

The Parishes of
BROSELEY with BENTHALL and JACKFIELD
LINLEY with WILLEY and BARROW

2nd Sunday before Advent 19th November 2017

Holy Eucharist booklet: Ordinary Time. Liturgical colour: Green.

The services today will be led by Rev. Fr. Christopher Penn



DIARY OF EVENTS

please refer to the back page *and take this leaflet home as a reminder.*

We omit asterisked verses of hymns; after the service coffee/tea will be served — we hope you will stay.

The Collect

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever

Amen

First Reading

Zephaniah 1.7,12-18

A reading from the book of Zephaniah

“Be silent before the Sovereign LORD, for the day of the LORD is near. The LORD has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated those he has invited. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps and punish those who are complacent, who are like wine left on its dregs, who think, ‘The LORD will do nothing, either good or bad.’ Their wealth will be plundered,

their houses demolished. They will build houses but not live in them; they will plant vineyards but not drink the wine.

The great day of the LORD is near – near and coming quickly. Listen! The cry on the day of the LORD will be bitter, the shouting of the warrior there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of trouble and ruin, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness, a day of trumpet and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the corner towers. I will bring distress on the people and they will walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD. Their blood will be poured out like dust and their entrails like filth. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD'S wrath. In the fire of his jealousy the whole world will be consumed, for he will make a sudden end of all who live in the earth.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

About times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, “Peace and safety”, destruction will come on them suddenly, as labour pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing..

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Hymn

The Gospel

Matthew 25.14-30

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus said: “The kingdom of heaven will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. So also, the one with the two talents gained two more. But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

“After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.’ His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

“The man with the two talents also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.’ His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

“Then the man who had received the one talent came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’ His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

“Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Prayers

We pray for Zac Robert Cole Free who is to be baptised at St Giles' today

We remember all those known to us who need our prayers including:

The sick: Roy Morris, Simon Gibbons, Turley Mear, Lawrence Homer, Michael Brookes, Christopher Dorricott, Beryl Smowton

the departed: Freda Mary Lewis, Margaret Isaac

those whose year's mind falls this week: Ken Molyneux

Post communion prayer

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour

Amen

DIARY OF EVENTS

TODAY

3.30pm Messy Church – All Saints' Church Hall

THIS WEEK

Daily 8.15am Morning Prayer – All Saints', Broseley

Weds 22nd 7.15pm Meditation Group – Methodist Church

Thurs 23rd 9.30am Eucharist – All Saints', Broseley

Sunday 27th 9.15am Eucharist – St Giles', Barrow

10.30am Sung Eucharist – All Saints', Broseley

Jackfield Silver Reisen Band Concert

Fri 8th December 8.00pm



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