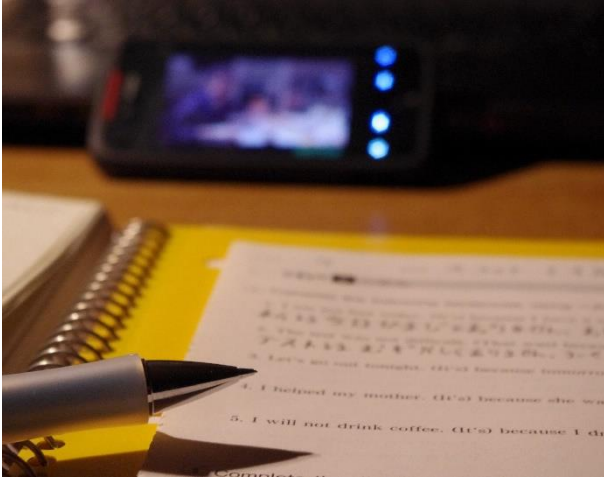


The Parish of Berkswich

in the Church of England Diocese of Lichfield

Sung Eucharist for Backpack Blessing

Welcome to our worship this morning. Sections in each of our buildings are reserved for those who wish to maintain strict social distancing.



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The gathering



Earth and all stars!

Loud rushing planets!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

Oh, victory!

Loud shouting army!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

God has done marvellous things.

I too will praise God with a new song!

Trumpet and pipes!

Loud clashing cymbals!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

Harp, lute, and lyre!

Loud humming cellos!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

God has done marvellous things.

Classrooms and labs!

Loud boiling test tubes!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

Athlete and band!

Loud cheering people!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

God has done marvellous things....

Knowledge and truth!

Loud sounding wisdom!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

Daughter and son!

Loud praying members!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

God has done marvellous things...

Herbert Brokering (1926-2009)

The greeting

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you

And also with you

It is the beginning of a new school year, and God is a God of new beginnings and new creations. In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth, new life, blessed it and called it good.

We give thanks for new school years and for new beginnings. We give thanks that you call us good.

In the beginning, the heavens shone forth a star when our Saviour was born. In the beginning of his ministry, the heavens opened up and called him God's beloved.

We give thanks that you know our pathways and what it means to be human. We give thanks that you call us your beloved children.

O God of baptism, of new beginnings, new life, and new journeys, you sent Abraham and Sarah into a new land; you led Moses, Aaron and Miriam out of Egypt and into liberation; you led your Son our Saviour to earth, to the cross, and into resurrection.

Walk with us, we pray, as we all continue our journey of learning.

Be with our Church School and its pupils; with all schools in our Parish, with our children, grandchildren, neighbours and friends as they enter into a new academic year, walking a new path, seeking new opportunities. **Amen.**

The Act of Penitence

As those who know the generosity of God, let us confess our sins,



We will get overwhelmed by tests, homework, and activities, and we will wonder how we will make it through.

Grant us quiet confidence and calm, bear our stress with us, help us to ask for help when it gets to be too much.

Teachers, parents, and friends will annoy and frustrate us. They will be unfair, they will hurt us, and they just won't get what we're going through.

Give us peace and rest in the midst of the storms raging around us and inside us.

We will be tempted to despair and see ourselves as worthless and unlovable.

When we cannot find our way, remind us that, to you, O God, the darkness is not dark, the night is as light as day, and that all through our journeys of learning and life, still you are there beside us.

We will see darkness. We will see it in injustice, hate, exploitation, mean-spiritedness, and bullying of our peers. We will be tempted to join in.

Give us courage to resist and empower us to be your beloved people: loving others and standing up for the oppressed.

We will want popularity: we will want to fit in, even at the expense of others and we will wish to be people other than ourselves, the people you created us to be.

Remind us our identity, given in baptism, to be your sons and daughters.

We will want to hold grudges, gripe, and gossip when we are wounded.

Empower us by your grace to forgive as you have forgiven. God calls us to serve others, yet so often we merely serve ourselves.

Words of forgiveness

May the God of love bring you back to himself, forgive you your sins, and assure you of His eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Gloria



**Glory be to God in heaven,
songs of joy and peace we bring,
thankful hearts and voices raising,
to creation's Lord we sing:**

**Lord, we thank you, Lord, we bless you,
glory be to God our King,
glory be to God our King.**

**Lamb of God, who on your shoulders
bore the load of this world's sin,
only Son of God the Father,
you have brought us peace within.
Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy,
now your glorious reign begin,
now your glorious reign begin.**

The Collect for the day

Let us pray

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The liturgy of the word

Gospel reading



The Lord be with you
And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to X ✠

Glory to you, O Lord.

And at the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily



Affirmation of faith



With our Christian siblings throughout the world, let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles: this we have received, and this we believe. Amen.

cf 1 Corinthians 15.3-7

Prayers of Intercession



At the end of each bidding the following response is used

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer

At the end

Amen

The liturgy of the sacrament



The Peace

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Jesus, the prince of peace and Lord of all, brings peace and rest. Let us follow our Lord by sharing this gift with one another

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace. Children in the congregation are invited to gather round the altar for the Eucharist

Offertory Prayer

With this bread that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

With this wine that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

Bread for his body, wine for his blood, gifts from God to his table we bring.

We shall remember Jesus.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. you give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish. You give us sun and moon and star-lit sky, everything that gives us light, light for our eyes, our hearts, our minds.

You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:

**O holy, most holy,
the God of creation,
for ever exalted in pow'r and great might.
The earth and the heavens
are full of your glory,
Hosanna, hosanna, and praise in the height!**

**How blessed the ✠ is he
who is sent to redeem us,
who puts every fear and injustice to flight;
who comes in the name of the Lord
as our Saviour,
Hosanna, hosanna, and praise in the height!**

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Thomas, St Chad, St Peter, and all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray in the words Jesus taught his disciples:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.



Breaking of the bread

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

Now we share your resurrection.

Live in us,

that we may live in you

Come to this table where the living Christ offers us bread broken for our journeying and wine poured out for our tears. Share together in this meal where loss finds comfort in promise and despair is transformed into hope. Whoever you are, whatever you bring, hear the risen Christ call your name; and accept God's invitation to new life. **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed**

As those in church receive, we sing this hymn

**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:
in every moment of life or death, you are.**

**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.**

**Although your Spirit is upon me,
still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:
even the darkness is radiant in your sight.**

**For you created me and shaped me,
gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:
safe in your hands, all creation is made new.**

Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)

Prayer after communion

God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of the bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. One God, now and for ever. Amen.

The dismissal



Any children with school equipment are invited to the front to be blessed as we sing

**God of all learning, God of all knowing,
We bring these backpacks filled with
supplies.**

**Bless all these tools of learning and growing.
Use them, we pray, to change all our lives.**

**Bless all the students, young ones and old
ones —**

**Walking or riding, traveling by bus.
May they remember that you go with them,
And that they all are precious to us.**

**Bless all who learn and bless those who guide
them,**

**Bless those who teach and counsel and care.
May they remember you walk beside them.
Through all their school days, you, Lord, are
there.**

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

The Blessing

For students as they begin this new school year, that the Spirit of God may grant them the gifts of wisdom and understanding, let us pray to the Lord.

Fill us with your wisdom, Lord

For teachers, that they may share their knowledge with gentleness, patience, and concern for their students, let us pray to the Lord.

Fill us with your wisdom, Lord

For those who seek knowledge of the things of this world, that they may always pursue God's wisdom, let us pray to the Lord.

Fill us with your wisdom, Lord

For parents, foster-parents, guardians and grandparents, the first teachers of their children, that their faith and love may be an example to us always, let us pray to the Lord.

Fill us with your wisdom, Lord

Lord God, your Spirit of wisdom fills the earth and teaches us your ways.

Look upon these students and bless them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Let them enjoy their learning and take delight in new discoveries. Help them to persevere in their studies and give them the desire to learn all things well.

Look upon these teachers, parents and all who care for them and bless them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Let them strive to share their knowledge with gentle patience and endeavour always to bring the truth to eager minds.

Grant that students and teachers alike may follow Jesus Christ, the way, the truth, and the life, for ever and ever. Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may the blessing of God almighty, the ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Of whom much is given, much is required.
May wisdom and knowledge of your Lord be your greatest desire!

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God, Amen

Friday
10-12
weekly



crafty cafe



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Poetry Cafe

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10AM 12 NOON

ALL SAINTS, BROCTON

JOIN US AS, OVER TEA AND COFFEE, WE
READ, DISCUSS AND SHARE MUCH
LOVED POEMS

Poetry is what in a poem makes you laugh, cry,

*prickle, be silent, makes your toe nails twinkle, makes
you want to do this or that or nothing.*

Dylan Thomas



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Please send all items for next week's News from the Pews to Sue on ssnhatton@gmail.com (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 **OL** = Online

Sunday 4th September – Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

0845 Sung Eucharist AS
1045 Family Eucharist HT and OL
1830 Prayers for the evening with Devotions AS

Monday 5th September

Tuesday 6th September
1000 Drop In HT

Wednesday 7th September
1000 Private Prayer AS
1200 Said Eucharist AS

Thursday 8th September – Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1000 Private Prayer ST
1030 Sung Eucharist ST

Friday 9th September - Charles Fuge Lowder
1000 Crafty Café HT

Saturday 10th September

Sunday 11th September – Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

0845 Sung Eucharist AS
1045 Sung Eucharist HT and OL
1700 Digging Deeper HT
1830 Online Evening OL

Daily Bible Readings

Monday	Psalm 105 Micah 7:1-7 Mark 6:45-end
Tuesday	Psalm 107 Micah 7:8-end Mark 7:1-13
Wed	Psalm 119:129-152 Habakkuk 1:1-11 Mark 7:14-23
Thursday	Psalms 114, 116, 117 Habakkuk 1:12-2:5 Mark 7:24-30
Friday	Psalms 130, 131, 137 Habakkuk 2:6-end Mark 7:31-end
Saturday	Psalm 118 Habakkuk 3:2-19a Mark 8:1-10

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, either in church, or via Zoom, Facebook or YouTube (details <https://www.berkswich.org.uk/worshipping-from-home.html>)

Sign up for our weekly email newsletter, or see older issues here <https://us17.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=5991be44ea1b9738d6262c1e2&iid=a28b74cddb>

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)

Points for Prayer

For the world... 1/3 of Pakistan is now thought to be under water – in satellite photographs of the area, Pakistan looks more like a lake than a country. Pray for all those affected by the floods: for the almost 2,000 who have died, the grieving and those whose homes and land have been destroyed. May the people of Pakistan receive the practical support they need to rebuild their lives and communities.

For the church... pray for the church in Syria. Iktimal (not her real name) fled her home when militants targeted her village because of its Christian population. The organisation *Centre of Hope* in Latakia helped her, her husband and six children with food, rent and spiritual care. "God sent those people to stand with us," she says. "They were like angels." Ask God to bless her as she now serves in children's ministry at the Centre of Hope.

For our community... Pray for all those starting at primary, secondary or further education. Pray for the faculty, teachers, teaching assistants and support staff. Schools too are facing cost of living challenges – pray for Governors and all who will be making difficult decisions about heating buildings, providing school dinners, and other expenses.

For those known to us, near and far...
... who suffer in body, mind or spirit: Alistair, Sally, Brenda, Carolyn, Martin, Janet, Sarah, Charlie, Robert, Justine, Remi and family, M, Liz, Sheila, J, Archie, Simon, Chris, Alex, Joe, Baby Jesse, Phil and Maddy, Sue and Ian, John, Margaret

.... for the recently departed: John Mountfort; Audrey Lomas; Ashley Smith; Margaret Ellis; Sheila Jones; Jim Beard; Norman White; Betty Shoemark; Pat Lockley; Audrey Fell; Sidney Bury; Gerald Knight; Derek Toussaint; John Moss; Eileen Taylor; Ethel Barrass; Jean Hoggard; Mario Moldoveanu
+ May they rest in peace and rise in glory

In thanksgiving ... Thank you to everyone for their kind messages of sympathy and support following the loss of our Mum. They have helped enormously. With thanks from Sue and Dave Hatton.

Is there any news you'd like to join with the congregation in giving thanks to God for? Let us know and we'll add it.

News & Events

Are you puzzling over how issues of ethics and politics impact on your faith? Digging Deeper - The last discussion was led by Bokani Hart, a resident of the Parish who worked for the UN as a Peacekeeper for over 7 years. Bokani led an interesting and stimulating conversation and gave us an insight into such a challenging role. The next talk will take place on the second Sunday in September, in Holy Trinity – the 21st anniversary of 9/11. We'll be using that time to reflect on our own memories and experiences of the day and pay our respects for those affected.

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

CORRECTION. The new **Poetry Cafe** at All Saints will start on **Monday 12th September** 10 - 12. Read your favourite poems or come along to listen. Coffee and socialising. Contact Judith Rennard on 663755 or by email for more details.

Crafty Café It is time to dust of your knitting needles, crochet hooks and paintbrushes! Crafty Café resumes after the summer break on Friday 9th September, in Holy Trinity, from 10 - 12

We are aware that many in our parish will be making difficult decisions about how to heat their home this coming winter. We are investigating the possibility of our buildings being used as **Warmbanks** – spaces of warmth and welcome. If you would be willing to be involved in this (financially or through offering other support) please let Fr Graham know.



A green poster for a 'Common Fund appeal'. At the top, there is a white semi-circular graphic with a needle and thread icon, and the number '0' on the left and '£67,788' on the right. Below this, the text 'Common Fund appeal' is written in large white letters. Underneath, it says 'Supporting ministry in the parish and diocese'. In the bottom right corner, there are two logos: 'PARISH OF BERKSWICH' and 'DIOCESE OF LICHFIELD'.