**News from the Pews**

**Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity**

**Sunday 20th September, 2020**

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***Fr Graham’s usual day off is Monday***

***The Parish Office is situated behind Holy Trinity Church and is closed at the current time***

*Please send all items for next week’s News from the Pews to Sue on* [*hatton.sue@uwclub.net*](mailto:hatton.sue@uwclub.net) *(or 661767) by the end of Wednesday*

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

**HT** = Holy Trinity Church

**ST** = St Thomas’s Church **AS** = All Saints Church

**V** = Vicarage **CH** = Community Hall

**Sunday 20th September – The Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity**

1030 Live-streamed Eucharist with Hymns sung at home (HT & Online)

1830 Online Candle-lit vigil plus Evening Prayer

**Monday 21st September – Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

**Tuesday 22nd September**

1000-1200 Online drop-in coffee morning

**Wednesday 23rd September**

1400 Online Trinity Ark members group

Chat, song and story

1600 Said Eucharist for those who have been shielding (HT)

2000 Online Compline Service

**Thursday 24th September**

1000-1200 Online drop-in coffee morning for Macmillan

**Friday 25th September**

**Saturday 26th September**

**Sunday 27th September – The Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity**

1030 Live-streamed Eucharist with Hymns sung at home (HT & Online)

1830 Online Candle-lit vigil plus Evening Prayer

**Bookings for registering** for a space in our church for worship open on Monday here <https://parishofberkswich.eventbrite.co.uk/>

A short video on what to expect can be found here <https://youtu.be/99suuapVU_M>

**Daily Bible Readings**

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| **Monday** | Ecclesiastes 5.4-12  Matthew 19.16-30  Psalm 119.33-40, 89-96 |
| **Tuesday** | Psalm 33  Wisdom 7.1-14  Mark 11.12-26 |
| **Wed** | Psalms 119.33-56  Wisdom 7.15-8.4  Mark 11.27-end |
| **Thursday** | Psalms 39, 40  Wisdom 8.5-18  Mark 12.1-12 |
| **Friday** | Psalm 35  Wisdom 8.21-9.end  Mark 12.13-17 |
| **Saturday** | Psalms 45, 46  Wisdom 10.15-11.10  Mark 12.18-27 |

**Welcome!**

**Welcome to you all** as we continue to try and meet at this unusual time in the history of our nation and world. We hope that you will join with us in prayer and worship via Zoom, Facebook or YouTube (details <http://www.berkswich.org.uk/coronavirus.html>)

**Sign up** for our weekly email newsletter, or see older issues here <https://us17.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=5991be44ea1b9738d6262c1e2&id=a28b74cdbd>

**If you wish** to make a donation towards the life and work of the Parish, there is an opportunity to do so during the service. Please consider joining the Giving Direct scheme (<https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/finance/financegiftaid/financegivingdirect/> ) or make a one-off donation via JustGiving (<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/berkswichparish>)

**You can follow us on Facebook! To sign up for our weekly email newsletter, please email Fr Graham (**[**graham.adamson@berkswich.org.uk**](mailto:graham.adamson@berkswich.org.uk)**)**

**Points for Prayer**

**For the world**... Please remember before our gracious Father in heaven Christians in China. In recent months Churches recognised by the Communist Party of China, as well as independent Churches, have suffered increased harassment and persecution including the destruction of buildings.

**For the church...** On the ember days (Wednesday and Friday) please pray for all those to be ordained Deacon at the weekend and ordained Priest on Monday and Tuesday evening of the following week. Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to be with them.

**For our community...** **Loving Lord Jesus**, Who in your ministry brought healing to many; hear our prayers for those who provide medical care in our communities. Please bless them in their vocation, support them through the demands of their roles and keep them safe.

**For those who suffer in body, mind or spirit**:

Brenda, Robert, John, Janet, Melanie, Margaret, Amanda, Fred, Juliet, Bryony, Barbara, Jane, Sally

**….for the recently departed:** George Walker;

John Gibson; Joyce Chambers; David Vining;

Olive Janet Riley; Tom Babbs; Tony Vizor, Margaret

+ May they rest in peace and rise in glory

**Prayer 2020** - *Please pray this prayer on Sunday 20th of September; ideally at 20:20 i.e. 8:20 pm:*

Heavenly Father, we thank you for all those people who will be joining groups on-line to learn more about the truth of Jesus this autumn. We pray for questions to be answered, for fears to be removed and for healing to be experienced, as they encounter more of your grace and truth. (John 10:7)

**News & Events**

**Rule of six** – you may be wondering if the new guidance reducing the size of gatherings from 30 to 6 people has an impact on our worship. The government have confirmed that public acts of worship will be exempt from these new regulations – provided 2m social distancing is still observed. Please continue to look after each other and yourselves in this difficult time.

**Prayer ministry -** The parish prayer group will meet in our individual homes this Wednesday evening from 8:20 until 9 o’clock. If you would like to be part of this ministry please let me know and I can send you details of the group’s prayer intentions each month. If you have a request for prayer please contact me on

david.clark@berkswich.org.uk or 07999 596590

**Prayer requests** - please send to david.clark@berkswich.org.uk or call 07999 596590

**Continuing with Finance and Stewardship** - Those of you who currently support us through planned giving envelopes or cash on the collection plates may wish to consider giving through the Giving Direct, Direct Debit Scheme , through Standing Order (speak to Julie Morrison, our Gift Aid Officer) or through our newly launched JustGiving page – [www.justgiving.com/berkswichparish](http://www.justgiving.com/berkswichparish)

**Ropening churches –** we are delighted to have begun be beginning the process of returning to our churches. This coming Wednesday we will also hold a Said Eucharist for those who have been or are continuing to shield. Registration for both Sunday and Wednesday is available via <https://parishofberkswich.eventbrite.co.uk/>

Even on our return, church and worship will remain very different – we are still not permitted to sing for example – and we will have difficult decisions to make to help us balance familiarity with safety. Please continue to pray for us all as we make these decisions and plans.

*Fr Graham & the PCC*

**Ordinations** as you all know, Lichfield Diocese postponed the Petertide ordinations to the Diaconate and Priesthood, including that of our curate David, following the lockdown. These ordinations will now be taking place in Michaelmas – the end of this month. David will be ordained Priest on the 29th September in St Giles the Abbot Cheadle. This will be a day of great rejoicing and celebration, and we would normally have arranged transport to the church for people to join in the celebration. Sadly, because of the ongoing situation, the ordination is still restricted to 30 people so we will be unable to do so. We should hopefully have details of how to access the livestream of the service for you to watch at home.

David’s first Eucharist as Priest in the parish will take place on the 4th October. Again, this will be a much smaller occasion than normal, but we will do our best to make it as special as possible, and it will be livestreamed as all our services have been.

Please pray for David as he prepares for his ordination to the Priesthood, and all those in the Diocese and Church world-wide preparing to be ordained at this unusual time.

**Macmillan Coffee morning** – we’ll be holding our Macmillan Coffee morning online this year. Join us online on Thursday 24th September from 10am for a quiz, cake auction, raffle, games, and good company while raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Research!