

DIARY

Today SUNDAY 11 August

08:00 Holy Communion

10:00 Holy Communion

MONDAY 12 August

TUESDAY 13 August

09:30 Funeral for Joan Pryce at
Vinters Park

WEDNESDAY 14 August

09:30 Morning Prayer

THURSDAY 15 August

FRIDAY 16 August

13:30 Memorial service for Charlie
Slocombe

SATURDAY 17 August

SUNDAY 18 August

09:00 Breakfast Church

10:30 Holy Communion

Save the dates

Saturday 9th September

Jazz Night

Saturday 14th September

Ride 'n' Stride Pilgrimage

Saturday 16th November

Gig Night—with Sonny and the Harp

Notices

 Buy a bulb? 
Can you help with the £850 cost of
our new lighting? -

see Mark Sweeting for details
Thanks to those who have given
£520 so far

THE Book Club

*For August and September we are
reading The Psalms*

*Big thank you to
Alan Alcock, Elaine Almond,
Jan Bryce, Linda Bryce Alan
Cant, Rosy Dryland, Bruce
Gates, Stewart Murray, Anke
Pearce, Felix Pearce, Ian
Simpson, Julie Sweeting
for all their hard work in
painting the church*

If you (or someone you know)
would like a home visit or
home communion then call
Chris on 882447 to arrange.



THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD



BOROUGH GREEN

1906—2019

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Eighth Sunday after Trinity—11th August 2019

Welcome to the Church of the Good Shepherd

Today's Hymns

791 The God of Abraham praise

681 In heavenly love abiding

330 Do not be afraid

744 O God of Bethel

757 One more step along the world
I go

652 Guide me O thou great
redeemer

The Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify
and govern both our hearts and
bodies in the ways of your laws and
the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty
protection, both here and ever, we
may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus
Christ, who is alive and reigns with
you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Prayer after Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord, the
hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your
word be deaf to clamour and
dispute; may the tongues which have
sung your praise be free from
deceit; may the eyes which have
seen the tokens of your love shine
with the light of hope; and may the
bodies which have been fed with
your body be refreshed with the
fullness of your life; glory to you for
ever. **Amen**

NEXT SUNDAY

09:00 Breakfast Church

10:30 Holy Communion

IN OUR PRAYERS Please remember those who are ill or in special need at this time:
Judi Couldrey, Denise Glassock, Joan Charot, Pat Head, Ron Heritage, Martin Vallance,
Charles Willsher, Victoria Sharp, Jackie Billitch, Richard Murphy, Aidan Baker

RIP: Joan Pryce, Charlie Slocombe

Please advise for any changes to the prayer list

For changes or additions to the pew sheet please email: vicar.cogs@gmail.com



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FIRST READING

Genesis 15.1-6

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Psalms 33.12-21

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

The Lord looks down from heaven, and beholds all the people in the world.

From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze on all who dwell on the earth.

He fashions all the hearts of them

and understands all their works.

There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; the strong are not delivered by great strength.

The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; for all its strength it cannot save.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, on those who wait upon his love,

To pluck their lives from death, and to feed them in time of famine.

Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, for in his holy name we put our trust.

Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, as we have put our trust in you delight in their own words.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not

knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old – and Sarah herself was barren – because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 12.32-40

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks.

Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'