

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.

 **St Peter's
Bengeworth**
Sunday 3rd September 2023



Today's Services and Events – Trinity 13

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

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 5th September: 7.30pm Prayer Meeting.
- Weds 6th September - 10.00am Holy Communion.
- Fri 8th September – 10.00am Choir Practice.

Next Sunday's Services and Events – 10th September 2023

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

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 God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Bible Reading: Romans 12:9–end

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Gospel Reading: John 6:22–35

²² The next day the crowd that had stayed on the opposite shore of the lake realized that only one boat had been there, and that Jesus had not entered it with his disciples, but that they had gone away alone. ²³ Then some boats from Tiberias landed near the place where the people had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. ²⁴ Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus. ²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" ²⁶ Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. ²⁷ Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval." ²⁸ Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" ²⁹ Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."³⁰ So they asked him, "What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?" ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'³² Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴ "Sir," they said, "always give us this bread." ³⁵ Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Post Communion:

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

