

## NOTICES

### Church Safeguarding:

The Safeguarding Officer for St Peter's, Julie Rowell, will be unavailable during September 2023. During Julie's absence, please could you direct safeguarding concerns to Rev Andy Smith. If the issue is not something that is appropriate to report to Andy directly, contact details for social services and the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer, Hilary Higton, (hhigton@cofe-worcester.org.uk) are available on a poster by the church entrance.

### August Prayer Focus:

**Genesis 2:2** 'On the seventh day God had finished his work of creation, so he rested from all his work.'

**Romans 12:2** 'Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.'

We are entering the traditional season of rest and holiday. During this time let's not forget our Father who loved us so much that he sent Jesus His son to offer us a way to enter into a full relationship with Him and the Holy Spirit sent to be within us as Jesus returned to the Father. May the Lord help us to enjoy a period of rest and change from the normal routines and not conform to the world view of being defined by what we do, or by how much time we spend working whether that be secular work or serving within the Body of Christ. Remember: we are all children of God, each made in His image. He values each of us. Even God rested. He has given us family and friends for whom we care and who care for us.



Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023



### Today's Services and Events – Trinity 12

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.15am Morning Eucharist
- 11.00am Informal Gathering – All Together Service

**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

- Mon 28<sup>th</sup> August: Summer Bank Holiday
- Tues 29<sup>th</sup> August: 7.30pm Prayer Meeting.
- Weds 30<sup>th</sup> August- 10.00am Holy Communion.
- Fri 1<sup>st</sup> September – 10.00am Choir Practice.
- Fri 1<sup>st</sup> September – 11.00am Church Cleaning.

### Next Sunday's Services and Events – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:

### **Collect:**

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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: Psalm 133**

*A song of ascents. Of David.*

<sup>1</sup> How good and pleasant it is  
when God's people live together in unity!  
<sup>2</sup> It is like precious oil poured on the head,  
running down on the beard,  
running down on Aaron's beard,  
down on the collar of his robe.  
<sup>3</sup> It is as if the dew of Hermon  
were falling on Mount Zion.  
For there the LORD bestows his blessing,  
even life forevermore.

### **Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-20**

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

<sup>14</sup> They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

<sup>15</sup> "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

<sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup> Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

### **Post Communion:**

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

