

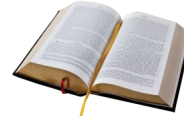
Sunday 4th August 2024

This week's service

WELCOME

This week's reading

This morning's service is led by Debbie Patrick



Luke 15:11-32
The lost son

A thought from Debbie

There are two sons in our story this week; the one who stayed and the one who left. The one who left was utterly lost and the father found him on his way home.

Many of us in our church family feel found by God – maybe fairly recently – maybe a very long time ago. We speak and sometimes sing about being adopted into God's family... I wonder how often we consider what it means to us to belong to God's family. I guess the trick to life with God is living each day as an adopted child... a found child. Living a life of gratefulness and CONSTANTLY resisting the urge to respond like the son who didn't leave.

He had lost the sense of being gifted a place in the family – instead he had begun to feel like he had earned his place – worked so hard to be there – tried so hard – given up so much ... to the point that he felt underappreciated ... like he deserved more for his hard work.

Let's **not** be like that son



Prayer for the week

Father God
Remind us every day that you have adopted us into your family
Remind us that it was your choice...
That we are chosen
Help us to stay grateful for our place and not become resentful in any way.
Amen

From the Parish Newsletter 1949

August 3rd, at last the Red Letter day of Choirboys arrived.

Along with the Rector, Choir-adults, Bellringers and Wardens, a happy party set out by coach for Belle Vue. Arriving about 11.15 a.m., various groups moved about to visit the attractions. Assembling at 4.30 p.m., a grand tea was soon removed by hungry, tired, but happy revellers. Showers and cool breezes had now given way to a sunny evening. A few rides and visits and 7.30 p.m. saw a return via Macclesfield and Leek. At Ashbourne, a break of half-an-hour was made. Soon after 11 p.m., the party had reached home.



Church diary for the next month

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
3pm Civic Service
7pm Sunday Night Live
 More details to follow

Sunday 8th September
10:45 Holy Communion
 with Rev Patrick Douglas

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

Sunday 15th September
10:45 Morning Worship
 with Debbie Patrick

Our New Look Cleaning Rota

A few weeks ago we asked everyone which jobs in the church they would be able to sign up for. Here is the rota that Sandra has drawn up using the information from those lists.



Aug 11 th	Brian Redfern	Main body, kitchen & N. Aisle
" "	Bill	Brasses
Aug 18 th	Christine G	Main body, vestry & bell tower, sweeping porch
Aug 25 th	Friday house group	Whole church, including brasses
Sep 1 st	Jeff	Main body
" "	Brian A	Sweeping porch
Sep 8 th	Deb & Nige	Whole church
Sep 15 th	Brian Redfern	Main body, kitchen & N. Aisle
" "	Bill	Brasses

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

Washing towel & tea towel

Maxine, Deb and Gwen will take the kitchen towels home after serving refreshments.

Other weeks will be covered by Pam, Gina and Sandra.



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



4 th Aug	Gwen
11 th Aug	Deb W
18 th Aug	James
25 th Aug	Maxine & Jane
1 st Sep	Carol
8 th Sep	Gwen
15 th Sep	Deb W
22 nd Sep	James

Interesting find in Church Street

You will have noticed the road works going on in Church Street. While the contractors were excavating the trench they unearthed some fragments of ancient bones, thought to be human ribs. These have now been carefully reburied in the trench.

Centuries ago, we know that one of the main doors to the church was situated in the north aisle. Surely there would have been no steep drop on that side of the church. The wall butting on to church street very likely dates to late 18th Century. Before that the churchyard would have very likely sloped downwards on a gentle incline and contained more burial plots – hence the discovery of bones. The only building nearby would have been Manor Farm, probably reached by a narrow track.