

St. George's, Brockworth

Sunday 31st July 2022

Notices and updates



Brockworth Family Fun Day

Sunday 7th August, 12pm – 6pm, Brockworth Rugby Club Back Field

Kids' stalls – Live music – Outside bar & BBQ – Free entry

Charity raffle for MNDa - Camping chairs and blankets welcome - *Please bring cash for stalls*

This week's diary

Sunday 31 st July	9.00am 10.00am 10.30am	Communion Worship Service : Church Coffee and biscuits : Church Centre Family Worship Service : Church Centre
Wednesday 3 rd August	9.45am	Communion : Church Centre
Thursday 4 th August	10.00am 7.30pm	St George's Flower Arrangers : Church Bell ringing practice : Church

As we express our joys and concerns to God this week...

Let us be thankful and pray for our Licensed Reader, Louisa. Thank you for all that she does for St George's and for others, as part of her ministry journey.

Let us pray for the families of the parish, especially those where relationships have broken down. Lord, let Your humility, mercy, kindness and peace rule each heart and rebuild every broken bridge and fill every vacuum.

Let us pray for God's blessings on Oliver & Claire, Alexander & Charlotte who were married in St George's in early July. May love and laughter fill your hearts and your home for all the days of your lives.

Let us continue to pray for healing and wholeness in mind, body and spirit for Jean Corless, Mary, Emma, Joy and Bob Curzon.

Let us pray for the family and friends of Amy Bowman and Perry Alexander; pray they would know and experience the peace, presence and comfort of Jesus.

Keep connected with each other and with God.

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

We worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Sing: *(click on the song title, and it should open up and play in YouTube)*

583 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

We meet to celebrate the coming of Christ into the world. The word was made flesh and dwelt among us ... and we beheld his glory.

**Almighty God,
To whom all hearts are open,
All desires known,
And from whom no secrets are hidden:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
By the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
That we may perfectly love you,
And worthily magnify your holy name;
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Gathering our thoughts, we remember and confess:

**Our Lord Jesus Christ said;
The first commandment is this;
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.
You shall love the Lord your God
With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind
And with all your strength.'
The second is this, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'
There is no other commandment greater than these.
On these two commandments
Hang all the law and the prophets.**

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and to walk humbly with your God – Micah 6:8

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**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

May almighty God have mercy on us and forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

Take a few moments to sit and think about receiving that unconditional offering of forgiveness through grace.

Collect

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Reading : Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14, 2:18-23 (ESV)

All Is Vanity

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

The Vanity of Wisdom

I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹⁴ I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind.

The Vanity of Toil

I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, ¹⁹ and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²² What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? ²³ For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

Gospel Reading : Luke 12:13-21 (ESV)

The Parable of the Rich Fool

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." ¹⁶ And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷ and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' ¹⁸ And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" ²⁰ But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

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631 Purify my heart

Let us declare our faith with confidence:

**We believe in God the Father,
who created all things:
for by his will they were created
and have their being.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who was slain:
for with his blood,
he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit:
the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'
Even so come, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

We pray with confidence as our saviour has taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Sing: *(click on the song title, and it should open up and play in YouTube)*

32 Alleluia, alleluia, hearts to heaven and voices raise

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Numbers 6:24-26

May the LORD bless you and protect you.

May the LORD smile on you and be gracious to you.

May the LORD show you his favor and give you his peace.

Our worship has ended, but our service now begins. Let us go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Amen.