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8TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

11th August 2019

ST MICHAEL'S HYMNS

Introit 550 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Gradual 205 God is working His purpose out

Offertory 22 All people that on earth do dwell

Communion 80 Broken for me, broken for you,

375 Let all mortal flesh keep Silence

Recessional 683 To God be the glory



COLLECT

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from
despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands
that have taken holy things; may the
ears which have heard your word be
deaf to clamour and dispute; may the
tongues which have sung your praise be
free from deceit; may the eyes which
have seen the tokens of your love shine
with the light of hope; and may the
bodies which have been fed with your
body be refreshed with the fullness of
your life; glory to you for ever.



FOR OUR PRAYERS: Doreen, Jacob, Janet, Pauline



NOTICES

PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

The administrator is on leave from 12:30 **Friday 2 August** and back in the office on **Tuesday 27 August**.



BEAR AID

The sale of teddy bears has provided 184 mosquito nets and water for 78 people. Many thanks to all who make and buy the bears!



WOMEN'S FRIDAY GROUP

Geraldine Constable, the head teacher of St George's school, has invited the WFG to the school on **Friday 27 September** at 14:00. And our next meeting will be a social at 20:00 on **Friday 6 September** to organise the year ahead - do come!



WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

8 - 10 November 2019

The 33 places booked have been filled but if you have now decided you would like to join us, please see Pat Russell as extra places may be possible.

ROCHESTER PILGRIMAGE

Our pilgrimage to Rochester will be on **Thursday 12 September**. We'll leave at 09:30, have Morning Prayer at 11:30 and attend Evensong before we return about 19:30. It's a lovely city with plenty to see so please do think about joining us! The cost is £15 and the sign up sheet is in the lobby.



FOOD BANK PART ONE!

The Food Bank are in need of good as new men's jeans and jogger, trainers and T-shirts, as well as the usual items. Opening hours are: 10:00 - 12:00 on Wednesdays and 11.00 - 14.00 on Fridays



FOOD BANK PART TWO!

After George's retirement we need someone to take our donated items to the Food Bank on Wednesdays or Fridays. Please speak to Richard if you can help.



ST MICHAEL'S TODDLER GROUP

is now closed for the summer. We'll restart on **Wednesday 18 September** at the usual time of 09:30!

SAVANNAH GARDEN

It has been decided to enhance the Savannah Garden at St George's by planting some shrubs. If members of the congregation would like to donate money towards a shrub (price to be confirmed), please speak to Richard, wardens or Janet.



TEA, CAKE & BIBLE

The next Tea Cake and Bible meeting after the summer will be 14:00 on **Wednesday 11 September** at 16 Ticehurst Rd.



ST MICHAEL'S PATRONAL FESTIVAL

We will celebrate St Michael's Patronal Festival in a joint service on **Sunday 29 September** at St Michael's church. Bishop Christopher will be presiding and preaching at the service. Please put it into your diaries!



DRAGON SLAYERS SEPTEMBER

Our first Autumn meeting will now be **Sunday 22 September** and NOT 29 September because of St Michael's patronal festival.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 5 August - Monday 26 August

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Monday 12 August

St George's Lobby: 11-14:30 - Coffee shop

St George's Church: 18:45 - Meditation group

Tuesday 13 August

St George's church: 09:30 - Morning Prayer

St George's church: 10:30 - Eucharist

Wednesday 14 August

St George's Church: 19:00 - 21:00 New Life

Thursday 15 August

Chapel: 18:30 - Eucharist

Friday 16 August

St George's Lobby: 11-14:30 - Coffee shop

Saturday 17 August

St George's church: 09:30 - Morning Prayer

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 6 September

St George's hall: 20:00 Women's Friday

Group planning social

Thursday 12 September

Pilgrimage to Rochester

Sunday 22 September

St George's: 10:00 - Dragon Slayers!

Sunday 29 September

St Michael's Patronal Festival joint service

8 - 10 November

Walsingham pilgrimage

30 November

St George's: Autumn Fair

OT: Isaiah 1: 1, 10 - 20

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

¹⁰ Hear the word of the LORD,
you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!

¹¹ What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD;

I have had enough of burnt-offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls,
or of lambs, or of goats.

¹² When you come to appear before me,
who asked this from your hand?

Trample my courts no more;

¹³ bringing offerings is futile;

incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—

I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

¹⁴ Your new moons and your appointed festivals

my soul hates;

they have become a burden to me,

I am weary of bearing them.

¹⁵ When you stretch out your hands,

I will hide my eyes from you;

even though you make many prayers,

I will not listen;

your hands are full of blood.

¹⁶ Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;

remove the evil of your doings from before

my eyes; cease to do evil,

¹⁷ learn to do good; seek justice,

rescue the oppressed,

defend the orphan, plead for the widow.

¹⁸ Come now, let us argue it out,
says the LORD:

though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be like snow;

though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.

¹⁹ If you are willing and obedient,
you shall eat the good of the land;

²⁰ but if you refuse and rebel,
you shall be devoured by the sword;
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.



GOSPEL: Luke 12: 32 - 40

³² 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'