

DIARY

Notices

Today SUNDAY 18 August

09:00 Breakfast Church
10:30 Holy Communion

MONDAY 19 August

TUESDAY 20 August

WEDNESDAY 21 August

09:30 Morning Prayer

THURSDAY 22 August

FRIDAY 23 August

SATURDAY 24 August

SUNDAY 25 August

08:00 Holy Communion
10:00 Holy Communion

Save the dates

Saturday 14th September

Ride 'n' Stride Pilgrimage

Saturday 16th November

Gig Night—with Sonny and the Harp

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



IN OUR PRAYERS Please remember those who are ill or in special need at this time:

Judi Couldrey, Denise Glassock, Joan Charot, Pat Head,, Martin Vallance, Charles Willsher, Victoria Sharp, Jackie Billitch

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

THE Book Club
For August and September we are reading The Psalms

Jazz Night
Saturday 7th September



THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD



BOROUGH GREEN

1906—2019

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Ninth Sunday after Trinity—18th August 2019

Welcome to the Church of the Good Shepherd

Today's Hymns

- 327 Awake, awake, fling off the night
- 795 The kingdom is upon you
- 762 Praise the one who breaks the darkness
- 332 Freed in Christ
- 429 Bread is blessed and broken
- 631 Fight the good fight

The Collect

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

Prayer after Communion

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

NEXT SUNDAY 09:00 Breakfast Church 10:30 Holy Communion

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FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23.23-29

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back - those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Psalms 82

God takes his stand in the council of heaven; he gives judgement in the midst of the gods:

'How long will you judge unjustly, and show favour to the wicked?

Save the weak and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy;

Rescue the weak and the poor
deliver them from the power of the wicked.

They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

Now I say to you, "You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;

Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince."

Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11.29-12.2

By faith the people of Israel passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets – who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered

justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured

the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 12.49-56

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?