
MIDWEEK SERVICES

Thursday 12th September

8.00am	Morning Prayer & Bible Study	St Michael's, Aldbourne
10.00am	Holy Communion	55a High Street, Ramsbury

NOTICES

- ❖ **HOLY CROSS CHURCH, RAMSBURY LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT** – Holy Cross Church will be unavailable for access due to extensive improvements to the lighting. Sunday services will be held as normal.
- ❖ **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. **The deadline for the questionnaire is today.** Paper copies are available in Team churches and an online version can be accessed via email Whittonq2019@gmail.com. There is an open meeting on the morning of 28 September, at Baydon School Hall.
- ❖ **FROXFIELD FESTIVAL – A COMMUNITY WEEKEND** - on **Sunday 8th September** Phoenix Brass Band, children's activities and teas and cakes and an evening concert - lots of events for all the family.
- ❖ **THY KINGDOM COME** on **Monday 9th** will meet at 44 High Street, Ramsbury. Coffee at 7.45pm, Worship and prayer starts at 8.00pm, ending at 9.00pm.
- ❖ **THE KNITTING GROUP** will meet at 55a, High Street, Ramsbury, on **Tuesday, 10th September**, from 2 pm.
- ❖ **RIDE AND STRIDE FOR WILTSHIRE CHURCHES. Saturday 14th September.** Raise money for Wiltshire historic churches by walking, cycling or riding between our churches or by sponsoring those who are striding. Contact Tim Marriott, 01672-541734 or email: twm_marriott@hotmail.com.
- ❖ **SONGS OF PRAISE ABOARD THE ROSE OF HUNGERFORD–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.
- ❖ **AUTUMN ECHOES** – THE ENGLISH CHAMBER CHOIR and amazing young organist Alexander Binns - an evening of wonderful music at Holy Cross Ramsbury on **Saturday 21st September** at 7.30pm. Tickets from emma@mojoandmccoy.com, Ramsbury Post Office or Midway Stores. Most of the choir will be joining in the Harvest Matins 9.30am service the following morning.
- ❖ **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING, 9.30 -11.30am on Friday September 27th:** You are invited to join us for coffee, tea and cake at Church Rooms, Back Lane, Ramsbury. Please come and support. Donations of cakes and volunteers needed, please contact Carol Howard.
- ❖ **AVEBURY VOCAL ENSEMBLE** - On **Saturday 28th September at 7.30 pm** The Friends of St Michaels Church, Aldbourne, are delighted to welcome back the Avebury Vocal Ensemble (AVE) to present an appealing concert of choral and organ music under the leadership of conductor Peter Tims with organist Simon Dinsdale. The programme will include John Rutter's optimistic and uplifting **Requiem** and a Medley of well-known music and songs from George Gershwin's ever popular **Porgy and Bess**. Tickets available from Aldbourne Post Office £10 (Friends £8 and under 18s free) or call 01672 540675.

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

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

Sunday 8th September – Trinity 12

Psalm 1/ A Song for David: 1 Chronicles 29: 10b-13/ Philemon 1: 1-21/ Luke 14: 25-33

8.00am	Ramsbury	Holy Communion
9.30am	Baydon	Matins
9.30am	Ramsbury	Informal Morning Worship
11.00am	Froxfield	Harvest Thanksgiving
11.00am	Aldboune	Holy Communion
11.00am	Chilton Foliat	Harvest Thanksgiving & Stewardship
6.00pm	Aldboune	Carnival Service (by pond)

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 the pupils, staff and governors of St Nicholas School, Baydon.

Please pray for those who are sick or in pain.

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

Next Sunday, 15th September – Trinity 13

Psalm 51: 1-10/ A Song of Humility: Hosea 6: 1-6/ 1 Timothy 1: 12-17/ Luke 15: 1-10

8.00am	Chilton Foliat	Holy Communion
9.30am	Baydon	IMW
9.30am	Froxfield	Matins
9.30am	Ramsbury	Holy Communion
10.30am	Aldboune	Methodist Joint Harvest Thanksgiving
6.00pm	Ramsbury	Evening Prayer

Please take this leaflet home with you

8th September 2019 – Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT – The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

OLD TESTAMENT - 1 CHRONICLES 29.10B-13,14B

22 A Song of David

Blessed are you, God of Israel, for ever and ever,
for yours is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour and the majesty.
Everything in heaven and on earth is yours;
yours is the kingdom, O Lord,
and you are exalted as head over all.
Riches and honour come from you
and you rule over all.
In your hand are power and might;
yours it is to give power and strength to all.
And now we give you thanks, our God,
and praise your glorious name.
For all things come from you,
and of your own have we given you.

NEW TESTAMENT - PHILEMON 1: 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker— also to Apphia our sister and
Archippus our fellow soldier—and to the church that meets in your home:
Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanksgiving and Prayer

I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about
your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. I pray that your
partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding
of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. Your love has given me great
joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the
Lord's people.

Paul's Plea for Onesimus

Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought
to do, yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than
Paul—an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus— that I appeal to you
for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. Formerly he was
useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me.

I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. I would have liked to keep
him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains
for the gospel. But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any
favor you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary. Perhaps the reason
he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back
forever— no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is
very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in
the Lord.

So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he
has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. I, Paul, am writing
this with my own hand. I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your
very self. I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord;
refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing
that you will do even more than I ask.

LUKE 14: 25-33

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: “If anyone
comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers
and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. And
whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and
estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay
the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you,
saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.'

“Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit
down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one
coming against him with twenty thousand? If he is not able, he will send a
delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. In
the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my
disciples.