

16th July 2017 Trinity 5

Sunday Services	16 July <i>Trinity 5</i>	23 July <i>Trinity 6</i>	30 July <i>Trinity 7</i>	6 August <i>The Transfiguration</i>
Ashley	Morning Prayer 9.30am	Holy Communion 9.30am		Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am
Charlton	Holy Communion 9.30am	Evensong 6pm		Family Service 9.30am Lammas Service 6pm??
Crudwell	Holy Communion 9.30am	All Age Worship 11am	Group Communion 10am	Morning Worship 11am
Hankerton	Informal Worship 11am	No Service		Holy Communion 9.30am
Minety	Holy Communion (BCP) 8.30am Service of the Word 10am	Service of the Word 10am		Holy Communion 11am
Oaksey	Family Service 11am	Holy Communion 11am		Matins 11am

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BRAYDON BROOK NEWS

Some farmers have already been able to start harvesting across the country others are still waiting for the crops to ripen.

Jesus used creation in many of his parables, using something we can recognize from our ordinary lives. When Jesus taught he focused on 'the Kingdom'; he asks us to listen to his teaching, he taught with authority he used parables because they were easy to remember, stories from everyday life. But these stories are not fairy tales, there are deeper meanings in them, they are the voice of God reaching out to us. They are urging us to repent and believe, they are an invitation, they show us ways to live a fuller life, ways of how to enter the kingdom of God.

Jesus forever changes that which we know, the ordinary becomes something special. The bread the staple diet, the wine the most common thing to drink as water carried disease changed into the special feast, the Eucharist. Death changed into new life. The ordinary, the low becoming great leaders. Riches having no meaning, the first becoming last and the last becoming first. Priorities change when you know Jesus, he brings hope and light into the dark places, within and without.

When you read the gospels, you see how Jesus reacts to people who come to question him, he encourages those who truly are seeking answers, Nicodemus, and those whose hearts were against him he offered a challenge, the Scribes and Pharisees. Jesus, God can see our hearts and knows where we truly are. You do not have to act with him, tell him outright you are confused, worried, angry he knows and will help if you ask him.

Thank you Jesus that you walk alongside us, that you care about us, help us to trust you and help us to have ears and eyes open to hear and see you around us. Give us courage to follow you. Amen

Sarah



Gospel Reading (NRSV)

Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

Next Sunday's Readings

Genesis 28.10-19a

Psalms 139.1-11, 23-24

Romans 8.12-25

Matthew 11.24-30, 36-43

Reflection

We often pass over this well known parable.

We change as we grow and it is worthwhile taking stock of our lives from time to time.

Set aside time to answer these questions?

Weeds.

What are your priorities, the expectations of yourself and others?

Then pray

Lord I offer these to you...

Stones

What stops you obtaining your goals?

Pray to God to enter the situation and help you.

Health warning

When you pray these prayers honestly, you will be changed.

Other Reading

Romans 8.1-11

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified:

hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth

to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Diary

Tuesday 18th Jul

8:30am Morning Prayer at Charlton

9:30am Little Saints, All Saint's church Crudwell

9:30am-11:30am Minety Handbells at Church

5:00pm Fishermen's Friends, Charlton

7:30pm Exploring Christianity at SSQ

Wednesday 19th Jul

4:30pm Evening Prayer at Crudwell

Thursday 20th Jul

7:30pm to 9:00pm Bell Ringing practice at Charlton

Saturday 22nd Jul

10:30am Coffee and Chat in the North Aisle, Hankerton

Let Us Pray

At a time of often distressing news, and with some painful accidents and events in our own communities, prayer enables us to bring the needs of the world before God, and it also encourages us to act for the good of all. Please do keep praying—for our world, for our country, for our communities, our families and friends, and for ourselves. And do contact me or a member of the ministry team if you would like us to pray for any concern that you might have.

Notices / Events

Ill health Absence June-July

My GP has signed me off from full-time work for the next month, as I have been struggling with depression for much of the last year. This has been because I've been trying to do too much, while also dealing with other family health issues. I hope to work up to 10 hours a week during this time: enough to cover the Sunday services as well as weddings, baptisms and funerals. I'm afraid that I will not be able to undertake anything else, and I do apologise for any inconvenience that this causes. The diocese have been very supportive and I hope that my time out will enable me to redefine my job in a more focused way. Rhoda and I do appreciate your support and friendship, and we value your prayers. I look forward to resuming full-time ministry in Braydon Brook soon.

Rev'd Phil Daniels.

The community groups have now stopped for the summer, they will continue in the autumn. For more details contact Brian or Karen Senior 01666 860475 or email ba.senior@hotmail.co.uk.

Prayers:

For the farmers as they start to collect the harvest.

For patience and hope for those awaiting results which will alter their futures, whether from exams or doctors.

For comfort and strength for all who mourn, especially the family and friends of Pamela Savage and Jeanette Waldron

For safety and fun for all the summer events in our villages