



Welcome to St Edburgha's Church

Sunday 22nd June, First 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

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son.

First Reading

1 Kings 19.1-4 [5-7] 8-15a

¹Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, 'So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.' ³Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

⁴ But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.' [⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get

up and eat.' ⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.'] ⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. ⁹At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' ¹⁰He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

¹¹ He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the

wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' ¹⁴He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' ¹⁵Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.

Second Reading

Galatians 3.23-end

23 Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed.

²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith.

²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed

yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Gospel Reading

Luke 8.26-39

²⁶Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me' — ²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

32 Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the

demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

34 When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country.

³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹‘Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.’ So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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



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

Please be aware that Rev Tammy is away enjoying annual leave until next Sunday. Rev Steven is available for emergencies. Sylvia Roberts is covering pastoral concerns.



Taizé Service: 'Together in Christ'. Our next service of Taizé prayer will be held on Sunday 29th June at 6.30 pm. In words, song and silence we celebrate the apostles Peter and Paul – two great preachers of our faith, made brothers in Christ and apostles to the whole world.

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:



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 or phone Enid on 0121 291 0401 for more information and booking.

Upcoming Special Services:

Sunday, 29th June, 10:30am

Shared worship at All Saints Church, B33 8UA -and-

6:30pm Taizé at St Edburgha

Saturday, 19th July, 2:00pm

Renew and reaffirm your wedding vows at our first 'corporate' celebration of marriage. See more information on pages 22-23 in the June edition of Yardley Matters.

Sunday, 20th July, 18:30 at St Mary the Virgin, Acocks Green

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

Words of Encouragement

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.