

DIARY

Today SUNDAY 8 September

08:00 Holy Communion
10:00 Holy Communion

MONDAY 9 September

TUESDAY 10 September

10:30 Forget-me-Not Cafe

WEDNESDAY 11 September

09:30 Morning Prayer
20:00 Home Group

THURSDAY 12 September

20:00 Rhythm of Life group

FRIDAY 13 September

SATURDAY 14 September

10:00 Coffee at CoGS
10:30 Four Parish Pilgrimage

SUNDAY 15 September

08:00 Holy Communion
09:00 Breakfast Church
10:30 Holy Communion

Notices

THE Book Club

For September we are reading
The Psalms

Ride 'n' Stride

Saturday 14th September
Sponsor forms in annexe,
Pilgrimage walk leaves at 10:30

The House Group will restart on Wed
11th September, 8pm at 5 Stone
Court—following part of the C of E's
Pilgrim Course, thinking about 'Church
and Kingdom.' All are welcome to join
us but to order course books, if you
are thinking of coming, please let Chris
Almond know soon as possible.

Saturday 16th November
Gig Night—dinner and dancing
with Sonny and the Harp
Tickets selling fast—get yours NOW!

Breakfast Church

9am Sunday 15th September,
Come share food and fellowship, fun and
faith in an informal setting.
All welcome.
Come along, and bring a friend!



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



THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD



BOROUGH GREEN

1906—2019

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Lay Minister Elaine Almond 886440 Reader Chris Almond 886440
PCC Secretary Sally Metcalf 845549 Treasurer Mark Sweeting 885437

12th Sunday after Trinity—8th September 2019

Welcome to the Church of the Good Shepherd

Today's Hymns

277 I bind unto myself today

135 Take up thy cross

669 I heard the voice of Jesus say

763i Praise to the holiest

604 Brother, sister let me serve you

510 Will you come and follow me

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you are
always more ready to hear than we to
pray and to give more than either we
desire or deserve: pour down upon us
the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our
conscience is afraid and giving us
those good things which we are not
worthy to ask but through the merits
and mediation of 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

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you
have set aside our sins and given us
your healing: grant that we who are
made whole in Christ may bring that
healing to this broken world, in the
name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

NEXT SUNDAY 08:00 Holy Communion 09:00 Breakfast Church
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There is a loop system for the hard of hearing - please set your aid to the T setting
PLEASE STAY FOR REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SERVICE
PLEASE DELIVER COPIES OF THIS SHEET TO THOSE UNABLE TO BE HERE THIS MORNING
You can now give by phone—Text 'COGSDONATE 5' to 70085 to donate £5.

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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: George Bowman

Please advise for any changes to the prayer list

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

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30.15-20

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Psalms 1

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on his law day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked: they are like chaff which the wind blows away; Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgement comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.

SECOND READING

Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and

encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love – and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother – especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me

even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 14.25-33

Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.'