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(Anglican & URC)



Welcome

ORDINATION

Jacqueline Henson's ordination date has been set for Saturday 19th September, 10am at Gloucester Cathedral. Attendance is limited to immediate family and Training Incumbent at this time; do hold her and her family in your prayers ahead of this important moment. Revd Gary.

TREATS IN STORE

The New Daylight notes will be available in church on 6 September. They include ways of stretching our prayer muscles by using everyday objects, a closer look at the book of Ruth and an opportunity to ponder the festival of our Nine Lessons and Carols celebrating Christmas. Perhaps readers will kindly let me have their payment of the last series circulated during the lockdown (apart from Val who as already paid). Thank you.
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Another word from Simon Guillebaud (former missionary in Burundi)

He offers an illustration to help us understand Grace, which may seem a difficult concept.

It's amazing to know we are Christ's heirs, not through our striving for perfection, but simply by means of his Grace. Difficult concept, so an illustration:

A burglar broke into a house and killed a sleeping baby. If the father tracked down the burglar and killed him that would be revenge. If the law took its course and the burglar was sent to prison, that would be justice. If the father forgave the burglar, took him into his home and treated him as his own son, that would be Grace.

It sounds an absurd scenario, but that's what God did for us, even though it was we who killed his son.

1 John 3.1.

Arrangements for Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child, Baptism, Confirmation, Banns of Marriage, etc., should be made with Revd Gary Grady.

If you are aware of anyone who is ill, in hospital, or in need of a pastoral visit please contact Clergy, Elders or Readers.

Safeguarding Officer: Debbie Cypher

If you have anything for the Grapevine please send it to

Edna Willox (grapevine@tcivh.org.uk Tel 510773) by early Wednesday evening.

Website: www.tciwh.org.uk

THE GRAPEVINE 23rd August 2020 ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

A Message from Revd Gary

'Who do you say I am?' And finally Peter gets it, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God'. I love Peter! He follows, stumbles, runs away, gets it right, gets it wrong, and is still loved by Jesus! We're all like Peter! Later, in his first epistle (1 Peter 2.4-6), Peter reminds us that 'we' are the church, which is built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ as the cornerstone, and all believers joined by faith. 'Who do you say I am?' What is your answer?

This Sunday

There won't be a live stream service from the South Cheltenham Team this morning due to annual leave being taken by members of the clergy team.

You may want to tune into Gloucester Cathedral or Tewkesbury Abbey instead.

Readings: Romans 12.1-8; Matt 16.13-20

Devotional Bible readings for the coming week

A good way to stay connected is to read the Bible and see what scripture is saying to you each day, and what you might want to pray about.

There is also a live-stream service of Morning Prayer, led by Revd Gary or Revd Nick, weekdays at 9am here: www.stpetersleck.org (scroll to the bottom of the page).

Monday

*Psalm 86, 117
Genesis 18.10-17
John 1.43-end*

Tuesday

*Psalm 89.1-18
2 Samuel 5.1-12
Acts 7.1-16*

Wednesday

*Psalm 119.105-128
2 Samuel 6.1-19
Acts 7.17-43*

Thursday

*Psalm 92
2 Samuel 7.1-17
Acts 7.44-53*

Friday

*Psalm 88
2 Samuel 7.18-end
Acts 7.54-8.3*

Saturday

*Psalm 97
2 Samuel 9
Acts 8.4-25*

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MORNING PRAYER This is being led by Revd Peter Quinnell each morning next week at 9am. Do join in and post your prayers on-line each day as we gather together to read, reflect and pray. You can join in via Facebook: www.facebook.com/pipandjims or here: www.stpetersleck.org

SUMMER LIVE STREAM SERVICES

There won't be a team live-stream service on either 23rd or 30th Aug whilst clergy take some annual leave ahead of reopening for worship. Please see weekly updates for alternative services.

OPEN FOR PRAYER

St. Christopher's is open to visit for prayer on a Monday, from 2-4pm. A max. of 6 persons are allowed in at any one time and there is 2m social distancing. Thank you to all who have stewarded thus far and to all who have visited since reopening. **Revd Gary.**

RESUMING WORSHIP AT TCIWH

Our first service of worship back at St. Christopher's will be at 10.30am on Sunday 6th September. The risk assessment is now complete to ensure a safe return. The plan thereafter is to offer a 10.30am service each week, with Holy Communion twice a month on a 2nd and 4th Sunday, in the URC and C of E tradition respectively. There won't be a midweek or Sunday evening service in Warden Hill for a while, but do look out for team evening services which will commence from October. We will also continue to live-stream a Sunday morning service from one of the South Cheltenham Team churches each week. **Revd Gary.**

LANTERN

I will be producing a Lantern for September and welcome contributions by Monday 24th August. Let's have some more stories of how the last 6 weeks have been for you.....I also look forward to receiving items about groups reopening.

Lantern will be sent out by email BUT (all being well) it will also be printed this month. It will be in St Christopher's to be collected on the first Sunday opening in September.

Alison Neale

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PLEASE PRAY FOR all involved in education as staff and students make arrangements for the autumn; and for UCAS as they help with finding university and college places.

PLEASE ALSO PRAY FOR those who mourn the loss of loved ones and all suffering in body, mind or spirit that they might know Gods comfort surrounds them in their time of need.

R.I.P. Mala Dasserath on Tues. 18th August, the Mauritian friend of Jackie, Ben and Daniel Sallis

Weekly Prayer Focus

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| 23rd | Amaranth Way & Campion Park | 27th | Tamarisk Close & Wisteria Court |
| 24th | Japonica & Hillier Drives | 28th | Rosehip & Camellia Courts |
| 25th | Mimosa Avenue & Salix Court | 29th | Stancombe Grove & Azalea Drive |
| 26th | Rothermere & Lilac Closes | 30th | Bluebell Grove & Lavender Road |

THE COLLECT for the 11th Sunday after Trinity

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES and CELEBRATIONS lets celebrate together
Richard Cypher - birthday on 30th August

Please keep sending birthdays and celebrations in to Grapevine and we can all celebrate together.