



THE SUNDAY SHEET
TRINITY 7
23RD JULY 2023

*A very warm welcome as we gather for the Parish Eucharist.
An induction loop is provided.*

Gluten free wafers are available for those who need them. Please inform one of the stewards/sidespersons who will pass the information on to the clergy. Many thanks

ENTRANCE HYMN

Holy Spirit, come, confirm us
in the truth that Christ makes known;
we have faith and understanding
through your helping gifts alone.

Holy Spirit, come, console us,
come as Advocate to plead,
loving Spirit from the Father,
grant in Christ the help we need.

Holy Spirit, come, renew us,
come yourself to make us live,
holy through your loving presence,
holy through the gifts you give.

Holy Spirit, come, possess us,
you the love of Three in One,
Holy Spirit of the Father,
Holy Spirit of the Son.

*Brian Foley 1919-2000
Tune: All for Jesus*

The order of service can be found in the Eucharist Booklet

THE COLLECT

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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.**

ISAIAH 44. 6-8

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:
I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.
Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

For the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

O God, you search me and you know me.
 All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
 When I walk or lie down you are before me:
 ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising.
 You discern my purpose from afar.
 And with love everlasting you besiege me:
 ever the maker and keeper of my days.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
 you have known its meaning through and through.
 You are with me beyond my understanding:
 God of my present, my past and future too.

Bernadette Farrell b.1957 Based on psalm 139

MATTHEW 13. 24-30, 36-43

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, “Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?” He answered, “An enemy has done this.” The slaves said to him, “Then do you want us to go and gather them?” But he replied, “No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.” ’

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.’ He answered, ‘The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be

weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

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

After the Sermon please turn to the Eucharist booklet for the Affirmation of Faith

OFFERTORY HYMN

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine:
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and blest;
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

*Fanny Crosby 1820-1915
Tune: Blessed Assurance*

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord Jesus Christ,
by the grace of this sacrament,
keep us grafted into you, the living vine;
and grant that always abiding in you we may bear fruit to your glory;
who are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please turn to the Eucharist Booklet for the Eucharistic Prayer

HYMN AT THE END OF COMMUNION

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;
when I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;
come and listen to me. *Sing through 3 times*

Taize Community

Please turn to the Eucharist Booklet

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

The kingdom of God is justice and joy,
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy;
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace,
the captives are freed, the sinners find place,
the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share,
and hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice,
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,
our crisis of judgement for gain of for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole;
the heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,
and all things cry glory to God all in all!

Bryn Rees 1911-1983

Tune: Hannover

CCL No: 961722

NOTICES

Refreshments. Please do join us for refreshments after the service if you can.

Foodbank. The Foodbank box is now back in the Parish Church. Donations gratefully received.

Praying for Growth. Please pray for the growth and renewal of the Church here in this place. Here is the Leading Your Church into Growth Prayer (*card copies are available at the back of the Church*):

God of Mission,

Who alone brings growth to your Church,

Send your Holy Spirit to give

Vision to our planning,

Wisdom to our actions,

Joy to our worship,

And power to our witness.

Help our church to grow in numbers,

In spiritual commitment to you,

And in service to our local community,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Community Fridge takes place every Sunday from 5-7pm at the Parish Church.

Christian Aid John & Anne Musgrave have completed their cycle ride in aid of Christian Aid. Could you please bring in your sponsor money as soon as possible. Thank you!

School Bibles. Each year the Mission Area gives a copy of the Bible to each Year 6 pupil at Esgob Morgan as they leave to go to High School. Donations towards this will be gratefully received. Please see Fr Rex or Marion Hughes. Thank you!

Pray for 2 Challenge. If each of us only prayed for 2 people over the summer period and they responded, imagine the number of new people there could be in church for the Harvest celebrations. So let us spend the summer each praying for 2 people come to know the Lord and join our church. Then invite them!

Coffee Morning on Saturday 29th July from 10am to 1pm at the Parish Church.

Prayer Group This will now meet *every* Thursday at the Parish Church at 10.45am All Welcome!

Parish Church Website has been revamped and hopefully easier to use. Some of the pages are without content but will be sorted over the coming weeks. This is in an effort to improve our communication. Take a look: www.stasaphparishchurch.org.uk

THE WEEK AHEAD

24th Monday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Eucharist

5pm Evening Prayer

25th Tuesday – James, Apostle

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

6pm Holy Eucharist

26th Wednesday – Anne & Joachim, Parents of the BVM

9am Morning Prayer

10.30am Holy Eucharist

5pm Evening Prayer

**27th Thursday – Martha, Mary &
Lazarus of Bethany**

9am Morning Prayer

10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church*

10.45am Prayer Group *at the Parish Church*

5pm Evening Prayer

28th Friday – Samson, Bishop

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Offeren (*Welsh Eucharist*)

5pm Evening Prayer

**29th Saturday – William Wilberforce
& Josephine Butler**

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

30th Sunday – Trinity 8

9.30am The Parish Eucharist *at the
Parish Church*

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

11am Messy Church *at the Parish Church*

3.30pm Choral Evensong *at St Mary's Cefn*

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