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Sunday 8 August 2021 No. 72

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust in you:
look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion for Trinity X

Our Eucharist on Sunday 8th August will be in St Bartholomew's Church, Ubley, at 10:30am. No prior booking is required for this service. Online worship can be found on our website. Please [join us](#) on Sunday at 10:30am. Please note: Iona Worship and Evensong are pausing for a break during August and will return again in September.

Please give your support to three events taking place over the next couple of weeks. (Please see posters below.)

- Saturday 14th August, 6:00pm - 10:00pm - **Barbecue in the Garden** at Holt Farm. Please see the notice below for details of how to purchase tickets, both in person and online.
- Friday 20th August, 7:30pm - **Cassiopeia Ensemble**, playing Schumann and Haydn on St Andrew's Church Blagdon. [Click here for tickets \(£5\) via Eventbrite](#).
- Saturday 21st August, 10:00am - 12:00pm - **Pop-up Market in St Andrew's Churchyard** in aid of Medicines sans Frontieres and Homestart, Bristol.

We look forward to welcoming you soon.

Yours in Fellowship,
Revd. Simon Lewis
Laura Williams

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Lockdown Lifting Measures - July 2021 update

"Taking personal responsibility means responsibility for our neighbour, not just for ourselves, and taking precautions to protect those more vulnerable than we consider ourselves to be."
Sarah, Bishop of London

Face coverings
We strongly recommend that these continue to be worn in our buildings during worship.
Recognising that this is now a matter of personal choice, an area in each church will be set aside for those who choose not to wear a face covering.

Registering for Worship
We will no longer be taking advance bookings for worship. However we do need to be able to assist the NHS in the event of an outbreak being associated with one of our buildings. Please [download the NHS Covid App](#) and bring your smartphone to worship to scan the QR Code every time you enter. Those without the App will be asked to complete the paper track & Trace register upon arrival. Your details will only be passed on to the relevant authorities in the event of a local outbreak and will be destroyed after 21 days.

Social Distancing
We will continue to advise people to socially distance from others inside our buildings.
People may choose to sit with others from outside their household bubble in groups of no more than six individuals. To help stewards seat everyone safely, this should be arranged prior to worship.

Hand Sanitising
As before, please apply hand sanitiser upon entering and exiting our buildings.

Singing
We would like everyone to benefit from singing as part of our worship. To mitigate risk, the congregation must wear face coverings whilst singing.

Those who feel unwell are urged not to attend worship, but seek a PCR test as early as possible.
We will continue to offer online alternatives for those unable to attend our buildings.

Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 8th August

- 10:30am - Sunday Eucharist, St Bartholomew's, Ubley.
- 10:30am - Online worship at our website. Please [click here](#) to join.

Our three parish churches will be open for individual prayer every day from 9am - 5pm.

Please wear a face covering inside our buildings and observe social distancing.

Sunday Reading and Reflection

08 August 2021 - Trinity X

The letter to the Ephesians is perhaps the happiest Paul writes although you will remember that he writes it from prison in Rome. Today's extract is a great exhortation for the believer. It is a great call for what the Christian should be in the world as it is; in the end you are called to love, you are called to come close; you are called to act because God has made this possible in Christ Jesus. For you to live differently is to deny who the new woman or man is called to be.

Readings

Psalms 34:1-8;

Praise for Deliverance from Trouble
Of David, when he feigned madness before Abimelech, so that he drove him out, and he went away.

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to him, and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be ashamed.
This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,
and was saved from every trouble.

The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.
O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.

Ephesians 4.25-5.2

Rules for the New Life

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

A Reflection

Although Paul assumes that already you have changed, the passage challenges you to examine whether you still live lives characterised by deceit, lying and falsehood. It is a deep truth that the Christian is observed by those, in whom the light of faith burns dimly, to discern the difference between words and deeds. Alas there is evidence against us.

It is easy to dismiss the concerns that Paul expresses; all would agree that lying and falsehood is wrong; you know it is persistent. However, you must also recognise that the tendency in our culture is to relativise everything and blur the distinction between right and wrong. This is how you distinguish between the lie and the white lie; this is the beginning of the domestication of sin; this is the temptation to present a falsehood as a virtue where the truth might hurt another. 'But' says St Paul 'this is not the way we learned Christ Jesus'.

In the church you often use the word evangelism as something you do to another person. Do not be misled; evangelism is not a single task with results that can be measured; rather, evangelism is the whole way you are with others; it is how another person; indeed, a whole community observes the life of those who call themselves Christian. Taking to heart what Paul writes to the Ephesians is one way to measure how well reach the standard set by Christ himself.

*O taste and see that the Lord is gracious;
blessed is the one who trusts him.*

[Psalm 34:8]

A Prayer for Sunday

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayer of your humble servant;
and that I may obtain my petition
make me to ask such things as shall please you;
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.

Online Worship - Trinity X
08 August 2021, 10:30am

Please join us for Sunday worship for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity, led by Simon on our website. Please click the link at 10:30am to join our Church family.

[Sunday Worship](#)

Ringers' Radio Isolation Station

This week's recording for the Ring of Bells' radio station will be broadcast on Sunday morning, beginning with the sound of church bells at 10:45am and with the talk beginning at 11:00pm. You can also listen to this week's recording on our website, by clicking on the image below.



Children's Corner

Please click [this link](#) to download this week's Young Church Mag.

BARBEQUE IN THE GARDEN

SATURDAY AUGUST 14
6PM - 10PM
HOLT FARM ORGANIC GARDEN
PRE PAID TICKET ONLY
TO INCLUDE FOOD £20
CASH BAR

Tickets available from
Tina Smith 01761 462508 watersend@bt.com 07786837820
or Margaret Spiers 01761 463338 margaret.spiers@gmail.com

All proceeds to St Andrew's Church.

Tickets can also be purchased online through [Eventbrite](#)
(Fee payable to website host)

THE CASSIOPEIA ENSEMBLE PRESENTS ...

A SUMMER CONCERT

FRIDAY AUGUST 20th 7-30PM
Haydn String Quartet Op. 77 No. 1 Mvt.
Schumann Piano Quintet Op. 44

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ST ANDREW'S POP UP MARKET

Saturday August 21
St Andrew's Churchyard, Blagdon
10am - 12 noon

Come along to our pop up market to buy fresh baked goods, allotment and garden surplus fruit and vegetables, preserves and lots more. We will have a variety of stalls selling Jars (Kilner & Jan) & Toys and Books. We will be taking care to observe all the normal Covid rules. If you have items to donate please bring them along before 9.45am

Limited spaces will be available if you wish to bring a table to sell your own goods. Cost £10 (you keep any profits).
To book call Peter or Crawford 07761 462418 or email pienycrafurd@yahoo.co.uk

All proceeds will be going to Medicines sans Frontieres and Homestart, Bristol.

Prayer within our Community

We have been asked to pray for:

In the Parish of Blagdon, please pray for Nikki and her family, Britta and her parents Roger and Kathy, for Elizabeth, Neil and Margaret, and Gerald. In the Parish of Ubley, please pray for Richard and Nigel. In the Parish of Compton Martin, please pray for Ann and Robert, for Mathew, Tom and Harry, Ceinwen and Robert.

Please pray for our wedding couples, particularly Rory and Gemma, Greg and Katie, Rhianon and Christopher, and Robert and Nicola who will celebrate their marriage in St Andrew's, Church.

*O Lord, support us all the day long,
until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over, and our work is done.
Then in thy mercy grant us a safe lodging,
and a holy rest,
and peace at the last.*

If you have someone or something that you would like us to pray for, your requests can be passed onto them and included in our prayers. Please click [here](#) to send us your requests.

Community Support and Help Details

Support is available in all our villages for anyone who is self-isolating:

For those who live in Ubley

Ubley Cares
Landline: 463509 speak to Wes Hallam
Email: whallam@ubleyparish.co.uk
Landline: 462827 speak to Jonathan Longhurst
Email: jl1andj2@sky.com

For those who live in Compton Martin:

Coronavirus support in Compton Martin Parish
Email: comptonmartin.cu@gmail.com
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