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Sunday 1st August 2021 Trinity 9

10.00am Parish Communion, St James

(live streamed) Revd Ian Gardner/Revd David Vonberg

10.00am Holiday Club Service, St Giles

Revd Canon Michael Cozens

12.00pm Baptism Lilli- May Williams, St James

Revd Canon Michael Cozens

Collect

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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 . **Amen**

Old Testament Reading Exodus 16: 9 - 15

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.' " And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.' "In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 4: 1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;

he gave gifts to his people."

(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Holy Gospel John 6: 24-35

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Post Communion prayer

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Reflection

I dare to speak in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

'I am the bread of life'

If you think about it for a moment the Christian faith is really quite odd. It tries to combine the earthly and the spiritual. These are surely mutually exclusive. Of course, it takes its cue from Jesus. The Jesus of Palestine was earthly and temporal. He lived at a particular time, in a particular place and ate and drank and got tired and felt pain. And yet St John's Gospel

makes it clear that the Christ was from the beginning, beyond the limits of space and time, always present with us now. Our text this morning are words of the earthly Jesus but they point to the Christ who is eternal and spiritual.

It's hard to get our minds around all that. Giles Fraser talks about the way that Jesus plumbed God into the physical world in a new way, replacing the Jewish Temple where Jews believed that God was pleased to dwell in the holy of holies.

Jesus was deeply committed to the earthly. In St Luke's Gospel the story of the feeding of the 5000 makes it clear that Jesus wanted to feed the crowds. In the Gospel this morning, there is the Jesus who speaks also of spiritual feeding – the feeding of minds and hearts, with a grasp of God's expansive and enriching and affirming love, which gives us the chance of new beginnings.

The Eucharist as we celebrate it here week by week, is that same strange mixture of the earthly and the spiritual – we take and eat the wafer – the actual stuff of life. At the same time we recognise that it is much more than that – it is feeding on the life-giving love of God – taking it for ourselves. With all that means. I think that is why for myself, I found the spiritual communion we shared in on zoom somehow lacking.

These two: the earthly and the spiritual encompass our life as Christians. As followers of Christ, both are our concern, to share bread with those who need it.

That is why it is part of our Christian responsibility to give food to the food bank, to support the work of Christian Aid and other agencies who offer food to the hungry, and help others to grow crops which will support them for far longer. We have a responsibility to attend to the down to earth practical needs of our community and the wider world including the natural world. To sum that up that we need to learn to **be** Good News to the world.

On its own that is insufficient. To be Christlike is to recognise our own continuing need for communion with God, to go on reflecting on the love of God that we see in Christ; to go on recognising our need to sustain our faith. We equally have a responsibility to share something of Jesus Christ and his love of the Cosmos, a word meaning the whole of creation. (and one that John uses). To share the healing of mind and spirit with those who are seeking meaning value and purpose in their lives. We believe in a God of truth-seeking love and care for all - that is an inestimable gift to a world which is so full of anger, divisiveness and greed.

It is what St Paul is referring to in his letter to the Christians in Ephesus, when he writes 'I beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with humility and patience....'

How do we manage to combine these two disparate callings on us?

Two true stories for you.

For some years I have been a little involved in an organisation called '[Feed the Minds Campaign](#)'. It is an organisation which offers practical education projects to support women and vulnerable people in some of the poorest communities in the world, so that they can make enough money to support themselves and their families. At the same time, it runs projects to encourage them to learn to read and writes so that they can think and broaden their minds. Part of that endeavour is to distribute high quality theological books to college in the global south, so that trainee ministers can be well trained. Dr. Sunil Caleb, principal of Bishops College, in Calcutta

writes: 'we have received 23 volumes of priceless books... a wonderful gift towards our theological training.'

The second story is very different. Methodist congregations as I am sure you know, use ordinary bread instead of wafers at their eucharist. In the 1980s I attended the Methodist Conference in London. I had lodgings with a wonderful West Indian family about an hour's journey from the conference. I would leave the house at 7.00am to be at the conference for the early morning Eucharist. That meant breakfast at 6.30am. I was not ready for a large West Indian breakfast at that time in the morning. The second morning I negotiated that they would give me two rolls filled with the traditional raw fish to take and eat on the train. When I arrived at the conference centre panic was ensuing. There was no bread or wine for the small Eucharist, starting in a few minutes. It was at that point I remembered my two rolls in my bag. I was very young and junior in those days, but found the distraught looking presiding minister, and diffidently offered him the rolls. I could see conflicting thoughts going through his mind – could he, or should he? As I left, I saw him busily scraping the fish out the rolls. Within a few minutes he came into the chapel bearing the patten covered with a white cloth. I think only he and I knew why as the service proceeded, a strong smell of fish pervaded the small chapel!

But as I reflected on that experience, I realised the significance of it all. That lovely West Indian family had provided my breakfast to meet my very earthly needs. But their generosity meant that the dozen or so at the small eucharist were fed with what became for us the body of Christ.

'I am the bread of life'. In response to receiving the bread of life as we feed on Christ in word and sacrament, we have the privilege of sharing our bread both physically and spiritually. How seriously do we take that?

Revd David Vonberg

Intercessions

We remember before God those who have asked for our prayers this day Bob, Sue, Lynne, Frances, John, Norma, Emily, Phil, Janet, Ian, Joan, John Reginald, Siobhan We commend those who have died and those who grieve at their dying: Ben Williams, Dawn Archer, Marie Tomlins and Mary Harris

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

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 ewelmeparishoffice@gmail.com

Pastoral Care

Please continue to let Canon Michael (546459) or Revd Ian Gardner (546895) 623525) know of those who need to be contacted or those who need to be contacted or are in hospital and we will get in touch. Marion Kee (860364) or Pat Jones (860696) are 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.

Printed copies of the weekly pew sheet are available to pick up from the porch in St James from Friday lunchtime. The porch will be left open every day. For those who can't come into Dursley, especially from Nymphsfield or Uley, please do contact the office if you know of someone who would appreciate a printed copy.

Live stream Service 1st August Trinity 9

We plan to live stream the Service of Holy Communion from St James on Sunday 1st August. 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 9.50am; the service starts at 10am. After the service the stream will convert to a recording which can be viewed from about 12noon.

To listen to the service by phone through Zoom, dial 0131 460 1196 or 0203 481 5237. Enter the Meeting ID: 858 0791 3260 and if needed Passcode: 127177. Enter # for any other codes. Please be aware that due to technical difficulties, it may not always be possible to provide this Zoom link.

Live Stream Services.

Words for the service are available on an A4 printed service booklet. This can be found on our website - <https://ewelmebenefice.co.uk/> - and printed at home if possible. If you would like a printed version sent to you, please contact the Benefice Office – ewelmebenefice@parishoffice@gmail.com or phone 549280 . We will include the words for the hymns when resources allow.

Morning Prayer in August via Zoom

Morning Prayer is usually said every Wednesday via Zoom. The link can be found by going into our website - <https://ewelmebenefice.co.uk/> - and clicking on the link there. If needed, Meeting ID: 893 3298 0143 Passcode: 899154

Evening Prayer via Zoom

We are pausing Evening Prayer during August and will resume, via Zoom, in September

This week

Monday 2nd	12.00 St James
	Funeral of Marie Tomlins,
Wed 4th	9am Morning Prayer via Zoom
	10.30 Pop-up Café The Tab
Thursday 5th	9am Morning Prayer in St James
	10am Holy Communion St James

To access the links to the Zoom services go to the website www.ewelmebenefice.co.uk

Sunday 8th August Trinity 10

10.00am	Parish Holy Communion, St Giles
10.00am	Parish Holy Communion, St James

Uley Holiday Club

We have had a wonderful week with around 25 primary aged children joining us each day for a circus themed club. At short notice we relocated to Breakheart Quarry which has been a great location with much more open space. **Very many thanks** to the wonderful volunteers who gave their time every day and **massive thanks** to Liz Rymer who co-ordinated everything so brilliantly.

CAM & DURSLEY CHURCHES TOGETHER BRINGS YOU...

POP-UP CREATIVE CAFE

safe & socially distanced
family friendly - activities suitable for primary children
no cost for activities or refreshments
friendly faces

crafting medals for everyday courage!

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

28th July & 4th August, DURSLEY TAB GARDEN
11th & 18th August, ST GEORGE'S, CAM
25th August & 1st September, THE QUARRY

10.30-12.30

THROUGHOUT SUMMER HOLS

coffee & cake

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THERE MAY NOT BE INDOOR FACILITIES, INCLUDING TOILETS

Churches-Together-in-Cam-and-Dursley¶

"In-Praise-of-Weeds"¶

Caring-for-creation-on-our-doorstep¶

A-talk-with-questions¶

Led-by-Dr-Ian-Beavis¶

A-Methodist-Local-Preacher-and-expert-on-small-plants-and-insects¶

To-take-place-on-¶

Saturday-28th-August-2021-At-4.00pm¶

In-St-James-Church,-Dursley¶

This-is-an-important-part-of-our-Christian-witness-and-commitment-to-God's-creation¶

Please-come-and-learn-and-be-inspired!¶

Risk-assessments-have-taken-place-and-it-will-be-covid-19-secure¶

Tea-and-cake-will-be-provided-subject-to-prevailing-conditions¶

Please-bring-a-mask,-if-you-wish.¶



Food Bank

The Food Bank is now operating and donations are welcome. Uley village shop and both Tesco's and Sainsbury's have food donating points which can be used. Please continue to donate.

Tesco and Sainsbury's have expanded the list of flexible plastics that can be recycled at their larger stores to include most types of (clean) food wrappers, crisp packets, bubble wrap etc. Full lists of acceptable items are displayed by the recycling bins at the store entrance/exit. Please remember to reduce, reuse and recycle.

Uley Pharmacy

We have been asked to draw attention to the possible closure of the dispensing pharmacy in

Uley with the proposal to move it to the GP surgery in Cam. For more details go to the Uley

Parish Council website

www.uleyparishcouncil.gov.uk and scroll down.

If you shop online using Amazon

The benefice has opened an Amazon Smile accounts for both parishes



Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases every time you use the link
Same products, same prices, same services.

Please use the following links:

Uley <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1190805-0>

Dursley <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1130972-0>

Parish Office is closed

During the current restrictions, Clive will be working from home. You can email him on ewelmeparishoffice@gmail.com He will also check for any messages left on the office answer machine.

Canon Michael is off duty until 24th August.

For any urgent matters contact one of the Churchwardens (details at the top of the pew sheet) or leave a message at the Parish Office.

Revd Jane is currently on placement away from the Benefice.

Stewardship, Parish Giving Scheme, gifts and donations

Very many thanks to all members of our church community who have helped us financially by registering for the Parish Giving Scheme, increasing contributions through the Parish Giving Scheme, sending cheques to the treasurers or making bank transfers into our parish bank accounts.

These acts of generosity are really, really appreciated.

Please visit our website for quick and tax efficient online ways of giving -

<https://ewelmebenefice.co.uk/coronavirus/>.

You can also donate directly via on-line banking:

Uley account:

Barclays 20-33-83 A/C 43042057

Dursley account:

Lloyds 30-98-29 A/C 02391588

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