

NOTICES

Retiring Collection Sunday 13 July: There will be a Retiring Collection to support St John's First School in their purchase of leaving gifts for their year 4 pupils. Each year we try to make a generous contribution as part of our partnership with our school. Many thanks.

July Café & Mini-Market: We're delighted to report that we made a total of £418 a remarkable result given the much reduced stalls and the reduced number of people in town generally. A huge thank you once again for ensuring that we had another worthwhile fundraising event.

Thinking Allowed - Thursday 17 July: The beginning of the Thinking Allowed groups in St John's Vicarage at 7pm, where an informal, open and friendly discussion will be had around the chosen topic of the day. This week will be "Rituals in the Eucharist and in Worship."

Coffee morning and Bring & Buy, Wednesday 23 July: 10.30am to 1pm at Christine Holland's (in East Woodlands), in aid of landscaping the courtyard at the Bennett Centre. We can sort lifts - let us know if you need one. Christine and Mandy

Gardening Tools for the Churchyard Volunteers: We've now received donations of several implements with which to get the team started. Thank you very much for supporting this initiative, and we hope to be able to show the fruits of that work later in the Summer.

DIARY DATES

Tues 22 July	12.30pm Eucharist - Mary Magdalene
Wed 23 July	9.15am St John's School Service & Leavers Service 10.30am Coffee Morning (see above)
Thurs 24 July	7pm 'Thinking Allowed' group at the vicarage
Fri 25 July	2pm Hospital Service
Tues 29 July	11am Julian Meeting 12.30pm Eucharist - Mary, Martha & Lazarus
Thurs 31 July	7pm 'Thinking Allowed' group at the vicarage
Sat 2 August	10am Fundraising Meeting in church
Sun 3 August	11.15am-2pm Café & Mini Market

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SUNDAY 13 JULY 2025 - Fourth After Trinity

8.45am Morning Service via Zoom

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Meeting ID: 831 2557 3638 Passcode: HBd1u8

10.00am Holy Communion

5.00pm Benediction & Evening Prayer

Monday 14 July

8.45am Morning Prayer - Ken Chapel

7.30pm Women's Group BBQ (*see Inspire*)

Thursday 17 July

7pm 'Thinking Allowed' group at the vicarage

Friday 18 July

12.30pm Lunchtime Eucharist

Saturday 19 July

5.00pm First Eucharist of the Sunday

SUNDAY 20 JULY 2025 - Fifth After Trinity

8.45am Morning Service via Zoom

10.00am Holy Communion

12.00pm Baptism

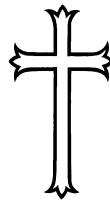
3.45pm Pop-Up Choir Rehearsal

5.00pm Come and Sing Evensong

Fourth after Trinity (Year C)

COLLECT:

Father, let the light of your truth guide us to your kingdom through a world filled with lights contrary to your own. Christian is the name we glory in, so let you love and life form us into what you have called us to be. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, the world without end. **Amen**



FIRST READING: Amos 7.7-end

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.'

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land." And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.' Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

'Now therefore hear the word of the Lord. You say, "Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac." Therefore, thus says the Lord: "Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parcelled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land."

This is the word of the LORD, **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING: Colossians 1.1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has

come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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GOSPEL READING: Luke 10.25-37

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.' But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

This is the Gospel of the LORD. **Praise to you, O Christ**