Service *Merbecke*
Entry 380 At the name of Jesus (*Omit v2 & 6*)
Gradual 188 O Holy Spirit
Offertory 577 Stand up and bless the Lord
Com Anthem Make me a channel of your peace
Com Hymn 517 Loving shepherd
Post Com 543 O praise ye the Lord

Baptisms
2.00pm Maddison Isla Grace Mansfield
3.00pm Alexander James Smith

6.30pm Choral Evensong
Officiant: Dr Peter Gorton
Preacher: The Revd Aileen Workman
Readings: Job 39.1-40.4
Hebrews 12.1-17

Entry 423 Fight the good fight
Introit 22 God be in my head
Responses Ferial
Psalms 23 Chant 132
Office Hymn 391 Blest are the pure in heart
Magnificat Chant 97
Nunc Dimittis Chant 114
Anthem P10 O How Amiable are thy dwellings
Hymn 455 Guide me O thou Great Redeemer
Hymn 22 The day Thou gavest

The Week Ahead

WED 10.00am - Eucharist - The Revd Aileen Workman
THURS 12 Noon - Memorial Service - George Wallder
SAT 3.00pm - Wedding - Shawn Gibbons & Emma Casson

SUNDAY 19th August - Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Family Communion
11am Sung Eucharist
Readings: Ephesians 5.15-20 & John 6.51-58

Baptisms - 2.00pm Freya Baker
3.00pm Evelina Lazdina

6.30pm Evensong
Readings: Exodus 2.23 -3.10 & Hebrews 13.1-15

Please take this sheet home with you as a reminder of when things are happening and for your prayers.

TIDINGS

Please note that the August edition of Tidings is now available. Tidings has lots of information about what has been, and what will be, happening in the Parish so please pick one up so you don't miss out!

The Parish Office is open
Monday to Friday
between 9.30am - 12.30pm

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Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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.

Reading: Ephesians 4.25 - 5.2

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Gospel: John 6.35, 41-51

Jesus said to the crowd, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father

comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

Prayer after Communion

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For your prayers

We hold before God those who are ill, especially **June Smith, Albert Chapman, Joan Gardner, Annie Hardy, Mike Hardy, John Harrison, John Summerson, Bill Lawton & Betty McWilliams.**

We hold before God those who have died, amongst them **Mildred Hardy, Susan Levesley, James Griffin, Colin Booth, Sandra Gray, John Bingham, David Prescott, Antony Proctor, George Walder, Barrie Fowler, Irene "Joan" Whittaker, Malcolm Wright, Geraldine "Bunty" Jarvis & Margaret Howell.**

Psalm 23

1. The Lord is my Shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.
2. He shall feed me in green pasture: and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
3. He shall convert my soul: and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.
4. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
5. Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me: thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
6. But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.