

Sunday 15th September 2024

16th Sunday after Trinity

Reading: *Proverbs 1:20-33 or James 3: 1-12* Gospel: *Mark 8: 27-end*

Psalm: 19 or 19: 1-6 (or canticle: Wisdom 7:26-8:1) YEAR: B Liturgical Colour: **GREEN**

Your services this Sunday

9.30am Holy Communion: *St Katharine's & Collingbourne Kingston*

10am Lay Morning Worship: *Chute*

11am Holy Communion: *Great Bedwyn*

11am Family Service: *Collingbourne Ducis*

11am Lay Morning Worship: *Burbage & Shalbourne*

6pm Lay evening Prayer: *Little Bedwyn*

The Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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.

Sunday 22nd September 2024

17th Sunday after Trinity

Reading: *Proverbs 31: 10-end or James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a* Gospel: *Mark 9: 30-37*

Psalm: 1 YEAR: B Liturgical Colour: **GREEN**

Your services this Sunday

9am Holy Communion: *Little Bedwyn & Chute*

9.30am Matins: *Buttermere*

10am Lay Family Service: *Great Bedwyn*

11am Holy Communion: *Collingbourne Ducis*

11am Lay Morning Prayer: *St Katharine's*

11am Harvest Festival: *Burbage*

5pm Evensong: *Shalbourne*

6pm Evensong: *Collingbourne Kingston*

The 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.

Mid - Week Holy Communion

Join us every Wednesday at 12pm in the North Transept of St Mary's, Great Bedwyn,

House Groups Return For The Autumn

Wednesdays at 7:30pm

Thursdays at 3:00pm and 7:45pm

For further information contact Teresa on

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Basic Safeguarding Awareness Course

17th September, 7pm, Burbage Church Centre. This is a valid certificate for 3 years. Contact Sammy or Eileen Devenish, the team safeguarding officer, to register attendance.

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We keep in our prayers the family and friends of Judith Hiller whose funeral takes place at St Katharine's on 12th September

and of

'Nan' Kathleen Rebbeck whose funeral takes place at St Nicholas', East Grafton on 17th September

May their souls rest in peace and rise in glory.

Coming up...

Tidcombe concerts present

Sam Grassie

Saturday 28th September 6pm

Sams EP, *Sandwood*, released in spring 2024, explores the boundaries between traditional folk and world blues. Hailing from Scotland, Sam, as well as writing his own songs, is well known for his fluid and virtuosic interpretations of traditional tunes. As always, the concert will be in the beautiful church of St Michael's and be followed by drinks at Tidcombe Manor or Flint Cottage Barn. Tickets are £15 each (£5 for children) For details and ticket reservations contact: Emma at emmaheberpercy@gmail.com Tel: 01264 731386

Petite Retreat: Seashells: Listening to God.

Lopcombe Quiet Garden.

Saturday 28th September. 10am-4pm. £25 per person.

Tickets can be booked through Eventbrite. Enquiries to Vanessa Cole priestwithoutportfolio@gmail.com

Piano Recital by Christopher Burrows

St Lawrence's Church, Hungerford **Saturday 5th October 2024**

Champagne and Canapés from 6:15 pm, Talk at 6:45 pm Recital at 7pm.

Advanced Booking Recommended. Tickets (to include Champagne and Canapés) £25 Concessions £15 <https://tinyurl.com/concertcb>

'Coffee club' 10.30am to 12 noon in Collingbourne Kingston Village Hall every first and third Wednesday
'Fill the Gap' 12noon to 2.00pm every Tuesday & 'Coffee & Cake' 10-12pm, every 1st Thursday, in Burbage Church Centre
'Thursday Club' 12-2pm in the South Transept of St Mary's, Great Bedwyn.

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Team Vacancy

To many the way the Church of England appoints its rectors and vicars can seem laborious and unwieldy. There are good spiritual reasons for this and the time or 'vacancy' between one incumbent and the next, but there are also historical reasons, going back to the Saxon Church which still influences the process today.

In Saxon times churches, priest's houses and the land on which the priest subsisted (the glebe) were often given to the parish by a local landowner, or by the King, monasteries and Cathedrals. This gave them the right to appoint the priest to that church.

In the twelfth century the Church and bishops began to insist on having more control over the clergy and their property, and so while the owners still had the right to choose their priest, their choice had to be approved by the bishop, to whom the new incumbent had to swear obedience. The owners were the advocates for the incumbent or *Patron*.

Fast forward to the 21st century and we see this still partly replicated in the Savernake Team as we look for a new Team Rector. After Michael retired, we were officially asked by the Bishop to find a new priest. The profiling committee are working hard to draw up the specification on who we want and will be most appropriate for the team, working on behalf of the Team Council with advice from the Rural Dean and Archdeacon. This will need to be agreed by the Team Council, who will elect three of its members to sit on the Board of Patronage, the interviewing panel.

This Board of Patronage will also include other patrons. Every church in the team would have had a patron of its own at some point, but over time some have voluntarily given up their patronage. But a representative from each of: the Diocesan Board of Patronage, the Dean and Chapter of Winchester and Salisbury Cathedrals, the Dean and Canons of Windsor and the Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS) as successors to those original patrons will all have a right to be part of the selection. Indeed, the CPAS have already come to a meeting and are keen to help in whatever way they can. The Board also includes the two team vicars, the Rural Dean, the Archdeacon and is chaired by the Bishop of Ramsbury.

They will short list and interview candidates working to the profile as agreed by the Team Council.

We have an ambitious timetable to have the profile ready to advertise in January for interviews at the beginning of April. Clergy have to give three months' notice from their previous jobs, so an incumbent could be licenced by next September. However, this might slip and it may take longer. And many benefices are finding at the moment that they need to advertise two or three times to make the right appointment.

At their licencing service the new incumbent will be presented to the Bishop by one of the patrons. Once licenced they are put into their stall by the Archdeacon, both parts still a relic of our medieval past.

Gerald Osborne.

Thought for the week

The beautiful thing about encouragement is that anybody can do it. - Charles Swindoll