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Sunday 7th August 2022

8th Sunday after Trinity

- 10.00am Communion, St. James, Dursley
Revd Jane Wood/Revd David Vonberg
- 10.00am Parish Communion, St Bartholomew's,
Nympsfield
Revd Ian Gardner
- 12.00pm Baptism, St James, Dursley
Revd Ian Gardner

Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection,
both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and
soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever.

Amen

First Reading: Genesis 15: 1-6

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Psalms 33: 12-22

Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.
The LORD looks down from heaven;
he sees all humankind.
From where he sits enthroned he watches
all the inhabitants of the earth - he who fashions the
hearts of them all, and observes all their deeds.

A king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.
The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and by its great might it cannot save.
Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love,
to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.
Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and shield.
Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.
Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.
By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Holy Gospel: Luke 12: 32-40

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.'

'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.'

'But know 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, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

Intercessions

We pray for those who are ill at this time or in other forms of need, especially those we know. We remember Beryl, Paul, Julie, Robert, Marion, David, Mel, Bob, Janet, Jean, Bernard, Rita, Norma, Joan, Rose, Frances, Francis and Jenny. Be with them in their suffering, support and comfort them and give them peace of mind in times of trouble.

We remember John Simmonds, Dorothy Spencer, Ann Hardy, Bob Sherman and Mary Bodmin, recently departed, and pray for their families, friends and all those who grieve.

If you would like someone who is currently unwell or in particular need of prayer to be named on the weekly pew sheet, please email the parish office giving the person's name and also your name as the contact

Post-communion prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.

Amen

Service Sheet for Worship at Home

If you are unable to join the Sunday services, please do make use of the reflective service for use at home alongside the prayers and readings for the day which can be found on this pew sheet. If you would like a copy please contact the office ewelmeeparishoffice@gmail.com

Pastoral Care Please let Canon Michael (546459), Revd Ian Gardner (546895) or Revd Jane Wood (07983 623525) know of those who need to be contacted or are in hospital and we will get in touch. Pat Jones (860696) is happy to be contacted for Uley, Owlpen and Nympsfield Please continue to check the Ewelme Family Facebook page and the Benefice website www.ewelmebenefice.co.uk regularly and if there are members who you know do not use any of these media, please let them know what is going on.

Morning and Evening Prayer Via zoom has been paused until September.

Morning Prayer will be said at 9am every Tuesday & Thursday in person in St James

Live streaming of Services.

We plan to live stream the service of Holy Communion from St Giles on the Sunday when there's a service at St Mark's and from St James on the other Sundays in the month. The link can be found by going into our website - <https://ewelmebenefice.co.uk/> and clicking on the link there, or go into YouTube and enter 'Ewelme Benefice' in the Search Box, hit enter and select the service. Please note - the stream will start at about 9.50, the service starts at 10am. After the service the stream will convert to a recording which can be viewed from about 12noon. When there is a stream failure go to the Cathedral service – details in website.

This week

Tues 9th August

9am Morning Prayer in St James

2pm Communion at Holly Oak

Thurs 11th August

9am Morning Prayer in St James

10am Holy Communion, St James, Dursley

Services for Sunday 14th August 2022

9th Sunday after Trinity

St James 10am Parish Holy Communion

St Giles 10am Parish Holy Communion

Holy Cross 6pm Evensong

Bring your Own Lunch...

After the service on Sunday 28th August at St James, Dursley.
(Sign up sheet at the back of St James)



If you wish to be added to the email list for information about Children's Church activities, please ask Clare to send you a form.
ewelmeeparishoffice@gmail.com



Every Monday, starting 5th September at 9.30am in St Giles, Uley.

New email address for the Messenger.

If you have any articles for the magazine, please send them to dursley.messenger@gmail.com

Please can you copy Valerie Meares into any correspondence (v.meares@btinternet.com)



Judith and Valerie are giving the magazine a refresh next month, so if you've got any interesting, uplifting articles you'd like to share, please send them to the email address above.

The Messenger magazine is a wonderful window into our churches, showing who we are as a Christian community.



Please note...

Canon Michael will be off duty between 5th and 23rd August