

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	25 th	2100 Online Compline
Tuesday	26 th	1930 Said Eucharist
Wednesday	27 th	1030 Said Eucharist 1100 Coffee for All 2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting
Thursday	28 th	1200 Thursday Lunches 2100 Online Compline
Friday	29 th	
Saturday	30 th	
Sunday	31 st	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion

The flowers in church today have been donated by Pam Osborn in loving memory of husband, Norman.

The licensing of Revd Liz Lavelle as Priest-in-Charge of the United Benefice of Dunton, Wrestlingworth & Eyeworth takes place at **7:30pm tomorrow, 25th July at St Mary Magdalene Church, Dunton** (a few miles outside Biggleswade).

Please do go and support her if you can.

News

1st to 8th August 2022 Choir Week in Salisbury Cathedral

Our choir will be singing at the following services:

Monday to Wednesday, Friday & Saturday: **Choral Evensong @5:30pm**

Note: Thursday is their Day off)

Sunday (8th Aug):

Choral Eucharist @10:30am & Choral Evensong @ 4:30pm

Christian Aid Quiz Night

5pm on Saturday, 17th Sep in the Hall. Please invite friends, families or neighbours, get your teams together or come and form a team with new friends! More details soon.

25th Sep Harvest Festival - 10am Family Communion service for all ages. More details soon.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2022 Please help yourself to a booklet.

Is there more you can offer towards the stewardship of our beloved church? If Yes, apart from monetary donations &/or regular giving, both your (hidden or untapped) time and talents are equally needed!

If there is someone who is unable to come regularly but would still like to be kept updated, please drop them a copy of our Stewardship 2022. Thank you.

Welcome

Sunday 24th July 2022

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Services Today

8am SAID EUCHARIST

9:15am PARISH COMMUNION

Followed by Parish Coffee in the Hall - All are welcome.

Youth & From 24th July to 21st August:

Children's Church (YACC)

During the Summer holidays Nikki will be providing activities & craft in the Children's Chapel. The Parish Room is available for anyone who needs a breakout space.

Congregational setting: Lloyd (Gloria, Sanctus & Benedictus)

Music

Hymns: 492 421 505 380 (1st tune omit * verses)

Choir on Summer Break until 11th September

This week we pray for all who live and work in Longcroft Lane.

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Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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.

Genesis 18: 20-32

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre and said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.'

So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord.

Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?'

Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it?'

Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' And the Lord said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.'

Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes.'

Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.'

Again Abraham spoke to the Lord, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' Then Abraham said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' The Lord answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.'

Abraham said, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' The Lord answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.'

Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.' The Lord answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

Colossians 2: 6-15

Brothers and sisters, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ.

For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority.

In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Luke 11: 1-13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.'

He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.'

Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.' And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, *Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.*

And he answers from within, *Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.*

I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion?

If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!

Next Readings: Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 12-14; 2: 18-23; Colossians 3: 1-11; Luke 12: 13-21