

The Wykeham Benefice Pewsheet and Newsletter

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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

Ezekiel 33: 7 – 11

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, ‘O wicked ones, you shall surely die’, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: ‘Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?’ Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Romans 13: 8 - 14 (JB Phillips translation)

Keep out of debt altogether, except the perpetual debt of love which we owe to one another. The man who loves his neighbour has obeyed the whole Law in regard to his neighbour. For the commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, You shall not covet’ and all other commandments are summed up in this one saying: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself’. Love hurts nobody: therefore love is the answer to the Law’s commands.

Why all this stress on behaviour? Because, as I think you have realised, the present time is of the highest importance—it is time to wake up to reality. Every day brings God’s salvation nearer. The night is nearly over, the day has almost dawned. Let us therefore fling away the things that men do in the dark, let us arm ourselves for the fight of the day! Let us live cleanly, as in the daylight, not in the “delights” of getting drunk or playing with sex, nor yet in quarrelling or jealousies. Let us be Christ’s men from head to foot, and give no chances to the flesh to have its fling.

Matthew 18: 15 - 20

‘If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it

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will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.’

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.

The week ahead

Mon 7 9am Morning Prayer in Epwell

Tue 8 9am Morning Prayer in Broughton

Wed 9 9am Morning Prayer in Sibford

Fri 11 9am Morning Prayer in Swalcliffe

Sat 12 9am Morning Prayer in Shutford

Sun 13 **Trinity 14**

8.00am Sibford BCP HC (JT), 9.30am Shutford BCP HC (GE), Sibford Morning Praise (lay led), Swalcliffe Holy Communion (JT); 9.45am Epwell Morning Parise (lay led); 5.00pm ZOOM service; 6.30pm Broughton BCP Evensong (JT)

RIP

John Steele, formerly of Tadmarton, whose funeral (limited to 30 family members) will be on Friday 25 September

For prayer

Those returning to school in the coming days

Pupils new to school or who have moved school

All teachers, and governors

The Church Schools of our diocese and Deanery

The Bloxham School Chaplaincy and

The Tudor Hall Chaplain.

For all teaching of RE, and those who visit schools to take Christian Assemblies

For all peripatetic teachers and all who are taught at home