

Parish News

Sunday 23rd August 2020

11th Sunday after Trinity

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It is so frustrating trying to make contact with Vicars so Vicky will endeavour to be in her study every evening except Fridays and Sundays between 6pm and 7pm so that you can be sure of

Please wear a face mask if you come to church



Its good to talk especially to those who are alone, anxious and bring a bit of Christ's peace into their lives. Why not make a drink and then telephone someone you know who may be struggling.

Collect

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.



First Reading— Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Second Reading– Mathew 16:13-20

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Post Communion Collect

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



Wearing face masks in Church is mandatory. Full Church of England advice on wearing face masks is available on our website it includes details about how to treat them and how to make them if you so wish. There are some hand made masks available at

the back of St. Luke's for you to buy.

We must take our part in fighting this pandemic and protecting the vulnerable.

Looking for something different to do this Bank Holiday?

Lichfield Cathedral may be a near to home venue to explore afresh and soak up the atmosphere

There are special extended visiting times on Saturday and Bank Holiday Monday

You have to book a timed slot. Tickets will include an opportunity to see the Artist in Residence at work in his workshop. Simon Walker is in the early stages of creating a 3m bronze statue of St. Chad due to be unveiled next March.

Cathedrals across the country will open 'till late on Saturday offering visitors the chance to soak up the atmosphere of these historic buildings by dusk. Relax, refresh, pray, take in the beauty of this medieval place of worship whilst enjoying ambient music.

All details are on the Lichfield Cathedral website.

Prayers of thanksgiving for the Bell Ringers

Our theme for this year is:

We are the body of Christ and everyone is important.

In August we are giving thanks for the Bell Ringers. The bells have been silent during lockdown and it is thrilling to hear them again on Sunday mornings calling people to worship. Because of social distancing measures only half the team can ring but don't they make a joyful sound!

Calling people to worship and telling the community that the church is alive and well is an important part of our witness. Bells help us to celebrate events like no-other sound that rings throughout the country at the same time. The bell ringers are playing their part in the body of Christ and giving freely of their time. Please take time to thank them personally by phone or email.

A prayer to say:

Father, we thank you that we are the body of Christ and that each part of the body is important. We thank you Lord for our Bell ringers. Bless and encourage them as they serve you by ringing out and calling people to worship and helping us to celebrate your love Amen





Please bring your donations of food etc to church when you come on a Wednesday or a Sunday.

If we are to start **Building Community with Christ in the Centre** then making sure people in our community do not go hungry should be on our agenda. So when you go shopping either on line or in store please put a few extras in your basket. They are requesting donations of:

Tins of rice, fruit, potatoes, meat, and mushy peas. Breakfast cereals, crisps, biscuits, sweeteners, treats, sweets/ chocolate

Toothpaste and toothbrushes.

Thank you!

Dear Friends,

Taking a few days leave has allowed me to do some jobs I haven't had a chance to do—I worked on an old fashioned oak table which has been used in our home and Vicarages slightly up-dated about 20 years ago.

I stripped the whole table removed the old 'treacle' varnish and stain. The legs have been painted 'antique white' with a matt finish and the table and its pull-out leaves waxed. It is still the same much loved table; it still does the same job but it fits into our 'retirement' home in Shrewsbury much better.

I reflected on this as I worked away. We say we don't like change, but our homes, our clothes, our gardens, our cars and our life styles change regularly so that they fit with today. If they didn't, we would still have outside facilities, ride horses and cook on blackened stoves. Things need to change to work better and to meet today's circumstances.

Church has to change too. In these difficult days we have no choice. Worship is still worship—praising God and letting him speak to us. On-line and socially distanced services do the same job and they meet today's challenges. We are not throwing out the baby with the bath water but adapting what we know and love to do what God wants us to do—to worship him, to let him speak to us and to acknowledge Father, Son and Holy Spirit as the source of all our being.

When we spend time in worship we discover how close he is and how his love envelops us.

God Bless, Vicky Fleming

Pattern of Services
For the next five weeks

| Date | St. Luke's | St. Thomas |
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| 30 th August | 8am Holy Communion 10am Morning Prayer | 10.30am Open for private prayer |
| 6th September | 10am Holy Communion | 11am Morning Prayer |
| 13th September | 8am Holy Communion 10am Morning Prayer | 10.30am Open for private prayer |
| 20th September | 10am Holy Communion | 11am Morning Prayer |
| 27th September | 8am Holy Communion 10am Morning Prayer | 10.30am Open for private prayer |

Wednesdays

St. Luke's is open for private prayer and there is a recorded Morning Prayer Service on our website