



Christian Life

The Parish Magazine of St Mary's & St Luke's

August 2021

Including the readings for Sunday 01 August



BEAR ONE
ANOTHER'S
BURDENS
AND SO FULFILL
THE LAW OF
CHRIST.
GALATIANS 6:2

Worship & Prayer In Church & Online for August

**You will find the Readings for Sunday 01 August
on the centre pages 4 & 5 and the Collect on page 6.**

Sundays this Month	
01 August Trinity 9	9am at St Luke's: a service of Morning Prayer
	10:40am at St Mary's: a service of Holy Communion
	<i>Readings: Ephesians 4.1-16 & John 6.24-35</i>
08 August Trinity 10	9am at St Luke's: a service of Holy Communion
	10:40am at St Mary's: a service of Morning Prayer
	<i>Readings: Ephesians 4.25 - 5.2 & John 6.35,41-51</i>
15 August Trinity 11	9am at St Luke's: a service of Morning Prayer
	10:40am at St Mary's: a service of Holy Communion
	<i>Readings: Ephesians 5.15-20 & John 6.51-58</i>
22 August Trinity 12	9am at St Luke's: a service of Holy Communion
	10:40am at St Mary's: a service of Morning Prayer
	<i>Readings: Ephesians 6.10-20 & John 6.56-69</i>
29 August Trinity 13	As it's a 5 th Sunday there is no service at St Luke's
	10:40am at St Mary's: a service of Holy Communion
	<i>Readings: James 1.17-27 & Mark 7.1-8,14,15,21-23</i>
Other Services this Month	
Every Wednesday	10am BCP Holy Communion at St Mary's

Online

Every Sunday @ 10:40 am Live Streamed Worship from St Mary's



(stream begins at 10:30am)



YouTube: bit.ly/youtubestmarys1 & Facebook: bit.ly/facebookstmarys

You can also join in by phone: just before 10:40am Call: 0203 051 2874

**Meeting ID: 838 7878 9259 Participant ID (if asked): # Passcode:
567119**

**Morning Prayer is taking a break in August, however,
you can join in Daily Prayers on the Church of England Website, in
audio and text versions, here: bit.ly/2sHqxHh**

**There is also Daily Hope: a free phone line of hymns, reflections and
prayers on 0800 804 8044**

On the 15 August, the Church celebrates the feast day of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Mary was a young Jewish girl living in Nazareth when a messenger from the Lord announced that she was to be the bearer of the Son of God to the world. Her response 'Let it be to me according to your word' revealed her natural sense of obedience to God and her reverence for his word, showing her worthy to be the bearer of the Word made flesh. This day is now celebrated as the major feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary throughout the world.

Mary is often, and quite rightly, praised for her obedience and willingness to say, 'I am the Lord's servant, may your word to me be fulfilled.' (Luke 1:38 NIVUK).

However, there is another quality that she shows when she gives her answer and that is bravery. This is a young girl, a virgin, engaged to be married and she was now going to have to deal with everything that this angel's message would bring upon her. Her bravery to accept the call of God in extreme circumstances can be a lesson to us today. We may not be called upon to do what Mary was asked to do, but we should be ready and willing to answer God's call upon our lives and to be brave in whatever that may be.

So, on the 15 August, maybe pause and give thanks for the Blessed Virgin Mary, her example, obedience and her bravery.

Have a good summer.

Revd Mike



For the well-being of all in church we request that

- Sanitiser is used on entry and exit.
- Face Coverings are worn whilst in church, especially whilst entering and leaving and whilst singing.
- You respect other people's wishes and allow them to continue to distance if they wish.
- You leave the church promptly at the end of a service.

First Reading: Ephesians 4.1-16

A reading from the Epistle to the Ephesians.

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says:

‘When he ascended on high,
he took many captives
and gave gifts to his people.’

(What does ‘he ascended’ mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Gospel Reading: John 6.24-35

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you O Lord.

Once the crowd realised that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, 'Rabbi, when did you get here?'

Jesus answered, 'Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.'

Then they asked him, 'What must we do to do the works God requires?'

Jesus answered, 'The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.'

So they asked him, 'What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."'

Jesus said to them, 'Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said, 'always give us this bread.'

Then Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

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The Collect for Trinity 9

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.**

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.**

Stepping Stones



It was lovely to be back in St Mary's Church Hall for Stepping Stones on 14 July, the first time since February 2020!

We will be back at Stepping Stones in September. We still need some more helpers, please let me know if you can offer. Sarah Turnbull.

Ladies Afternoon Group

We look forward very much to seeing you all on Thursday 26th. August at 2pm. in the Church Hall. We shall be able to renew our friendships and discuss how we all survived the covid pandemic situation (we hope!). Audrey & Marian.



Mothers' Union News

The Mothers' Union had its first meeting in the Church Hall since February 2020 on Wednesday 21 July, it was great to be together again. We prayed for our members who can't be with us and for those we've lost since the pandemic struck. The next meeting is scheduled for September.

We are looking to restart the after church tea/coffee on a Sunday from September. However, we need people on the rota. Those who can make drinks and those who can set up the hall up. Please email or call the parish office with dates you can help.



LIVING IN LOVE & FAITH

The hope is for people in Church of England churches across the country to use the Living in Love & Faith resources to study and pray together.

The resources are designed to encourage and enable engagement and learning in a variety of settings. This church-wide learning together, listening to one another, and listening to God is part of discerning a way forward for the Church of England in relation to matters of identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. The purpose of the resources is to enable the Church of England churches across the country to participate in a process of learning and praying together as part of discerning a way forward in relation to matters of identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage.

Revd Mike, along with the PCC, will be exploring ways to facilitate these discussions in our church community.

You can read more on the Diocesan website and download the free eBook here: bit.ly/livinginloveandfaith

From the Church Registers: July 2021

Baptisms – *none during this period*

Weddings – *may God bless them in their married life together*

Saturday 17 July 2021: Louis SPENCER & Rebecca SMALL

Funerals – *may they rest in peace and rise in glory*

8 July 2021 Sandra Christine OWEN 73

12 July 2021 Barbara JOHNSON 78

Chester Diocesan News & the Magazine

The Chester Diocesan News can be viewed/downloaded from the Diocesan Website each month and we will put a link on our Blog when it's available.

We would like your articles for the September Magazine. You can submit an article on the [Blog](#) through the Magazine Menu and click on 'Submit an Item', email it to: magazine@stmaryswistaston.blog or drop it to the Church Office or the Rectory **by Monday 30 August.**

Keeping in touch

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