

NOTICES

Breakfast Buffet Invitation:

Caring Hands in the Vale invites you to a Breakfast Buffet on:

Date: Saturday 16th September 2023

Time: 9.30 a.m. until 11.30 a.m.

Location: The Lighthouse (in Waitrose Evesham Car Park, WR11 4AD).

Adults £10.00 Children £5.00 (under 16).

All proceeds will go to support Caring Hands in the Vale. This local charity seeks to demonstrate the love of God through the relief of poverty and need in the Vale of Evesham. To book your place call 07859 892528 or email

diane@chands.org.uk or emma@chands.org.uk. ** Please let the organisers know if you have any specific dietary needs/requests**

To learn more about Caring Hands and how you can support the charity, please visit the website: <https://www.chands.org.uk/>

September Prayer Focus:

Romans 15:13 *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. 2 Peter 1: 5-8* *For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. ⁸For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

After a period of rest and relaxation we return to the daily routines of everyday life. Let's thank God for His provision thus far and pray that we continue to be aware of His presence with us as we desire to know Him better. Remember to pray for those who have recently completed Alpha and made commitments to Jesus or renewed their commitment; that they, with us, would grow into full maturity in Christ. Pray as we enter this fresh season that the Lord will give wisdom to those in leadership at St Peter's to move us all forward developing the appropriate initiatives to serve our community and to meet their needs, being the hands and feet of Jesus to those around us. May our service point them to Jesus and give glory and honour to our Father God.



Today's Services and Events – Trinity 14

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.15am Morning Praise
- 11.00am Informal Gathering – All Together Service
- 3.00pm Thanksgiving Nellie Jo and Rudie Wright.

Gluten free Communion breads are available. Do please ask one of the welcomers or the Wardens if you require this. The Church is fitted with a loop system. To use this, please switch your hearing aid to 'T'.

Church Diary for the Week

- Tues 12th September: 7.30pm Prayer Meeting.
- Weds 13th September - 10.00am Holy Communion.
- Fri 15th September – 10.00am Choir Practice.
- Fri 15th September – 11.00am Ashes Burial – Mr Richard Smith.

Next Sunday's Services and Events – 17th September 2023

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.15am Morning Eucharist
- 11.00am Informal Gathering – Children's Groups

For our Prayers this Week: For those who are sick, in special need or housebound. Mark, Dave, Kate, John, Sylvia, John, Colin, John, Sigi, Eileen, Anne, Helen (Pat's daughter).

For the family and friends of those who have died: Richard Smith.

Collect:

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Bible Reading: Romans 13:8-end

⁸ Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbour as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfilment of the law.

¹¹ And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light. ¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

Gospel Reading: John 8:12-20

¹² When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

¹³ The Pharisees challenged him, "Here you are, appearing as your own witness; your testimony is not valid."

¹⁴ Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. But you have no idea where I come from or where I am going. ¹⁵ You judge by human standards; I pass judgment on no one. ¹⁶ But if I do judge, my decisions are true, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me. ¹⁷ In your own Law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is true. ¹⁸ I am one who testifies for myself; my other witness is the Father, who sent me."

¹⁹ Then they asked him, "Where is your father?"

"You do not know me or my Father," Jesus replied. "If you knew me, you would know my Father also." ²⁰ He spoke these words while teaching in the temple courts near the place where the offerings were put. Yet no one seized him, because his hour had not yet come.

Post Communion:

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

