
MIDWEEK SERVICES

Wednesday 21st August

3.30pm Holy Communion Aldbourne Nursing Home

Thursday 22nd August

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

10.00am Holy Communion Church Rooms, Ramsbury

Friday 23rd August

11.00am Holy Communion Brendoncare

NOTICES

- ❖ **HOLY CROSS CHURCH, RAMSBURY LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT** – During the Month of August Holy Cross Church will be unavailable for access due to extensive improvements to the lighting. Sunday services will be held as normal and Thursday services will be in the Church Rooms on Back Lane.
 - ❖ **DISCERNING GOD'S VISION FOR OUR CHURCHES** – Please take the opportunity to help shape our activity in the coming years by:
 - Responding to the questionnaire which has been circulated around the Benefice. Paper copies are available in Team churches and an online version can be accessed via email to Whittong2019@gmail.com.
 - Joining in a discussion after one of the following services - 18th August, 8am Chilton Foliat, 9.30am Baydon and 9.30am Ramsbury; 1st September 10am Team Service, Aldbourne.
 - attending the Open meeting on the morning of 28 September, at Baydon School Hall. Rhona Floate, Whitton Mission Sub Group.
 - ❖ **WHITTON PRAYER GROUP** – meet **Tuesday 20th August** from 9.30 to 10.30am. Coffee, Bible and prayer for Ramsbury and Whitton Benefice. Meet at 44 High Street, Ramsbury.
 - ❖ **REFLECTIVE SPACES** – A respite from a busy life with contemporary words, quiet songs and moments of stillness. **Wednesday 28th August**, 7.00pm at St Michael's Church, Aldbourne.
 - ❖ **CAKE AND COMPANY** – The United Churches invite you to Cake and Company in the Aldbourne Methodist Chapel Hall, on Monday 2nd September from 10.30 to 12 noon.
 - ❖ **FROXFIELD FESTIVAL – A COMMUNITY WEEKEND** - Save the date -Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th September, lots of events for all the family.
 - ❖ **SONGS OF PRAISE ABOARD THE ROSE OF HUNGERFORD** – please save the date of **Sunday 15th September** from 6.00 to 8.30pm to cruise the lovely Kennet & Avon Canal as we sing well-loved hymns and songs. In aid of King George VI Centre for children with disabilities in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. Tickets (£20 to include supper) from Sue Rodd, Jennifer Rendell, Eleanor Williamson, Ann Brown and Alison Delorie.
 - ❖ **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**, 9.30 -11.30 **Friday September 27th**: You are invited to join us for coffee/tea and cake at Church Rooms, Back Lane, Ramsbury.
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❖ **Deadline for Notices: 10.00am Thursday**

Contact the Team Office (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 - Website: www.whittonteam.org.uk

WHITTON BENEFICE

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

Sunday , 18th August – Trinity 9

Psalm 82/ 1 Samuel 2: 1, 2, 3b-5, 7, 8/ Hebrews 11: 29-12: 2/ Luke 12: 49-56

8.00am	Chilton Foliat	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Baydon	Informal Morning Worship
9.30am	Froxfield	Matins
9.30am	Ramsbury	Holy Communion (CW)
11.00am	Aldbourne	Holy Communion (CW)

Almighty God, giver of all good gifts,
through your Holy Spirit you call each one of us into ministry and mission;
grant us wisdom and discernment in seeking a new Team Rector
to share with us in the Parish of Whitton.
Bless the one whom you are calling to join us
and prepare us all to pray, serve and grow together;
that we may worship you in spirit and in truth,
reach out with confidence and compassion to our communities,
and cherish all who respond to your invitation to new life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Please pray for those who are sick or in pain.

We remember the family and friends of **Gerald Wallis, Arthur James and Edward Marshall**, 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.

Next Sunday, 25th August – Trinity 10

Psalm 103: 1-8, 14b/ Isaiah 26: 1-4, 7-9, 12/ Hebrews 12: 18-29/ Luke 13: 10-17

8.00am	Aldbourne	Holy Communion (BCP)
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Please take this leaflet home with you

18th August 2019 – Ninth Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT – The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

OLD TESTAMENT - 1 SAMUEL 2: 1, 2, 3b-5, 7 and 8

Then Hannah prayed and said:

“My heart rejoices in the LORD; in the LORD my horn is lifted high.
My mouth boasts over my enemies, for I delight in your deliverance.

“There is no one holy like the LORD;
there is no one besides you;
there is no Rock like our God.

for the LORD is a God who knows, and by him deeds are weighed.

“The bows of the warriors are broken,
but those who stumbled are armed with strength.

Those who were full hire themselves out for food,
but those who were hungry are hungry no more.

She who was barren has borne seven children,
but she who has had many sons pines away.

The LORD sends poverty and wealth; he humbles and he exalts.
He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap;
he seats them with princes and has them inherit a throne of honor.
“For the foundations of the earth are the LORD’S; on them he has set the world.

NEW TESTAMENT - HEBREWS 11: 29 – 12: 2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned.

By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days.

By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.

And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

LUKE 12: 49-56

“I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, 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 daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

He said to the crowd: “When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, ‘It’s going to rain,’ and it does. And when the south wind blows, you say, ‘It’s going to be hot,’ and it is. Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don’t know how to interpret this present time?”