



Fairford Park House

South Cotswold Team Ministry

St, Mary's Church Fairford

PEW SHEET

Sunday 13th September 2020

14TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Service in church: 10am Holy Communion

Face masks are now mandatory – please come prepared

Please let Heather know if you're planning to attend. No need if you are coming on a regular basis.

Readings – Mike Godsall

Intercessions: Ann Nicholls

Although the 'Worship at Home' videos have finished, they are now replaced by the new 15 minute 'mini-service' Sunday Devotionals: 2 sets of prayers, 3 pieces of music/hymns, a Bible reading and a short 'Thought for the Week' The new website is:

<https://worship-at-home.weebly.com/south-cotswolds-sunday-devotionals.html>

This is the link to daily 9am Morning Prayer and Sunday's 4pm BCP Evening Prayer on Facebook. Please note these videos remain up on the page and able to be watched even after the live broadcast is complete. <http://www.facebook.com/stmarysfairford>

From Caroline:

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This week brings with it news of tighter restrictions on social gatherings to stave off worsening rates of COVID infections. I'm very glad to say that this will not impact our worship, and we'll be able to continue gathering as we have been for the last two months, but at the same time it is a hard thing to hear. Speaking with a fellow mum at the school gates this week, she summed it up. "At the beginning of all this we were so optimistic. The autumn seemed so far away. We were sure it would all be back to normal by now."

Learning that our optimism was misplaced is a hard lesson, and those feelings of fatigue, of frustration, of just wishing that everything could snap back to normal... those are common to the majority of us, I think. Now the sharpness of that initial anxiety and fear has faded, we are left with a hard slog of coping with a constant background of anxiousness and inconvenience.

It is at such times that the Christian virtue of perseverance comes to the fore – one of Fairford Primary School's adopted Christian Values! This is the endurance, the fortitude to keep moving forward with hope and faith. To know that although the road may be long and tough, it is leading us through to something better. In Romans 5.4, St Paul talks about the development of this virtue, as we move from suffering to hope:

"... we boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us."

So this week I pray that we may all know the strength and love of God in our hearts, giving us the energy and guidance to move forward with endurance and fortitude, and to encourage those around us. The road is long, but it is not endless, and we do not walk it alone.

From Heather:

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Please do phone or email me if you have any queries about anything and I will do my best to answer them.

If you have anything of interest for me to use in the pew sheet do let me have it. Amusing quotes, poems etc.

If you are coming to church on Sunday please let me know by Saturday mid-day please. If you are coming on a regular basis your name will be on the list. So no need to contact me.

Don't forget if you wish to bring the blue reading sheets to the service you can run them off from my accompanying note with the pew sheet.

Thank you to all of you who have offered articles for the pew sheet. Keep them coming in.

Rather a lengthy Pew Sheet this week as there is an article about Fairford Park. My thanks to Alison Hobson and the History Society for kindly supplying all the details to me.

Just to let you know that I will be moving back to the office on Tuesday 13th October. The new format for the pew sheet will continue.

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Please remember the following in your prayers:

Those that are ill: Rev'd David Gray, Jo Williams, Helen Foxall,
Grace Slack

Those that have died:

David Phillips from Far Hill Farm

NOTICES

Opening the Church

Opening Hours:

Monday to Friday the church will be open for private prayer 12pm – 2pm.
Weekends the church will be open for private prayer 1pm – 2pm.

If you feel you'd like to help out to help us open longer at the weekend, and perhaps through the week, please do contact Rev Caroline.

As always, please do be aware that there are risks involved with being in proximity with visitors, and the advice is that if you are currently shielding due to age or health conditions, you should not volunteer for this kind of duty. If you would like to discuss this, please either call or email Rev'd Caroline.

Harvest Festival

Will be on Sunday 11th October. Please bring along food offerings which will be collected and displayed at the start of the service at the nave altar. These will go to the Food Bank. Please visit their website to see which items they most require for that week:

<https://cirencester.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

Stewards

Alison Godsall has produced a new rota with some additional stewards added. Thank you to those who are helping out, and please do come forward if you'd like to volunteer an hour of your time during the week to keep the church open for visitors and worshippers.

Remembering Service

This year St Mary's will hold two Remembering Services on **Sunday 1st November, at 2pm and 3.30pm** to include as many people as possible who wish to gather to remember loved ones. Everyone who lost a loved one in the past year will be directly invited, but everyone who wishes to remember someone is very welcome to attend. If you wish to attend, or to add a name to the list of those being remembered, please contact Rev Caroline ahead of our cut-off date of the 28th October, so that we can make sure the church is safely set up to seat the numbers coming along.

Advent Calendars

With the limitations imposed by COVID precautions, this year the Real Advent Calendar (chocolate advent calendar using Fairtrade chocolate and including an activity book with the Story of Christmas) is requiring orders to come in early. The church will be gifting calendars to all our Messy Church families, but if you'd be interested in purchasing a calendar for family members, please let us know and we'll add your requirements into the order. RRP is £3.99. Please let Rev Caroline know if you're interested.

Prayer Requests

Our Prayer Team is still fully active, praying for the needs of individuals and our wider community. If you have a prayer request for the team, please email Rev Denise on denisehyde15@gmail.com.

Sunday Blue Reading Sheet - The September sheets attached

Online Prayer and Worship

Caroline's Morning Prayer every day except Friday from 9.00 am, and Evening Prayer at 4pm on Sunday: www.facebook.com/stmarysfairford

Daily Hope from the Church of England

It is a free phone number where you have the option of the prayer for today, hymn for today and reflections. It was created for people that can't access the internet for services. But also a nice thing to listen to for anyone. Telephone 0800 804 8044

Sent by Andrena Miles.

Zoom Study Group – Fruitfulness on the Frontline

Following the very positive experience of the group working on the study course “Fruitfulness on the Frontline” over the summer, we’re keen to run the course again over Zoom for a new group. We’re very happy to provide technical support if you’re not confident with Zoom yet, and can talk you through the whole process. Scheduling will be determined around what the participants are able to manage. If you’re interested, please contact Rev’d Caroline.

Food bank

The box is in the Church porch for all donations to the Food Bank. Open 10.00 am to 4.00 pm.

The Diocese of Gloucester together with the **Long Table of Stroud**

have created the 5000 project in response to the coronavirus crisis. Partnering with kitchens across the county including the Royal Agricultural college in Cirencester they have delivered over 10,000 meals in five weeks. This includes NHS staff in our hospitals, homeless young people in the county and food bank referrals. If you would like to donate go to the Diocesan website

<https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/12553#!/DonationDetails>

Messy Church at Home

Messy Church at home 13 September

This week we will be looking at the story of David and Goliath - it only took one stone. We are hoping it will encourage those who are feeling very small in a new class or school. Suggested activities include a recipe for giant biscuits, the game of five stones and other giant related crafts. To find out more please contact Sarah Bottomley on 01285712074 or stmaryslmt@gmail.com

Saturday 3 October 2020 - virtual conference

Being equipped for Everyday Faith

You are invited to be part of a special online Festival of Everyday Faith bringing Christians together from every worshipping community to equip them to live out their faith any time, any place. Gathering together from all over the diocese this festival will explore different ways to become confident in what it means to be a Christian in everything we do – work, rest or play.

Jesus said that he came to give us life in all its fullness – this is about every part of our lives, not just when we are doing ‘churchy’ things.

Come and be inspired. Leave with ideas for yourself and your wider Christian community.

What does it actually mean to talk about and live out everyday faith?

Nick Shepherd, Programme Director for Setting God's People Free for the Church of England tells us more...

Click the picture below to watch his video.



You are invited to be part of all or some of the workshops on offer during the day. It's all taking place on zoom, so you can be part of this special day wherever you are. Not only is this a fabulous opportunity to learn and be inspired, but you will be able to connect with and share your stories with others during the day.

To find out more detail and to book onto workshops visit the website below. It's all free. <https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/your-ministry/everyday-faith-2/>

[Find out more and book your space](#)

A Festival of Everyday Faith

9.30am to 10.30am | Opening webinar: Telling our stories from everyday life | With Bishop Rachel

10.45am to 11.45am | Workshop 1: Growing together in faith in the home | With Rachel Howie with contributions from Andy Wolfe

12pm to 1pm | Workshop 2: Faith in the changing workplace | With Neil Hudson and Ruth Walker

1pm to 2pm | Lunch break

2pm to 3pm | Workshop 3: Praying with your eyes open | With Jo Wetherall, Alexandra Dyer, Jennifer Fellows and Barrie Voyce

3.15pm to 4.15pm | Workshop 4: Life isn't fair | With Karen Czapiewski, Takisha Sargent and Will Mansell

4.30pm to 5.30pm | Closing webinar: Conclusions and commissioning | With Bishop Robert and Bishop Rachel

From Ann Nicholls

Children, good or bad?

If a child lives with criticism he learns to condemn,
If a child lives with hostility, she learns to fight,
If a child lives with ridicule, he learns to be shy,
If a child lives with shame, she learns to feel guilty,
If a child lives with tolerance, he learns to be patient,
If a child lives with encouragement, she learns confidence,
If a child lives with praise, he learns to appreciate,
If a child lives with fairness, she learns justice,
If a child lives with security, he learns to have faith,
If a child lives with approval, she learns to like herself,
If a child lives with acceptance and friendship, he learns to find love in the world.

Dorothy Law Nolte.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below,
Praise him above he heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost . AMEN

More musings from Wendy

The latest new broom is to Zoom.

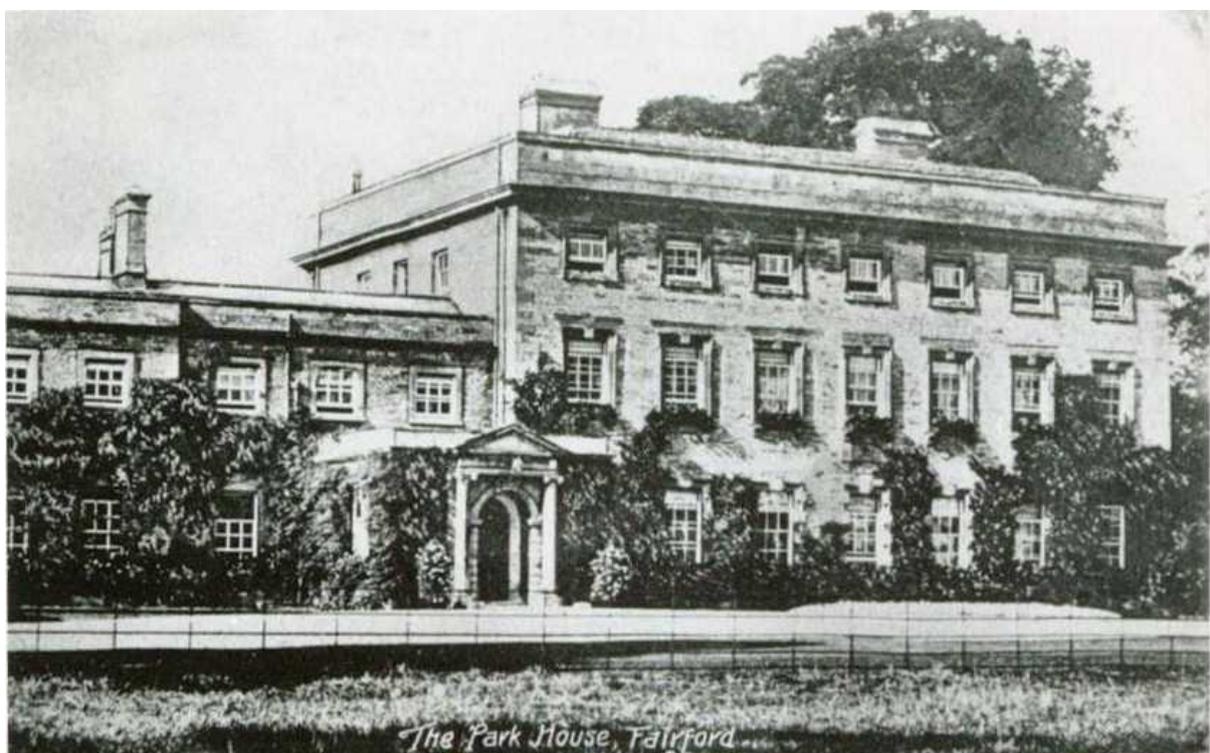
It's the way to go forward, to meet and to chat, and everyone's at it
not sure about that.

A dinosaur still has a charm of its own, it still writes a letter, and talks on
a phone.

A dinosaur leaves a footprint behind, a letter that future loved ones will
find.

I know in my head that we have to move on, but my heart and my head
simply do not get on!

Fairford Park – A Lost Treasure



The Medieval manor of Fairford was held by the Despenser family for much of the 14th Century and well into the 15th Century but in 1439 it passed to Henry Beauchamp, Duke of Warwick. When Henry died in 1446 the manor passed first to his daughter Anne and then, when she died in 1449, it was inherited by Henry's sister Anne, the wife of Richard Neville, Earl of Warwick, the 'Kingmaker'. Ironically, after Warwick was killed at the battle of Barnet in 1471 Fairford manor was seized by Edward IV and given to his brother George, 1st Duke of Clarence, the very man who had betrayed Warwick at Barnet.

After Clarence himself was executed by being drowned in a tub of Malmsey wine in 1478 Fairford was leased to the Cotswold wool merchant John Tame and his father-in-law, John Twyniho. John Tame is well known for the rebuilding of St Mary's church in Fairford with its now unique set of stained glass windows. John and his son Sir Edmund Tame built a large house near the church just a few years before John's death in 1500. The manor and the house was eventually passed down from the Tames through the Lygon and Dennis families until it was sold to Sir John Tracy of Toddington in 1591.

Unfortunately for them, the Tracy family backed the losing side in the English Civil War and had to raise a large amount of money to pay off their fines following the sequestration of their property by Parliament. In

1650, in order to retain the Tracy's main house at Toddington, Sir Robert Tracy sold Fairford manor, including the house built by John Tame, to Andrew Barker, probably at something well below its real market value.

At the end of the English Civil War Andrew Barker arrived in Fairford and built a grand new house in Fairford Park in 1661. The son of a wealthy merchant of Bristol whose family were originally from Shropshire. They had made their fortune by trading with the Spanish.

The Barkers and their relatives, the Farmors and the Micos were very involved with the foundation of Fairford Free School which was later named Elizabeth Farmor one of the benefactors.

Esther the granddaughter of Andrew Barker inherited the Park following Andrew's death. John Raymond her husband's nephew moved to Fairford Park to run the estate. When Esther died she left the house to John Raymond on condition he changed his name to John Raymond Barker. In 1783 he made changes to the park and employed William Emes, a landscape gardener, to undertake the work from 1783 to 1787. He also employed John Soane to remodel the house.

John Raymond Barker married twice. His first wife Martha gave birth to 14 children but died tragically in 1796 when her wig caught fire as she was resting in her bedroom. Thomas a son of John Raymond Barker caused a sensational scandal in 1809 by having a passionate love affair with Anne Loveden, the wife of Edward Loveden of Buscot Park. Edward was a family friend and Thomas often used to call in at Buscot Park on his way home from Merton College, Oxford. Edward was a very busy man and not often at home. The affair was of several years standing and culminated in divorce proceedings by Edward on the grounds of adultery, then known as 'criminal conversation', which eventually failed when Anne was offered £400 alimony but Edward refused to pay. Although Anne was not divorced Anne and Thomas set up home Hambledon in Buckinghamshire. Anne died in 1821 bequeathing stock valued at £17,000 to Thomas.

John died in 1827 and his son, Daniel, inherited the estate, however, after six months he was thrown from his horse out riding with his daughter and died of a crushed spine. He was succeeded by John Raymond Barker who brought the railway to Fairford amongst many of his activities in the area. He died in 1888 and Fairford Park was eventually rented out to Colonel Palmer son of the biscuit family.

Following his death in 1940 and shortly afterwards the house was requisitioned by the War Office. At the end of the war a camp was erected and allocated to the Polish Resettlement Corps for those that had served in Britain during the war. Fairford Park was the largest of the Polish hostels in the country. It closed in 1959. In the meantime the house had been badly neglected and it was in such a poor state and with the Polish camp in the grounds it was sold off (The National Trust were not interested due to the state it was in). In 1952 it was taken over by the Ernest Cook Trust to manage the estate on a charitable basis. Ernest Cook died in 1955 and the Trust sold the house and adjoining land to the County Council. Sadly the house was demolished in 1955. The 50s was the worst decade of the 20C for pulling down Gloucestershire country houses - ten of them were lost.

Today Farmor's School occupies the site of the great house to which the school owes its very existence to the Barker and Farmor family.

This is a short piece of the history of the house. My thanks to Alison Hobson for letting me use her articles of Fairford Park. For more detailed information please contact Alison of the History Society enquiry@fairfordhistory.org.uk

More laughing!

Sermon

A vicar, known for his lengthy sermons, noticed a man get up and leave during the middle of his message. The man returned just before the conclusion of the service. Afterwards the vicar asked the man where he had gone.

"I went to get a haircut," was the reply.

"But," said the pastor, "why didn't you do that before the service?"

"Because," the gentleman said, "I didn't need one then."

Where is God

Two brothers are terrible trouble makers. They are always breaking things, stealing things, lying, and making all kinds of general trouble. The parents have tried everything to get the boys to change, to no avail. Finally, out of options, they ask their vicar if he can help. He says he will talk to the boys, but only one at a time. The parents drop off the youngest and go home, promising to return to get him soon. The boy sits in a chair across from the vicar's desk and they just look at each other.

Finally, the vicar says, "Where is God?"

The boy just sits there and doesn't answer.

The pastor begins to look stern and loudly says, "Where is God?"

The little boy shifts in his seat, but still doesn't answer.

The vicar is starting to get angry at the boy's refusal to converse and practically shouts "Where is God?"

To the pastor's surprise, the little boy jumps up out of his chair and runs out of the office.

The boy leaves the church and runs all the way home, up the stairs and into his brother's room. He shuts the door and pants, "We're in BIG TROUBLE. God's missing and they think we did it!"

Preaching

The preacher was wired for sound with a lapel mike, and as he preached, he moved briskly about the platform, jerking the mike cord as he went.

Then he moved to one side, getting wound up in the cord and nearly tripping before jerking it again.

After several circles and jerks, a little girl in the third pew leaned toward her mother and whispered, "If he gets loose, will he hurt us?"