

Wykeham Benefice Pewsheets

July 1st

SS Peter & Paul trans

Collect

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you in their death as in their life: grant that your Church, inspired by their teaching and example, and made one by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, 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.

Acts 12.

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared, and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

2 Timothy

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Matthew 13

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

Post Communion

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The week ahead

Mon 2nd 9am Morning Prayer in Epwell
6pm Junior Youth Group in Sibford

Tue 3rd 9.15am Morning Prayer in Broughton
10am Holy Communion in Tadmarton

Wed 4th 8.45am Morning Prayer in Sibford
9.30am Holy Communion in Epwell

Thu 5th Ronald's day off

Fri 6th 9am Morning Prayer in Swalcliffe

Sat 7th 9am Morning Prayer in Shutford
10.30am "Messy Scarecrows" in Taddy church for all younger children with an adult helper; come and make Scarecrows in readiness for the Taddy Festival.
Early Evening **ESTERHAZY SINGERS** in Swalcliffe – full details on the posters and Flyers. Tickets from Swalcliffe Box Office or Gay Harris.

Sun 8th 8am BCP HC in Sibford
9.30am HC @ Shutford and Swalcliffe and MP at Sibford 9.45 MP @ Epwell
11am HC @ Tadmarton and Broughton; BROUGHTON please avoid using the Car Park as there is a major event taking place. Park in the lay by and walk using the side Path where possible. Thanks

Benefice Council

The next meeting of the Benefice Council to which **ALL PCC MEMBERS** are URGED to come, and **EVERYONE ELSE** is WELCOMED will be on WEDNESDAY July 18th at 7.30pm (Coffee from 7pm) in **SHUTFORD VILLAGE HALL**.....so if you've not yet seen this wonderful new hall then Do Come. Bring News from your parishes, be ready to hear about Benefice and Deanery Finance, and ask such questions, make such points as you feel important.

Christian Aid

The Christian Aid collection in Sibford raised nearly £1,200 this year - significantly more than the last few years. Thanks to the collectors. Alison

Prayers for Sue and William, Oliver and his family, Mary and her family