



St. George's, Brockworth

Sunday 6th June 2021

Notices and updates

Worship

Please continue to contact the Church Office (by 11.30am on a Friday) to reserve your place for Sunday Services (you no longer need to reserve a place for the Wednesday Communion) and ensure you receive confirmation that a place has been reserved for you. Please note new email address.

Email: admin@stgeorgesbrockworth.org Tel: 01452 550554.

Please ensure you wear a face covering to any service.

Fran Croxon-Hall

...will be ordained Deacon at St. David's Cathedral on Saturday 26th June 10.30am. If you would like to attend, Karen can let you have Fran's contact details. Please pray for Fran and her family as they move into this next stage of their journey.

Diary page in June magazine

Oops, sorry! Apologies for our mistake in June's magazine, when we had the completely wrong information on the 'Dates for your Diary' page 25. Some were able to be reprinted, but most were not, so if the heading is 'Dates for your diary' on page 25, then it is incorrect. If the heading is 'Church Diary', the information is correct. Please find the correct details of all the services in June at the end of this E-service.

Magazine editor

Keep connected with each other & with God.

End of Notices and updates

As we express our concerns & joys to God this week...

...let us be thankful and pray for those who lead us; our Bishops of Gloucester and Tewkesbury.

...and let us pray for the financial health of our church and our readiness to contribute within the community.

Let us pray for the family and friends of Ken Evans and Wyn Sutch; pray they would know and experience the peace, presence and comfort of Jesus.

The First Sunday After Trinity

We worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sing: (*click on the song title, and it should open up and play in YouTube*)

[Lord of all hopefulness](#)

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We meet to celebrate the coming of Christ into the world. The word was made flesh and dwelt among us ... and we beheld his glory.

**Almighty God,
To whom all hearts are open,
All desires known,
And from whom no secrets are hidden:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
By the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
That we may perfectly love you,
And worthily magnify your holy name;
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Gathering our thoughts, we remember and confess:

**Our Lord Jesus Christ said;
The first commandment is this;
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.
You shall love the Lord your God
With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind
And with all your strength.'
The second is this, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'
There is no other commandment greater than these.
On these two commandments
Hang all the law and the prophets.**

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

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May almighty God have mercy on us and forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

Take a few moments to sit and think about receiving that unconditional offering of forgiveness through grace.

Collect

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son.

Amen.

Reading: Genesis 3:8-15 (ESV)

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

Gospel Reading: Mark 3:20-35 (ESV)

Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind."

Blasphemy Against the Holy Spirit

And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "by the prince of demons he casts out the demons." And he called

them to him and said to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.

"Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"— for they were saying, "He has an unclean spirit."

Jesus' Mother and Brothers

And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you." And he answered them, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother."

Mike explores our bible readings and how we can apply this to our day to day lives.

From the very first chapter of Genesis, it's clear that a relationship with God is the foundation that we must build everything in our lives on. If we try to build on anything else, we're building on quicksand, because sooner or later, the other things we put our trust in will fail us.

We were created with an intense hunger for a relationship with God, and if we don't hold on to that relationship, we'll feel an inner void and loneliness. And if we don't turn back to God to fill it, we'll try (unsuccessfully) to fill it with these things:

1) *People*. Having the right people in our lives can help fulfil our need for love and emotional intimacy, but no one other than God can fill the spiritual emptiness within us.

2) *Things*. Having material things can give us comfort and convenience. Having money can give us options to do good. But we can have material things and still be lonely and unhappy.

3) *Religion*. God's not interested in religion; He's interested in having a relationship with us. Religion only becomes significant when it enhances that relationship, which it doesn't always do. We can often find that religious rules and regulations become a

deterrent to a relationship with God. The Bible is filled with religious people who were so focused on rule-keeping that they missed connecting with God altogether.

We need to be careful that we don't become so preoccupied with other people, chasing material things, or following religious ideologies, that we forget that what really matters most is a personal, intimate, daily, talking-and-listening relationship with God.

Sing: *(click on the song title, and it should open up and play in YouTube)*

[Take my life and let it be](#)

Let us declare our faith with confidence:

**We believe in God the Father,
who created all things:
for by his will they were created
and have their being.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who was slain:
for with his blood,
he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit:
the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'
Even so come, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

We pray with confidence as our saviour has taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Sing: *(click on the song title, and it should open up and play in YouTube)*
Lord, the light of your love (Shine, Jesus, shine)

Numbers 6:24-26 May the LORD bless you and protect you.
May the LORD smile on you and be gracious to you.
May the LORD show you his favor and give you his peace.

Our worship has ended, but our service now begins. Let us go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

CHURCH DIARY—June 2021

2 nd	9.30am	Communion : Church Centre
6 th	9.00am	Communion Worship Service : Church Broadcast live on YouTube (or watch via Facebook)
	10.30am	Family Worship Service : Church Centre
9 th	9.30am	Communion : Church Centre
13 th	9.00am	Communion Worship Service : Church Broadcast live on YouTube (or watch via Facebook)
	10.30am	Family Worship Service : Church Centre
16 th	9.30am	Communion : Church Centre
20 th	9.00am	Communion Worship Service : Church Broadcast live on YouTube (or watch via Facebook)
	10.30am	Family Worship Service : Church Centre
23 rd	9.30am	Communion : Church Centre
25 th	12.00pm	Wedding : Church
27 th	9.00am	Communion Worship Service : Church Broadcast live on YouTube (or watch via Facebook)
	10.30am	Family Worship Service : Church Centre
	1.30pm	Wedding : Church
30 th	9.30am	Communion : Church Centre