



St. George's, Brockworth

Sunday 3rd October 2021

Notices and updates

Wednesday Communion in the Church Centre

Wednesday Communion has a new time of 9.45am. The new time starts from this Wednesday 6th October.

Church opening

The church will be open weekdays from 10am – 4pm commencing Monday 27th September. You are most welcome to come into the church to spend some quiet, reflective time there, to pray and to light a candle, if you wish.

Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival will be celebrated in church on Sunday 3rd October at 9.00am. We are collecting for Gloucester Foodbank this year, so if you wish to make any harvest donations, please bring them to the church office by Monday 11th October.

Items Gloucester Foodbank are in need of :

TINNED FRUIT (URGENT) - TINNED CUSTARD - TINNED SPAGHETTI - TINNED VEGETABLES - TINNED TOMATOES - TINNED POTATOES - JARS OF PASTA SAUCE - TINNED RICE PUDDING - TOOTHBRUSHES (SINGLE) & TOOTHPASTE - DEODORANT (URGENT) - SHAMPOO (URGENT) - TOILET ROLLS - BARS OF SOAP

Many thanks.

Training Day for Spiritual Care

There is a training day for Spiritual Care for Older People 16th October 9.30am- 3.30pm at St. John's Evangelist, Churchdown. For more information contact St. John's Church office: 01452 855553 | office@stjohnschurchdown.org.uk

Keep connected with each other and with God.

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

Let us be thankful and pray for the Brockworth branch of the Mothers' Union.

Let us pray for St Patrick's church, it's clergy and congregation.

Let us pray for God's blessings on Betty and Matthew who are to be married at St George's this month. May love and laughter fill your hearts and your home for all the days of your lives.

Let us pray for healing and wholeness in mind, body and spirit for Heidi, Jean Corless and Bob Mawson; pray they would know and experience the peace, presence and comfort of Jesus.

Let us pray for the family and friends of Les Roberts, Ronald Baggus, Alison Morgan, Stanley Montague and Ronald Jones; pray they would know and experience the peace, presence and comfort of Jesus.

Harvest Festival (The Eighteenth 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)*

Seek ye first the kingdom of God

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.**

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

Almighty God,
to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer:
we praise you for the many blessings
you have given to those who worship you here:
and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you,
and, being filled with the Holy Spirit,
may become a living temple acceptable to you;
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.

Reading: Job 1:1 & 2:1-10 (ESV)***Job's Character and Wealth***

There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job, and that man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

Satan Attacks Job's Health

Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD. ² And the LORD said to Satan, "From where have you come?" Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." ³ And the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil? He still holds fast his integrity, although you incited me against him to destroy him without reason." ⁴ Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "Skin for skin! All that a man has he will give for his life. ⁵ But stretch out your hand and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." ⁶ And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, he is in your hand; only spare his life."

So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and struck Job with loathsome sores from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. ⁸ And he took a piece of broken pottery with which to scrape himself while he sat in the ashes.

Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die." ¹⁰ But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women would speak. Shall we receive good from God, and shall we not receive evil?"^[a] In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:2-16 (ESV)***Teaching About Divorce***

And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³ He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴ They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away." ⁵ And Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. ⁶ But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷ 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife,^[a] ⁸ and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. ⁹ What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹ And he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, ¹² and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

Let the Children Come to Me

And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁵ Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." ¹⁶ And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

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

[Lord of all hopefulness](#)

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)*

Father I place into your hands

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.**