



Sunday 28th July 2024

This week's service

WELCOME

This week's reading

This morning's service
is led by Sean O'Toole



John 15: 9-17

A thought from Sean

Friends

Jesus, talking to His disciples, makes a stunning statement. 'You are my friends.' What is even more amazing is that when we turn to Christ we too become friends of God.

In the same passage in John's Gospel Jesus goes on to say, 'This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.'

How might we take these wonderful verses seriously?

How might we learn to live in the same sacrificial way that Jesus did?

How might we be a blessing to our friends in whatever way they need?

Prayer for the week

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.

Amen

THE EXCITEMENT OF GOOSEBERRIES

The Egton Bridge Old Gooseberry Society holds its annual show on the first Tuesday in August. It is a very serious affair. Established in 1800, competitors can enter a variety of classes and each class has its own sub divisions for the different colours of gooseberry - red, yellow, green or white. The classes are: heaviest berry, heaviest berry twins, heaviest dozen berries.

Weighing of the berries is extremely tense. When Sean and I visited the show (we'd gone expecting a country fair), I asked a question of one of the people overseeing the exhibits. He suggested I went into the weighing room and asked a particular person there. I went where directed and found a room in silence. I quietly asked someone where I could find the man I'd been sent to see. The entire room (all men) turned to me and whispered loudly HUSH! It turned out one of the berries was being weighed!



Once the weight had been announced (in drams*) everyone was very friendly and helpful but I still don't know why such complete silence is needed for the actual weighing.

This was a fascinating and unique visit for both of us.

Sandra

*8 drams is the equivalent of 1 ounce

Church diary for the next month

Sunday 4th August
10:45 Morning Worship
 with Debbie Patrick

Sunday 11th August
10:45 Morning Worship
 with Nigel Worth

Sunday 18th August
10:45 Morning Worship
 with Sean O'Toole

Sunday 25th August
10:45 Morning Worship
 with Debbie Patrick

Sunday 1st September
10:45 Morning Worship
 with Sean O'Toole
7pm Sunday Night Live
 More details to follow

Sunday 8th September
10:45 Morning Worship
 with Rev Patrick Douglas

Saturday 14th September
10am Heritage Open Day
 An opportunity to climb the tower to see the bells

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

4 th Aug	Jane
11 th Aug	Bill
18 th Aug	Brian Redfern
25 th Aug	Val & Andrew
1 st Sep	Christine
8 th Sep	Deb P
15 th Sep	Jane

Refreshments Rota

It's a real blessing to be able to spend time chatting with one another after the service. We have a rota for serving tea & coffee.



Please swap with someone if you cannot do a particular date.

Please bring the milk.

Thank you

28 th July	Maxine & Jane
4 th Aug	Christine
11 th Aug	Deb W & Alicia
18 th Aug	James
25 th Aug	Carol
1 st Sep	Maxine & Jane
8 th Sep	Christine
15 th Sep	Deb W & Alicia

Crafting for SDYFC

I always like to be doing some sort of crafting activity – mainly sewing but sometimes knitting. I get plenty of ideas from watching videos on YouTube or Facebook and adapt them to make projects that I think other people may be interested in buying.

So far this year I have made small purses, fabric book houses, zippered patchwork bible/tablet bags and fabric shopping bags. It was my intention to make these for the SDYFC craft/coffee morning which is being held in the church hall on 10th November. However, I've shown

various people what I've made and have already sold quite a few items, raising £162 for SDYFC.



Thank you to all who have supported SDYFC by buying some of my creations. If you would like to see what I've made, please ask.

Jane

