

Welcome to St David's on Sunday 4 August 2019

7th Sunday after Trinity

Parish Communion Service

<i>Celebrant, preacher</i>	Nigel Guthrie, Alison Whiting
<i>Readers</i>	Sarah Rimmington, Jenny Baker
<i>Prayers</i>	Bill Pattinson
<i>Evening Prayer</i>	Robert Mitchell



Hymns today: 357, 679, 152, 584

Collect: Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord

Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12-14; 2.18-23: Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me –and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Colossians 3.1-11: So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Luke 12.13-21: Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

Post Communion Prayer: Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever

Please keep in your prayers: James and Katy Tyler; Lizzie Hewitt; Janine; Maurice Wright; Gillian Harbord; our local Police and Police Community Support Officers

Notices:

Edibles Stall next Sunday - your contributions and spending welcome

Parish Lunch: Farmers Union Thursday 5 September at 12 noon

Harvest Supper Sunday 15 September at 7:00pm. Following after the evening service, you are warmly invited to enjoy a meal of cottage pie with vegetables, followed by dessert, and some light entertainment. You may bring your own drinks, and some will be available for purchase. Numbers are limited, owing to space, and tickets are available from Tina priced £5 for adults and £3 for children (16 and under). There will be a collection for charity (The Esther Community). All are welcome!

There is a folding (and stackable) chair at the back of church for you to try. We are considering whether to buy a set of these to make up the extra seating we need. Please test it out for comfort

Some PCC/other news for you:

- The finishing-off work on the kitchen and the meeting room at the back of the church is progressing well
- There has been work done to damp-proof the parish room. The next job there is to decorate it
- We're working hard to get our safe-guarding training up-to-date. If you are part of a church group and think that you need to do this please speak to Nigel G or one of the wardens
- The organ will be tuned soon
- We're looking at CCTV for the south path

Some dates for you:

Sunday 11 August	Edibles Stall
Sunday 18 August	Family Service
Thursday 5 September	Parish Lunch
Sunday 8 September	Edibles Stall
Sunday 15 September	Family Communion, Harvest Festival
Sunday 22 September	Traidcraft

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