

WHEATHILL PRIORY BENEFICE

"Jesus Lives: Follow Him"

Sunday 7 August 2022 Trinity 8

'The Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness' Genesis 15:6

This verse from the end of our Old Testament reading on Sunday uses a foundational Biblical Word: righteousness

So how would you define righteousness?

Righteousness is a key characteristic of God, which is holiness in action. It is a code of life and conduct that is utterly reliable, dependable, trustworthy, and true. God is, by his righteousness without fault.

We see this righteousness at work when he intervenes on behalf of others, a prime example being in Genesis chapter 15 when, responding to Abraham's faith (not any action that he has taken) God reckons Abraham as righteous. That is Abraham finds a life, holiness, completeness and forgiveness that comes from God himself

That gift of righteousness is one that is offered to us too, we too are invited to participate and share in God's righteousness in such a way that we too become welcomed into God's household and included within it.

This righteousness is also seen as mercy, God's mercy towards us means we are welcomed by him time after time.

So maybe when we hear these words on Sunday, or when you watch on youtube, or listen maybe it is an opportunity to thank God that in Jesus he sees us a righteous and welcomes us into his community and family, day after day, time after time.

Bible Readings

Sunday 7 August Genesis 15:1-6, Luke 12:32-40

10:30am Holy Communion Lydford on Fosse

Monday Psalm 30, 1 Samuel 14:24-46, Luke 23:13-25

9am Morning Prayer Keinton Mandeville

7:30pm Holiday Club meeting Methodist Chapel Room

Tuesday Psalm 36, 1 Sam 15:1-23, Luke 23:26-46

4pm Service of thanksgiving for Shirley Biggs Barton St David

Wednesday Psalm 34, 1 Sam 16, Luke 23:44-56a

Thursday Psalm 37, 1 Sam 17:1-30, Luke 23:56b-24:12

9am Morning Prayer Lydford on Fosse

Friday Psalm 31, 1 Sam 17:31-54, Luke 24:13-35

Saturday Psalm 42, 1 Sam 17:55-18:16, Luke 24:36-end

Sunday 14 August 10:30am Holy Communion Kingweston

Forthcoming worship

21/8/22 10:30am Holy Communion Keinton Mandeville

28/8/22 10:30am Holy Communion Barton St David

3/9/22 8:30am Holy Communion Keinton Mandeville

10:30am Morning Worship and Baptism Lydford on Fosse

Funerals: We remember the bereaved families and friends of:

Shirley Biggs' service of thanksgiving in Barton St David 9 August 4pm

Nigel Woollcombe Adams' Service of thanksgiving is 15 August 3:30pm in Lydford on Fosse

Bill Cooper whose funeral is 16 August at 12:00 in Keinton Mandeville (Glebe Field available for parking)

Unity Odgers whose service of thanksgiving is 18 August 12:00 in Barton St David

Also Jessie Avery, Geraldine Wilkins and Edwin James

Holiday club: will be in the Methodist Chapel on 30, 31 August & 1 September 10 – 12 for primary school age children. We're distributing flyers with the parish magazine, but if you'd like more information please contact Jane. There will be two meetings to prepare for the club:

Monday 8 August at 7:30pm

Thursday 25 August at 10:00am (when we will set up the hall)

Confirmation: Would you like to think about what it means to be a Christian, maybe to revisit some Christian basics or to prepare for confirmation? There is a Diocesan Confirmation Service in Wells Cathedral on 5/11/22. If you'd like more information please speak to Jane

Open the Book: We hope to restart our monthly Open the Book visits into school in September. Are you able to join the team? It involves a meeting and rehearsal once a month and the assembly in school. Please speak to Jane if you are able to join in, even if only occasionally!

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



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.

Our guidelines for how we conduct our worship are:

- Masks are now voluntary, it is your choice whether or not you wear one
- We sing
- We film and livestream/record & post to YouTube
- You can either sit in close proximity with someone or be distanced (if you want to be distanced please take a notice and put it on the pew beside you)
- Communion continues to be administered in pews and using wafers and wine from small glasses
- We have reinstated Tea and Coffee after our church services, where we have people to prepare it.

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