

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Today

We welcome back the choir after their well-deserved break



Today we will be offering a blessing for your bookbags, schoolbags, workbags etc in preparation for the new school term- how is it the Autumn Term already??!!

Wednesday

10.00am **Holy Communion** with Revd. Canon Chris Butt

8.00pm **Junior Church** meeting in the Committee Room.

Thursday

10.00am **Altar Guild** in Church. Do please come along and help if you are able.

7.30pm **BFG meeting** in the Committee Room

Next Week - SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8th **15th after TRINITY**

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

6.30pm Sung Evensong

"Please stand if you are able...."

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE INVITATION TO STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE DURING THE SERVICES ABOVE APPLIES THROUGHOUT.



There will be a Church Fire Evacuation Drill at some point in the next few weeks during the 10.00am service, so please be all ears and ready to rumble!

We are deeply grateful to Philippa Russell for enabling the installation of a new hearing loop amplifier in memory of John. We hope that this will make the service more accessible to all.

WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S CHURCH

**Growing in Love, Deepening Faith,
Working for God, Welcoming All**

To Newcomers:

We are especially glad to see you. By way of introduction please fill in a pew slip and return it to a Sidesperson or contact the Parish Office on 681 1940.

Pew slips can be found at the back of the church.

Please take this notice sheet home.

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SERVICES FOR SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 1st 2024 14th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am

Holy Communion
Green Prayer Book

10.00am ALL-AGE EUCHARIST

Common Worship ~ HA & M ~Anderson

Organ Voluntary: Praise to the Lord ~ Max Reger
Hymn: 584

Sermon: Keith Whitehead

Offertory Hymn: 748

Anthem: Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake ~ *John Hilton*
Communion Hymn: 747

Final Hymn: 765

Recessional Voluntary: Praise to the Lord ~
J.G. Walther

6.30pm
NO SERVICE

RIP

Pat Tennant

Susan Hardwick

Pamela Fitzpatrick

Anne Wright

Patricia Chiverton

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 1st 2024
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Collect

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-9

Then Moses said to the people, "Obey all the laws that I am teaching you, and you will live and occupy the land which the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. Do not add anything to what I command you, and do not take anything away. Obey the commands of the Lord your God that I have given you. Obey them faithfully, and this will show the people of other nations how wise you are. When they hear of all these laws, they will say, 'What wisdom and understanding this great nation has!'

"No other nation, no matter how great, has a god who is so near when they need him as the Lord our God is to us. He answers us whenever we call for help. No other nation, no matter how great, has laws so just as those that I have taught you today. Be on your guard! Make certain that you do not forget, as long as you live, what you have seen with your own eyes. Tell your children and your grandchildren.

Gospel Reading

Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

After Service Coffee

Everyone is very welcome to come and have a cuppa and chat in the church hall after the 10am Sunday service. It's lovely to see so many members of our church family gathering together and enjoying social time in this way. Recently there have been a few near misses with hot drinks, and there is concern that a child could get scalded. Please could we trial using the church hall garden for running around and games, and keep the hall for more sedentary activities, like drinking our hot drinks, eating our biscuits and having a chat. If you have any thoughts on this, please let me know.