



## **Welcome to St Edburgha's Church** **Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> July the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

*During the distribution of Holy Communion, you are most welcome to take time to pray and light a candle in the Gilby Chapel.*

### **Collect**

Almighty God,  
send down upon your Church  
the riches of your Spirit,  
and kindle in all who minister the  
gospel  
your countless gifts of grace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who  
is alive and reigns with you, in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and for ever.

### **First Reading**

#### **Genesis 18.1-10a**

<sup>18</sup>The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup>He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup>Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to

your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' <sup>6</sup>And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' <sup>7</sup>Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup>They said to him, 'Where is your wife, Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' <sup>10</sup>Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.

### **Second Reading**

#### **Colossians 1.15-28**

<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been

created through him and for him.

<sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

<sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

<sup>21</sup> And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup>he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—  
<sup>23</sup>provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

<sup>24</sup> I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. <sup>25</sup>I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known,

<sup>26</sup>the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup>To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup>It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

## **Gospel Reading**

### **Luke 10.38-end**

<sup>38</sup> Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying.

<sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.'

<sup>41</sup> But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things;

<sup>42</sup>there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

*Children's activities and toys are available to use at any time during the service at the top of the north aisle.*

### **For Your Prayers**

Jackie, Christine, Liz, Andrew,  
Glenys, Bill and Jo

*\*\*Please contact the parish office if  
you would like to include someone  
on the prayer list\*\**

### **Monthly Charity**



Our vision is of a world where  
everyone, everywhere has clean  
water, decent toilets, and good  
hygiene.



A huge **THANK YOU** to  
everyone who prayed,  
gave, collected and provided  
encouragement for Christian Aid  
Week this year. Including Gift Aid,  
donations from St Edburgha's and  
the '**70K in May**' walking challenge  
raised the magnificent total of  
**£1735.00!** The overall total for the 7  
churches in the Yardley Christian  
Aid Group (CAG) will be announced  
shortly. Well done everyone!

**Henry Brockbank & Sylvia  
Roberts**

### **Supporting our Community**



**Your donations** of tins  
of meat, fish, fruit, rice

pudding, and monetary donations  
are always gratefully received.

### **Children and Families Work:**

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**Safeguarding:** If you have any  
concerns about a vulnerable child,  
young person or an adult, please  
contact Julie Bridges (children)  
07814 023913 Sylvia Roberts  
(adults) 07771 655 789

### **Summer Opening**

As is tradition St Edburgha's will be  
open on the second and fourth  
Sunday afternoons from 2:00pm-  
4:30pm. Drop in for a visit! Tea and  
refreshments will be available to  
purchase. History tours are  
available on request by ringing Enid  
on 0121 291 0401.

### **Electronic Order of Service:**



### **New Parish Administrator**

Vernice Merchant has been  
appointed as our new Parish  
Administrator. Please note that the  
office hours have changed slightly  
to Tuesday-Thursday 9:30am-  
12:30pm.

Congratulations, Vernice!

## **Fundraising Events**

### **6th September**

12:00 noon Beer Festival

### **20th & 21st September**

Heritage weekend

### **29th November**

Christmas Quiz

For more information, please visit our website [www.stedburghasyardley.com](http://www.stedburghasyardley.com) or phone Enid on 0121 291 0401 for more information and booking.

## **Upcoming Special Services:**

### **TONIGHT!**

#### **Deanery Confirmation Service**

**Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> July, 18:30 at St Mary**

**the Virgin, Acocks Green** Come

and encourage and support our confirmation candidates, Ellie, Maisie and Isobel, at this special service. Please note parking is limited so you may wish to consider sharing lifts!

**Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> August, 10:30am**

special guest speaker from Church Mission Society.

## **OFFERTORY HYMN**

**1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God,**

And his righteousness,

And all these things shall be added unto you;

allelu, alleluia.

*Alleluia, alleluia,*

*alleluia, allelu, alleluia.*

**2 You shall not live by bread**

alone, but by ev'ry word

That proceeds from the mouth of God;

Allelu, alleluia

*Alleluia, alleluia,*

*alleluia, allelu, alleluia.*

**3 Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find;**

Knock, and it shall be opened unto you;

Allelu, alleluia

*Alleluia, alleluia,*

*alleluia, allelu, alleluia.*