

## MIDWEEK SERVICES

### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August

14.15pm Holy Communion Aldbourne Nursing Home

### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August

8.00am Morning Prayer & Bible Study St Michael's, Aldbourne

10.00am Holy Communion Holy Cross, Ramsbury

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August

11.00am Holy Communion Brendon Care

## NOTICES

- ❖ **THE WHITTON PRAYER GROUP** will not be meeting in August. However, we will be meeting together informally, so if anyone has any prayer requests please contact Ginny on 01672521226. The next meeting will be **Tuesday September 4<sup>th</sup>**.
- ❖ **Travel Brochures, Calendars and Wildlife Brochures** required for Messy Church theme of 'He's got the whole world...' Please let Sue Rodd (541571) have them before 30<sup>th</sup> August.
- ❖ **MESSY CHURCH** in the Aldbourne Methodist Hall on the **30<sup>th</sup> August, 10am – 1pm**, preparing (among other things) for the "Churches Together" float in the Aldbourne Carnival on the 1<sup>st</sup> September. Story, crafts and activities, finishing with a short time of worship and lunch. Please publicise this among families with children! Help is needed that morning, also on the morning of the 1<sup>st</sup> September, when we'll actually be building the float – please contact Sue Rodd (541571 or [revsuerodd@btinternet.com](mailto:revsuerodd@btinternet.com)) for further info and with offers of help.
- ❖ **SONGS OF PRAISE ABOARD THE ROSE OF HUNGERFORD** – Come and cruise the lovely Kennet and Avon Canal from Hungerford Wharf as we sing well-loved hymns and songs on a Sunday evening. Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September, 6.00pm to 8.30pm. Tickets are £20 and include supper and a glass of wine, in aid of to King George VI Centre for children with disabilities in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. To book your place contact Sue Rodd (541571, Alison Delorie, Ann Brown, Jennifer Rendell or Eleanor Williamson.
- ❖ **TEDDY BEARS PICNIC** to celebrate recent baptisms & dedications of children within the Whitton Team on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September, 3 – 4.30 pm**, on the lawns of St Mary's Church, Chilton Foliat, RG17 0TQ. Please bring your family, a picnic tea and a teddy or soft toy, and join us for lots of fun & games! *RSVP: Team Office (01672 520 963), the Rev Sue Rodd (01672 541571 or [revsuerodd@btinternet.com](mailto:revsuerodd@btinternet.com)) by the 6<sup>th</sup> September if possible*

Deadline for Notices: 10.00am Thursday

Contact the Team Office ([teamoffice@whittonteam.org.uk](mailto:teamoffice@whittonteam.org.uk)/01672-520963) about forthcoming church events, or people to be added to the prayer list.

Office hours: 9.00am-2.00pm Mon & Thurs

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# WHITTON BENEFICE

Aldbourn, Baydon, Chilton Foliat, Froxfield, Ramsbury with Axford

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## Sunday – 12<sup>th</sup> August – Trinity 11

*Ps 130/ Numbers 22: 36 - 23: 12/ John 6: 35, 41-51*

8.00am	Ramsbury	Holy Communion
9.30am	Baydon	Morning Prayer
9.30am	Froxfield	Holy Communion (
9.30am	Ramsbury	Summer Songs of Praise
11.00am	Aldbourn	Matins
11.00am	Chilton Foliat	Holy Communion

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**Please pray** for those who are sick or in pain, especially **Joan Prout** and **John Plenderleith**.

**Please pray** for **Sophia Louise Dixon** who is being baptised at St Michael's Church, Aldbourne today.

**Please pray** for **Philip Holder and Lizy Kidwell** who were married on Friday at Holy Cross Church, Ramsbury.

**We remember** those who have died in faith, those whose faith is known only to God and we remember all those, the anniversary of whose death falls this week.

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## Next Sunday – 19<sup>th</sup> August – Trinity 12

*Ps 111/ 1 Samuel 10:1, 5-13/ John 6: 51-58*

8.00am	Chilton Foliat	Holy Communion
9.30am	Baydon Summer	Songs of Praise
9.30am	Froxfield	Matins
9.30am	Ramsbury	Holy Communion
11.00am	Aldbourn	Holy Communion

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**Please take this leaflet home with you**

# 12<sup>th</sup> August 2018 – Trinity 11

## OLD TESTAMENT – Numbers 22: 36 – 23: 12

When Balak heard that Balaam was coming, he went out to meet him at the Moabite town on the Arnon border, at the edge of his territory. Balak said to Balaam, 'Did I not send you an urgent summons? Why didn't you come to me? Am I really not able to reward you?'

'Well, I have come to you now,' Balaam replied. 'But I can't say whatever I please. I must speak only what God puts in my mouth.' Then Balaam went with Balak to Kiriath Huzoth. Balak sacrificed cattle and sheep, and gave some to Balaam and the officials who were with him. The next morning Balak took Balaam up to Bamoth Baal, and from there he could see the outskirts of the Israelite camp.

Balaam said, 'Build me seven altars here, and prepare seven bulls and seven rams for me.' Balak did as Balaam said, and the two of them offered a bull and a ram on each altar. Then Balaam said to Balak, 'Stay here beside your offering while I go aside. Perhaps the LORD will come to meet with me. Whatever he reveals to me I will tell you.' Then he went off to a barren height. God met with him, and Balaam said, 'I have prepared seven altars, and on each altar I have offered a bull and a ram.' The LORD put a word in Balaam's mouth and said, 'Go back to Balak and give him this word.' So he went back to him and found him standing beside his offering, with all the Moabite officials. Then Balaam spoke his message:

'Balak brought me from Aram,  
the king of Moab from the eastern mountains.

"Come," he said, "curse Jacob for me;  
come, denounce Israel."

How can I curse  
those whom God has not cursed?

How can I denounce  
those whom the LORD has not denounced?

From the rocky peaks I see them,  
from the heights I view them.

I see people who live apart  
and do not consider themselves one of the nations.

Who can count the dust of Jacob  
or number even a fourth of Israel?

Let me die the death of the righteous,  
and may my final end be like theirs!

Balak said to Balaam, 'What have you done to me? I brought you to curse my enemies, but you have done nothing but bless them!' He answered, 'Must I not speak what the LORD puts in my mouth?'

## GOSPEL – John 6: 35, 41-51

Then Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

At this the Jews there began to grumble about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They said, 'Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I came down from heaven"?''

'Stop grumbling among yourselves,' Jesus answered. 'No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day. It is written in the Prophets: "They will all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from him comes to me. No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live for ever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.'

