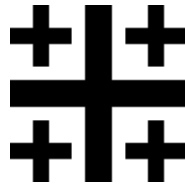


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Newsheet
6 September 2020
13th Sunday of Trinity

Services this week:

Sunday 6th August, Trinity 13

Sunday 09.00 Said Service of Morning Prayer, St Peter's Church, Inkberrow
Sunday 10.00 Pre-recorded Service
Sunday 11.00 Worship online via Zoom

Sunday Readings:

Exodus 12.1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13.8-end; Matthew 18.15-20

What's on week commencing 6th September 2020:

Tues	08 Sept	11.00	Funeral of Sylvia Hill, St Paul's Church, Cookhill
Tues	08 Sept	14.00	Funeral of Beatrice Wedgbury, Westall Burial Park
Tues	08 Sept	19.00	St Peter's PCC Meeting via Zoom
Wed	09 Sept	10.00	Pre-recorded Midweek Reflection
Thurs	10 Sept	09.15	Admin meeting via Zoom
Thurs	10 Sept	14.00	St Nicholas' PCC Meeting via Zoom
Fri	11 Sept	12.00	Funeral of Carole Husband, The Vale Crematorium
Sun	13 Sept	09.00	Said Service of Holy Communion, St Paul's Church, Cookhill

PLEASE GIVE THANKS AND PRAY FOR: Andrew Bowdery & Michelle Conway who were married yesterday in St Peter's Church, Inkberrow. May their years ahead together be filled with lasting joy.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Those Bereaved of: Norman Rachell; Sylvia Hill; Carol Husband;

Those who are in special need: Gwen Rattue; James Nowacki; Irene Fowler; George Gittos; Sylvia Crossingham

Prayer Focus:

- Lord, we give thanks for your wonderful creation and pray that you grant us wisdom and energy to be better stewards of our world;
- Bromsgrove Deanery, Rural Dean: Paul Lawlor;
- Praying for our Baptism families - Loving Father, thank you for the parents of children waiting to be baptised. Help them to know your presence in their lives and to share that love and care with their families and those they meet. Amen.
- Salisbury: Bishop Nicholas Holtam with Bishops Andrew Rumsey (Ramsbury) & Karen Gorham (Sherborne);
- Cape Town (Southern Africa): Archbishop Thabo Makgoba;
- St Asaph (Wales): Bishop Gregory Cameron;
- Ribe (Denmark): Bishop Elob Westergaard;

- Alcester Methodist Church, Rev'd Richard Wilde
- For those who live and work in Stonepit Lane, Broadclose Lane; Withybed Lane & Perkins Drive, Inkberrow;

Reflection for the week from Rev'd Bruce Rienstra

The Birth of the Virgin Mary is celebrated on Tuesday. This is a very difficult feast day to address, for some Christians it will be very important and others will be quite cynical about it. For higher church catholics (note the small c) who venerate the Virgin Mary as the Theotokos (Θεοτόκος "God mother" in Greek), it is an essential celebration remembering her place in Christianity that she was specifically chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus. The more protestant will argue that it's a 6th century invention and that we don't know when Mary was born. Which is also true. However, we all believe that there is something very special about Mary. Her willingness to sacrifice and her willingness to serve, despite the social stigma. Mary's devotion to God was complete, a devotion to which all we can all aspire. Mary was chosen and recognised by God, God also chooses us and wants us to do what we can. In Mary we see what is possible, in Mary we see an example.

Changing our deaneries - a consultation

The Diocese has launched a consultation on a proposal to reduce the number of deaneries from 13 down to six. All are welcome to contribute to this consultation, which will run until Friday 4 December.

Reducing the number of deaneries is an important step towards ensuring our diocese is fit for purpose going forward. Our current deaneries are very small and moving to larger groupings will offer more flexibility when considering where ministers are placed as well as provide a broader canvas for mission planning. It makes sense to carry out significant restructuring in one go rather than make a series of changes over time and also to align our structures more closely to civic ones – at the moment, the Metropolitan borough of Dudley is spread across three deaneries, and the City of Worcester is divided across two.

PERSHORE & EVESHAM DEANERY uniting the Pershore and Evesham deaneries plus the Bowbrook benefice from Droitwich Deanery.

The concept of simplification was raised at the Open Conversations, where it was broadly supported. This proposal has been shaped by discussion with the Rural Deans and Lay Chairs, and with the Diocesan Mission, Pastoral and Resources Committee.

To read the full consultation document please go to:

<https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/content/pages/documents/1595936695.pdf>

To respond to this consultation, please email: john.preston@cofe-worcester.org.uk.

QUIET GARDEN DAY – THURSDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER,

(Run by the friends of Holland House) Holland House Cropthorne, WR10 3NB

10am - 4pm, £18pp to include a sandwich lunch and refreshments

Telephone 01386 860330 or email: enquiries@hollandhouse.org

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