

WHEATHILL PRIORY BENEFICE

“Jesus Lives: Follow Him”

Sunday 11 July 6th after Trinity

This week’s Gospel is the account of the death of John the Baptist at the hands of Herod who did not like John’s challenging his morals and ethics. It makes for extremely uncomfortable reading.

I wonder how we find reading parts of the Bible that are not comfortable, because of violence or attitudes that feel foreign and strange to us today. There are many parts of Scripture that comfort us, others challenge our attitudes and our lifestyle and others are uncomfortable.

We have choices in these situations:

- We can ignore the difficult parts of Scripture (the lectionary occasionally puts brackets around difficult parts of the Psalms or ignores other passages.
- We can use the presence of these passages as a reason not to read the Bible
- We can try to understand them in their context and ours and seek to hear what God’s Spirit is saying through them

Mark Twain is reported to have said:

‘Some people are troubled by the things in the Bible they can’t understand. The things that trouble me are the things I can understand.’

Maybe that is our first response, to focus on the things we do understand, and seek to follow Christ as we read them.

Secondly we can refuse to ignore the difficult passages, instead we seek to understand them within Scripture as a whole and to look for what they mean today, so on Sunday I am going to preach on the Gospel, even though Ephesians would be a more comfortable choice!

Thirdly: lets be a people who seek to grow in our knowledge of God and the Bible

Bible Readings

Sunday 11 July Psalm 24, Ephesians 1:3-14, Mark 6:14-29

8:30am Holy Communion Keinton Mandeville

10:30am Morning Prayer Lydford

Monday Psalm 126, Ezekiel 10:1-19, 2 Corinthians 6:1-7:1

9am Morning Prayer Keinton Mandeville

Tuesday Psalm 132, Ezekiel 11:14-end, 2 Corinthians 7:2-end

Wednesday Psalm 119:153-end, Ezekiel 12:1-16, 2 Corinthians 2:8:1-15

7:30pm Bible Book Club Lydford on Fosse 'Matthew's Gospel'

Thursday Psalm 143, Ezekiel 12:17-end, 2 Corinthians 8:16-9:5

9am Morning Prayer on Zoom

Friday Psalm 144, Ezekiel 13:1-16, 2 Corinthians 9:6-end

Saturday Psalm 147, Ezekiel 14:1-11, 2 Corinthians 10

Sunday 18 July 8:30am Holy Communion Barton St David (Rev Doris Goddard)

10:30am Morning Prayer Kingweston

Please note that if our worship at 10:30am is inside we will hold two services, one at 8:30am and one at 10:30am. This is to ensure that we have space for all those who would like to come.

I hope that next week we will be able to give some details about worship in our churches after 19 July

The service of thanksgiving for Jean Thomas has been postponed until 31 July 11:30am in Keinton Mandeville, please let friends, neighbours and others know.

On 25 July we hope to celebrate St Mary Magdalene Day (from 22 July) in Keinton Churchyard with a BBQ for all who would like to come. This will include Faith 'n Fun, and be for all ages, further details will be available next week or as soon as we have news about the implications of the lifting of restrictions on 19 July, but for now please put the date in the diary. If possible please book through Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/faith-n-fun-and-keinton-mandeville-pcc-33883478601>

Phone Church

We have set up a phone line that you can use (for the cost of a local call so probably free for most) to listen to a reading, the reflection and prayers of intercession for the week. The

phone number is **01458 552155**. The service will be available from Monday morning.



There is also the Church of England Daily Hope phone line, which has hymns, prayers and reflection

A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

YouTube

Our weekly worship continues to be available on YouTube, we hope to livestream the services as they happen, so from 10:30am. If that fails we will upload them after the service. You can find the service here:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9tB_kpGA8SZwwyE9AmKvmg/videos?view=57

June worship

18/7/21 8:30am Barton St David Holy Communion

10:30am Kingweston Morning Prayer

25/7/21 8:30am Lydford on Fosse Holy Communion

10:30am Barton St David Morning Prayer

4pm St Mary Magdalene BBQ celebration including Faith 'n Fun

1/8/21 8:30am Holy Communion Barton St David

10:30am Morning Prayer Keinton Mandeville

Zoom Details:**Topic: Morning Prayer****Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8750238874?pwd=dkpVVnNoZnhvcUJCeVNsYTdJRHZOZz09>

Meeting ID: 875 0238 8874

Passcode: 115224

Bible Book Club

We meet monthly and talk about a book of the Bible. Our next meeting is on 14 July at 7:30pm and we're going to talk about Matthew's Gospel. Why not come along & see what happens.