

Friday 18th September
7:30pm Quiz Night
Come and join the fun



Monday 21st September
2pm and 3pm
Tea and Chat



Please book a time with Elaine or
Chris 886440

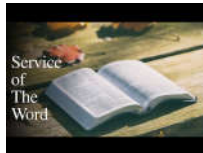
Saturday 3rd October, 10am
Churchyard Tidy



Join the gang giving the
churchyard an autumn make over

7:30pm Thursday 22nd October
Church of the Good Shepherd
Annual Meeting

10am, Sunday 27th September
Service of the word



IN OUR PRAYERS Please remember those who are ill or in special need at this time:
Judi Couldrey, Pat Head, Victoria Sharp, Jackie Billitch, Shirley Bowman, Celia Smith,
Alan Soames, Phyllis Hodge, Gillian Aitkenhead, Barry Corbishley, Gill Russell

RIP:

Please advise for any changes to the prayer list

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

Virtual Prayer Wall
We now have an online
prayer wall for making prayer
requests and sharing prayers.

It can be found here:

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CoGS_Platt_Prayers](https://padlet.com/cogs_and_platt/CoGS_Platt_Prayers)

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THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD BOROUGH GREEN

1906—2020



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15th Sunday after Trinity —20th September 2020

Welcome to the Church of the Good Shepherd

Holy Communion - Sunday 20th September 10:00am in church
Spaces are limited due to COVID-19 restrictions

so please book

This service can also be joined via Zoom
See our Church Near You page for details

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/16920/> .

The Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent
the Holy Spirit upon your Church in
the burning fire of your love: grant
that your people may be fervent in
the fellowship of the gospel that,
always abiding in you, they may be
found steadfast in faith and active in
service; 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

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with
your perpetual mercy; and, because
without you our human frailty
cannot but fall, keep us ever by your
help from all things hurtful, and lead
us to all things profitable to our
salvation; through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

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FIRST READING

Jonah 3.10-4.11

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, 'O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the LORD said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'

But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the LORD said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand

Psalm 145.1-8

I will exalt you, O God my King, and bless your name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless you and praise your name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord and highly to be praised; his greatness is beyond all searching out.

One generation shall praise your works to another and declare your mighty acts.

They shall speak of the majesty of your glory, and I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

They shall speak of the might of your marvellous acts, and I will also tell of your greatness.

They shall pour forth the story of your abundant kindness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

The Lord is gracious and merciful, long-suffering and of great goodness.

towards those who fear him.

SECOND READING

Philippians 1.21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that

means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well – since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 20.1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about

nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'