



# Connection

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2020**  
**Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**



## **Collect**

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit  
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:  
grant that your people may be fervent  
in the fellowship of the gospel  
that, always abiding in you,  
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;  
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.

**Amen**

## **Reading: Philippians 1: 21-end**

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well – 30since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

**Reading: Matthew 20: 1-16**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

**Post Communion Prayer**

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;  
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,  
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,  
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**Requests for Prayers**

If there is someone or something that you would like to pray for please email us



**Please continue to pray for** the ill and isolated, frontline, hospital and medical staff and for anyone who is suffering in the world

**Those who are sick:** Roy and Margaret Putnam, Richard Clements, Simon Collett, Christopher Frith, Edward Bunn, Brian Bolam

**We continue to pray for:** Don Dufty, Percy and Sharon Blizzard, Jackie Pickford, Clive Hunt, Mary Doney

**Those in residential care:** Sheila Bigland-Gibbons, Barbara Milton

**Those who have died and their families:** Brian Druce, Charles Brazier, Nils Wilkes, Simon Flynn

**Anniversary of a death:** Please pray for those who have lost loved ones

## Church Services

**The church services this Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September will be at:**



**9.00am St Mary's, Elmley Castle**

**10.30am St Giles', Bredon**

### September Services

Date	Church	Time	Minister
27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	St Faith's, Overbury	9.00am	Reverend Catherine Lack
	Holy Trinity, Eckington	10.30am	Reverend Allison Davies

### The Rota for October 2020

Date	Church	Time	Minister
4 <sup>th</sup> October	Chapel of Ease, Bredon's Norton	9.00am	Reverend Allison Davies
	St Mary's, Elmley Castle HARVEST SERVICE	10.30am	Canon Roger Spiller
	St Faith's, Overbury HARVEST SERVICE	10.30am	Lay Led
	St Barbara's, Ashton U Hill HARVEST SERVICE	10.30am	Lay Led
	Holy Trinity, Eckington, HARVEST SERVICE	4.00pm	Lay Led
11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Holy Trinity, Eckington	9.00am	Reverend Allison Davies
	St John the Baptist, Beckford HARVEST SERVICE	10.30am	Reverend Allison Davies
18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	St Mary's Elmley Castle	9.00 am	Canon Roger Spiller
	St Giles', Bredon	10.30am	Reverend Catherine Lack
25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	St Barbara's Ashton Under Hill	9.00am	Reverend Doug Chaplain
	Holy Trinity, Eckington	10.30am	Bishop Michael Hooper

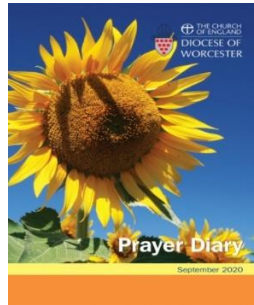


## Harvest Festivals

- 27<sup>th</sup> September - St Giles, Bredon at 10.30am which will be lay led  
4<sup>th</sup> October - St Mary's, Elmley Castle at 10.30am led by Revd Roger Spiller  
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4<sup>th</sup> October - St Barbara's, Ashton under Hill at 10.30am which will be lay lead  
4<sup>th</sup> October - Holy Trinity, Eckington at 4pm which will be lay led  
11<sup>th</sup> October - St John the Baptist, Beckford at 10.30am led by Revd Davies

## News from the Diocese

Prayers and diocesan news can be found at [www.cofe-worcester.org.uk](http://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk)



## Ordinations Ember Card

Please find attached the ember card for this year's ordinations to be held on 26 and 27 September.  
Please pray for all the candidates.

Please pray for all those who are preparing to be ordained this Michaelmas, and among them to serve in the Diocese of Worcester.



**Priests**

**Sarah Bardell**  
The Benefice of Dudley  
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## Join the Diocese this September for More Open Conversations

A reminder to sign up and encourage others to sign up for the latest round of Open Conversations on the future of our diocese. The first couple have been really successful and it would be great if as many people as possible could take part using Zoom. The dates are;

- Friday 18 September: 10am to 12 noon
- Monday 21 September: 6 to 8pm
- Tuesday 22 September: 6 to 8pm
- Thursday 24 September: 6 pm to 8pm
- Monday 28 September: 2 to 4pm and 6 to 8pm:

You can find more details at: [www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/open-conversations](http://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/open-conversations)

**Reverend Allison Davies**

Vicar of Eckington, Defford with Besford and Associate Priest for the churches of the Bredon Hill Group

