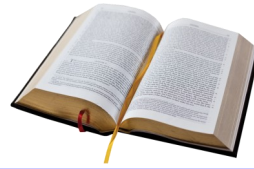


This week's service

Sunday 3rd July 2022

This week's readings

Today's service is led by Nigel Worth
with Rev Bex Allpress preaching



Psalm 31:1-6
John 20:24-29

A thought from Bex

This week we're considering the Apostle Thomas who's mostly remembered for the one time he doubted! Whilst it can be difficult for us to believe those things we don't see for ourselves, let us take comfort from the words of Psalm 31

"Be a rock of refuge for me. A strong fortress to save me ... Lead me and guide me... I trust in You!"

May we remember that in God as our refuge, we have a safe place in which to wrestle with our doubts. **Amen**

Prayers for Peace in Ukraine

In the middle of the Ukrainian crisis, we all want to help. One of the best ways to help from afar is to pray for peace. Prayer is one of the most powerful things we can do to bring about change. Here are five specific ways you can pray for peace in Ukraine.

1. Pray for the Leaders

Pray that the leaders in the situation will have wisdom and compassion. Pray that they will be able to make decisions that will guarantee safety for the people of Ukraine. As terror invades the hearts of everyone, may the leaders be given courage and strength.

2. Pray for the People

Ukraine is a country that is filled with people of faith. Pray that they will be able to find comfort in God during this time of turmoil. Pray that they will be encouraged to stand up for what they believe, even if it means risking their lives.

3. Pray for their Safety

May God protect them from harm and provide them with food, shelter, and medical care. May they be kept safe from violence and persecution.

4. Pray for Peace

We hope to see a peaceful resolution to the conflict. May all involved be open to negotiation and cooperation.

5. Pray for Salvation

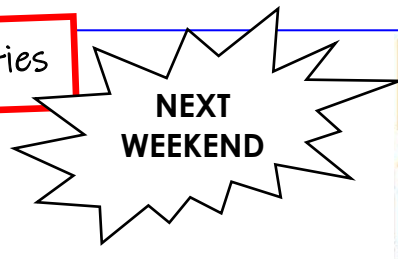
Finally, pray that the people of Ukraine will come to know Jesus Christ as their Saviour. May they be drawn to Him through this difficult time and find hope and healing in Him.



Church diary for the next month

- Sunday 10th July**
10:45 Morning Worship
 Special Open Doors service led by Sandra O'Toole with guest speaker Bill Humphries
- Saturday 16th July**
2pm Wedding of Natalie Harris and Dwaine Wilkinson
- Sunday 17th July**
10:45 Holy Communion
 led Debbie Patrick with Rev Mike Firbank preaching
- Wednesday 20th July**
7pm PCC Together Meeting
 in Emmanuel Church Hall
- Sunday 24th July**
10:45 Morning Worship
 led by Nigel Worth with Sandra O'Toole preaching
- Sunday 31st July**
10:00 Minster Service
 Venue to be confirmed
- Sunday 7th August**
10:45 Morning Worship
 with Rev Mike Firbank

Church Working Parties



We have a couple of work parties planned during the summer.

Could you spare a few hours to help with those jobs in the church, churchyard and church hall that desperately need doing?

Saturday 9th July 9.30am - 12
Saturday 20th August 9.30am - 12

Even an hour or two will make a difference



Exploring the Churchyard

Have you had a look in the churchyard recently?

Bill has been very busy creating a wildlife glade in the area behind the toilet block. This includes a wild flower section, log piles for hedgehogs and various nesting boxes for birds.

Recently I spotted a blackbird enjoying a splash in the newly installed bird bath. The bench under the yew tree is a perfect spot to enjoy the peace and quiet.



The flat slate headstones nearby mark some of the older burial plots in the churchyard. Slate is a metamorphic rock, which is naturally found in several regions within England. At one time the Midlands contained many slate quarries – these are now redundant. It is extremely durable and fine in texture, which makes it particularly suitable for incised lettering and detailed carving.

Monolithic (made of only one stone) headstones were often set well into the ground to provide stability. At least a third of the total weight of a monolith monument should be below the ground for stability. The slate headstones in this area have been laid flat for safety reasons. Have you looked at the decorative inscriptions?

Can you find this one?

In
 Memory of
 Ann Willder, the Wife of
 Richard Willder
 who departed this life
 the 3d. of December 1793
 Aged 37 Years.

All you that come my Stone to read
 To all your ways be sure take heed
 Your time is short the hour draws near
 Therefore for Heaven pray prepare
 Then will the Grave where in you lie
 Be for your Peace and endless joy

Cleaning Rota

Please clean the church before the date marked. Please swap with someone else on the rota if you cannot clean during your week.

The toilets will be cleaned weekly by Sean & Sandra

10th July	Val & Andy
17th July	Nige & Deb
24th July	Christine
31st July	Deb P & Alicia
7th Aug	Jane
14th Aug	Bill
21st Aug	Val & Andy
28th Aug	Nige & Deb