



South Cotswold Team Ministry

St. Mary's Church Fairford

PEW SHEET

Sunday 9th August 2020

9TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Service in church: 10am Holy Communion (modern language)

Face masks are now mandatory – please come prepared

Please let Caroline know if you're planning to attend

Readings – Mike

Intercessions - Rev'd Denise

This is the link to the local Sunday services. Please note the change of website <https://worship-at-home.weebly.com>

This Sunday Rev'd Canon Denise will be leading the service online.

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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Over the next week, from the 10th to the 16th August, Paul, Thomas and I will be taking some time off as a family. While we're on holiday obviously I won't be able to respond to phone calls or emails, so please do contact either Mike or Christine in my absence, or Rev'd Denise if you need clergy-specific help. In some good timing, although I won't be with you in church on the 16th, I will be leading the Team's Worship at Home service for that day, so you'll still be hearing from me!

One of the things that has been jumping out from both last week's and this week's Gospel readings is Jesus' own need for rest and recovery. Last week's reading (Matthew 14.13-21) saw Jesus retreating to a deserted place following the execution of his cousin, John the Baptist. It is a moment of extraordinary humanity, where we can see a clear vision of our Lord as the human he is – worn down by shock and grief and in need of time alone to process and recover. He doesn't get it in this case, as the crowds follow him, and his compassion means he doesn't turn them away, but this week we see him trying once again to get that time alone, which this time he manages.

Seeing Jesus take seriously his own need for rest is a clear lesson for us. Sometimes, and in this busy world this is happening more and more, the world pushes us towards the thought that we are not able to stop. Or even that taking time aside to rest would be selfishness. Jesus' teaching – by word and example both – is to counter this false impression. Human beings need to rest. We need time away from work and routine. We need it to recover energy, focus and inspiration.

I hope and pray that you are all finding some time for rest and recovery over this time. If you have not yet managed to do so, I earnestly pray that you will be able to do so in the near future. In these days we need the resilience and strength that only true rest can give us, perhaps more than ever.

In Christ, may you find rest and peace for your souls this summer.

Rev'd Caroline

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.

Don't forget coffee in the churchyard following the 10.00 service. You are welcome even if you haven't attended the service. Just bring along your refreshments. The service usually finishes about 11.00 am.

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

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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

NOTICES

Rev'd Caroline Holiday – Rev'd Caroline will be on holiday from the 10th to the 16th August. Please contact either the churchwardens or Rev'd Denise over this period with any issues.

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.

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 August 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

Blue Collection Envelopes

If anyone would like to donate money towards the church upkeep during lockdown. Mike Godsall (713101) has blue envelopes available.

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.

Food bank

There is now a box 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 Agriculture 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>

The First Wedding of the Year



Annabel and Hugh last Saturday

Congratulations to Ivor and Kathleen Price who are celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on Monday 10th August. Hope you both have a lovely day.

Messy Church at Home

Messy Church at home this week explores some of the references to water in the bible. We can make a Holy Spirit hovercraft, demonstrate the parting of the Red Sea, float some apple boats on rough water and make a well. For further details or to join our mailing list , please contact Sarah Bottomley on 01285712074 or stmaryslmt@gmail.com

From Ann Nicholls

I wonder how many of you like me are missing singing in church? I hope the words of a few hymns old and new are an encouragement to you, today's offering a good old faithful with an excellent message.

We have a gospel to proclaim, good news for men in all the earth,
The gospel of a savior's name we sing his glory tell his worth.

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem not in a Royal house or hall
But in a stable dark and dim the word made flesh a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary hated by those he came to save
In lonely suffering on the cross for all he loved his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn empty the tomb for he was free
He broke the power of death and he'll that we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign at God's right hand by all creation glorified
He sends his spirit on his church to live for him the lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name him King Jesus is Lord of all the earth
This gospel message we proclaim we sing his glory tell his
worth. Edward Joseph Burns 1815

Lord, you are the way, you are the truth, you are the life, we praise and lift high your holy name.

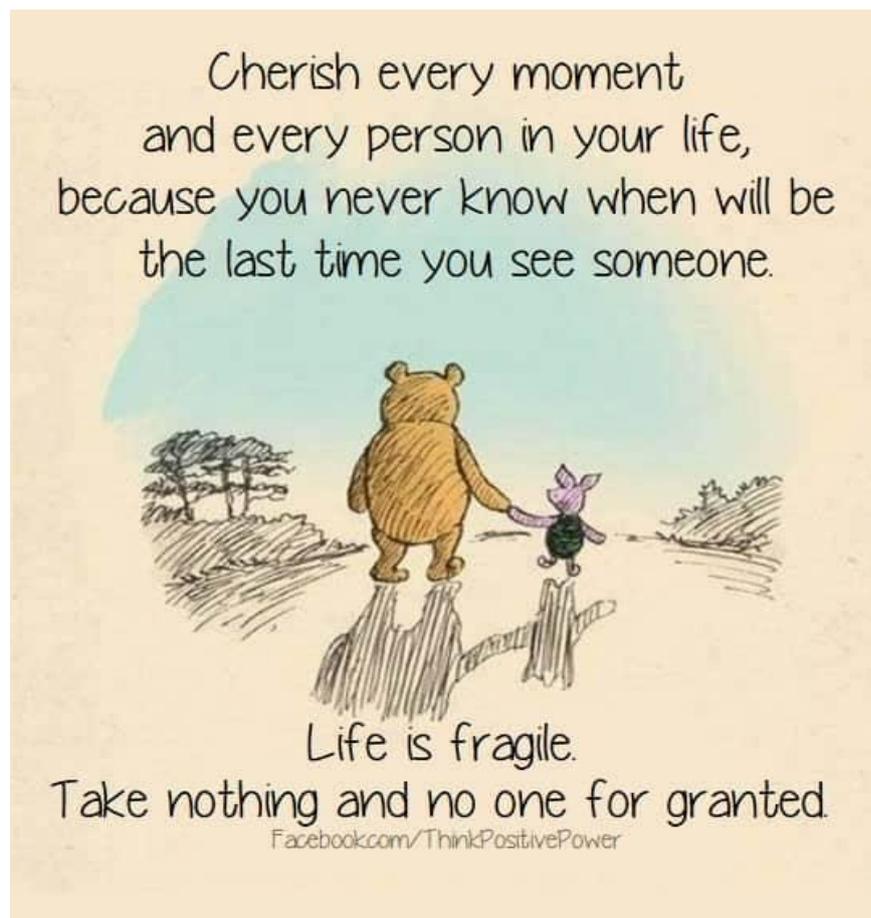
We ask you Jesus to refresh us when we feel weak and heavy laden, we ask for a mighty miracle of healing upon our world, we pray for all who are working towards producing a vaccine for this horrible virus which is plaguing our world at this present time, Lord Jesus give wisdom and insight in how to deal properly with the situation in which we find ourselves.

Be there Lord with all who are battling to keep their businesses afloat, with all who are preparing for our young people's to return to school, all who are nursing or caring for the sick and all who make decisions that affect our lives. We pray that your will may be done.

Lord hear us as we cry to thee in Jesus name. AMEN

Jesus said "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you."

John 14:27



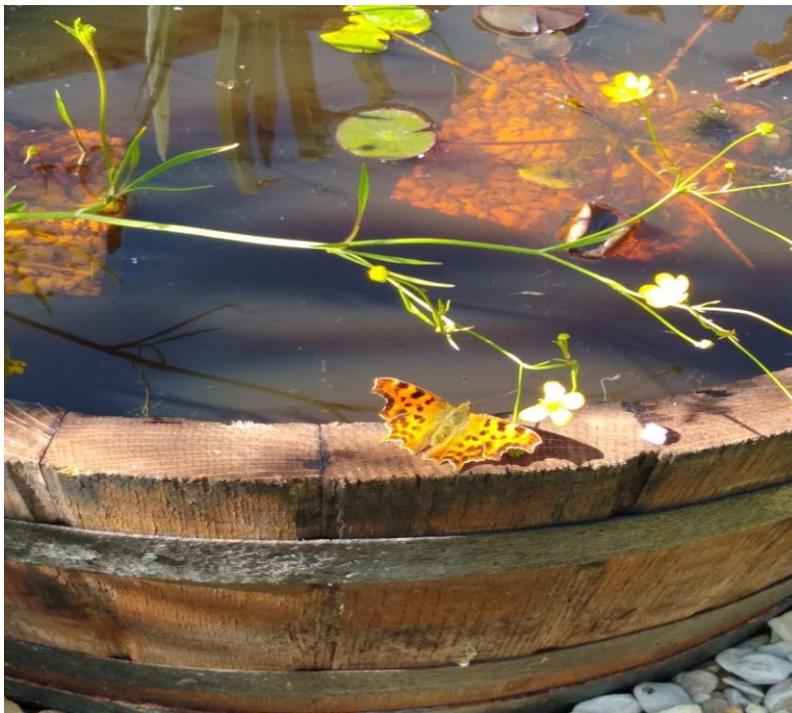
From Janet Edwards

A Lockdown Project

Not one to be idle for long, my husband Mike seized the opportunity of lockdown combined with fine weather, to embark on some garden projects. Most were probably not of much interest to Pew Sheet readers, involving drains, gutters, flags & several tons of gravel. But when these were completed, unbeknown to me, he began hatching & researching another plan. A small addition to the garden in the form of a pond made from half a whisky barrel.

Looking back, I can see why he didn't involve me initially, as I showed little interest even when the barrel did appear and was being meticulously prepared & rain water collected. But when it came to choosing its contents at the Garden Centre I was a willing accomplice! The pond immediately looked very much at home in its chosen corner & was soon teeming with tiny wriggling forms of life. The miniature lily sent up a new leaf daily & some of the tiny writhing creatures grew with eerie translucent white bodies and tails over twice their length. (Our Oxford Book of Insects reveals that they are the larvae of drone flies and breathe through their tails).

The pond is the first thing we go and check on when we go outside and many minutes pass gazing at every detail. I think it's because it's so small that it's so fascinating. We've already seen a frog in the pond and Mike was lucky enough to catch this Large Tortoiseshell butterfly on camera.



More amusing Church Funnies

At the Wedding

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?"

"Because white is the colour of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life."

The child thought about this for a moment, then said "So why is the groom wearing black

New in Church

After the service a young couple talked to a church member about joining the church. He hadn't met the husband before, and he asked what church he was transferring from.

After a short hesitation, he replied, "I am transferring from the Municipal Golf Course"

The Sermon

A little girl became restless as the preacher's sermon dragged on and on. Finally, she leaned over to her mother and whispered, "Mummy, if we give him the money now, will he let us go?"

The Boasting Boys

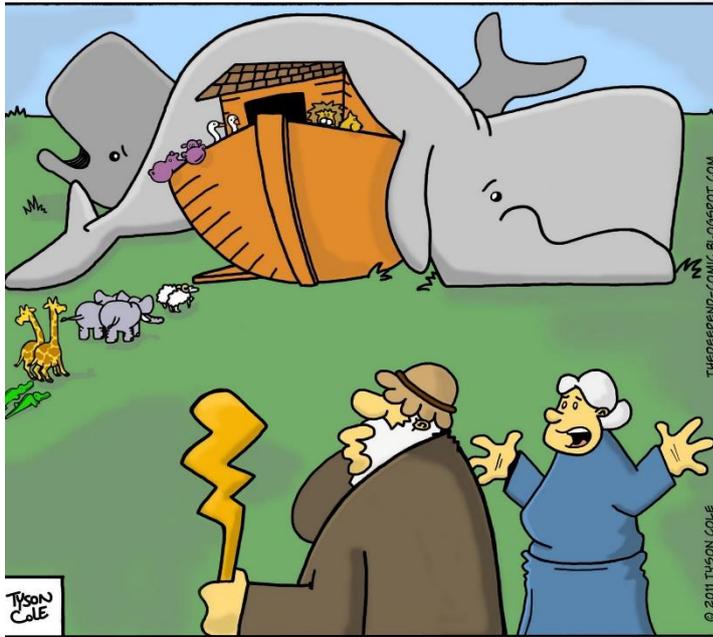
Three boys are in the schoolyard bragging about their fathers. The first boy says, "My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, they give him £50."

The second boy says, "That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a song, they give him £100."

The third boy says, "I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon. And it takes eight people to collect all the money!"

Funeral Instructions

An elderly woman died last month. Having never married, she requested no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she wrote, "They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead."



"MAYBE THE WHALES WOULD BE OK STAYING IN THE WATER."