

The Collect

**Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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.**

Meditation before service

Holy Communion is no kind of reward: it is, like everything about Jesus Christ, a free gift. We take Holy Communion not because we are doing well, but because we are doing badly. Not because we have arrived, but because we are travelling. Not because we are right, but because we are confused and wrong. Not because we are divine, but because we are human. Not because we are full, but because we are hungry.

Rowan Williams

Ecclesiastes 1.2,12–14; 2.18–23

Old Testament reading

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. ¹²I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. **2**¹⁸I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under the sun, ²¹because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

- 1** O hear ye this, all ye people : ponder it with your ears, all ye that dwell in the world;
- 2** High and low, rich and poor : one with another.
- 3** My mouth shall speak of wisdom : and my heart shall muse of understanding.
- 4** I will incline mine ear to the parable : and shew my dark speech upon the harp.
- 5** Wherefore should I fear in the days of wickedness : and when the wickedness of my heels compasseth me round about?
- 6** There be some that put their trust in their goods : and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches.
- 7** But no man may deliver his brother : nor make agreement unto God for him;
- 8** For it cost more to redeem their souls : so that he must let that alone for ever;
- 9** Yea, though he live long : and see not the grave.
- 10** For he seeth that wise men also die, and perish together : as well as the ignorant and foolish, and leave their riches for other.

Colossians 3.1–11

New Testament reading

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. ⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

The Gospel Reading

Luke 12.13–21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.’¹⁴ But he said to him, ‘Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?’¹⁵ And he said to them, ‘Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.’¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly.’¹⁷ And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’¹⁸ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.’¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’²⁰ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’

Postcommunion Collect

**Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.**



31 July 2022

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher	The Curate, Revd Debbie Smith-Wilds
Reader	Elaine Woodhead
Intercessor	Philip Riley
Organist	John Wardle
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Setting	Archer, <i>Lincoln Service</i>
Entrance hymn	584 All my hope on God is founded
Reading (NT)	Colossians 3.1–11
Gradual psalm	49.1–10
The Gospel	Luke 12.13–21
Offertory hymn	678 In Christ alone
Recessional hymn	739i Now thank we all our God
Communion anthem	How (arr.), <i>Fairest Lord Jesus</i>

Please remember in our prayers

The sick: Jane Downs, Mary McWhinnie, Gail Nichols, Ian Cripps, Kathleen Watts, Adrian Simper, Sybil Cripps Daniels, Anthony Morse

The departed: Rosemary Hoskin

Year’s mind: John Fielder, Beryl Bowler, Ted Clarke, Reg Snary, John Sellars

NOTICES

Services This Sunday Services this Sunday are as usual: BCP Holy Communion at 8 am, followed by Sung Eucharist at 10.45 am.

Children's Holiday Activities There will another Kids' Day during the summer holidays, on **24 August**, for children aged 5–12. Running from 10.30 am to 3 pm on Tod's Piece, this one will also feature Activities, Story, Lunch, Games, Challenges and Craft. £2 per child; to book beforehand or raise any questions, please contact Debbie (curateofuppingham@gmail.com or 01572 822906).

Thank You Many thanks to all those who contributed of their time and talents to make our Churches Together Kids' Day last Wednesday a great success. We enjoyed a day with twenty children on Tod's Piece sharing in fun games and activities, showing care and kindness along the way.

Church Lending Library You will see that the church library has been refurbished and restored ready for use. Feel free to borrow any books you would like to read. All books are in alphabetical order of author, plus a children's section and a reference section. Please put returned books or any new donations into the box provided. Happy reading!

Mothers' Union On 28 August we welcome Helen Lynett, the new MU Diocesan President, who will visit and attend the 'Come Rejoice!' service. There will be an opportunity to meet up with her over coffee in the Falcon. Jill is offering a cold buffet lunch for MU members and their families from 12 noon, at her house, 'Crossways'. Please let Jill know if you are able to come: 821870 or jillcannings2@gmail.com