



**Welcome to St Edburgha's Church**  
**Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> September the 12<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,  
You formed the earth and all  
creation in wisdom and love, and  
you hold all things in your tender  
hands: reshape our lives, turning  
us, renewing us, making our hearts  
supple through the refreshing of  
your spirit, and teaching us to live  
in peace with your creation, that  
the world may rejoice and all  
peoples walk in your ways;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who  
lives and reigns with you, in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and forever. Amen

**First Reading:**  
**Jeremiah 18.1-11**

<sup>18</sup>The word that came to Jeremiah  
from the Lord: <sup>2</sup>‘Come, go down to  
the potter’s house, and there I will  
let you hear my words.’ <sup>3</sup>So I went  
down to the potter’s house, and  
there he was working at his wheel.  
<sup>4</sup>The vessel he was making of clay  
was spoiled in the potter’s hand,  
and he reworked it into another  
vessel, as seemed good to him.  
<sup>5</sup>Then the word of the Lord came to

me: <sup>6</sup>Can I not do with you,  
O house of Israel, just as this potter  
has done? says the Lord. Just like  
the clay in the potter’s hand, so are  
you in my hand, O house of Israel.  
<sup>7</sup>At one moment I may declare  
concerning a nation or a kingdom,  
that I will pluck up and break down  
and destroy it, <sup>8</sup>but if that nation,  
concerning which I have spoken,  
turns from its evil, I will change my  
mind about the disaster that I  
intended to bring on it. <sup>9</sup>And at  
another moment I may declare  
concerning a nation or a kingdom  
that I will build and plant it, <sup>10</sup>but if  
it does evil in my sight, not listening  
to my voice, then I will change my  
mind about the good that I had  
intended to do to it. <sup>11</sup>Now,  
therefore, say to the people of  
Judah and the inhabitants of  
Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord:  
Look, I am a potter shaping evil  
against you and devising a plan  
against you. Turn now, all of you  
from your evil way, and amend your  
ways and your doings.

## **Second Reading:**

### **Philemon 1-21**

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, <sup>2</sup> to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: <sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God

<sup>5</sup> because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup> I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ.

<sup>7</sup> I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. <sup>8</sup> For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, <sup>9</sup> yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. <sup>10</sup> I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment.

<sup>11</sup> Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. <sup>12</sup> I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you.

<sup>13</sup> I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; <sup>14</sup> but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. <sup>15</sup> Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, <sup>16</sup> no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. <sup>17</sup> So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me.

<sup>18</sup> If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup> I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup> Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup> Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

## **Gospel Reading**

### **Luke 14.25-33**

<sup>25</sup> Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup> ‘Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers

and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple.

<sup>27</sup> Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup> For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup> saying, “This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.” <sup>31</sup> Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

*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**

#### **Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation**

### **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:**



## **Fundraising Events**

**20th & 21st September**

Heritage weekend

**18<sup>th</sup> October**

Table -top Sale

Phone Pauline on 0121 783 7965

**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.

**Experiencing ourselves,  
experiencing the holy.  
"QUIET MORNING"**

**13<sup>th</sup> September 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

## **Special Services:-**

### **Pet & Animal Blessing Service**

14th September, 10:30a.m.

*pet blessing*  
St Edburgha, Yardley



All are welcome  
Bring your pet, or a photo of your pet, for a blessing and a prayer as we give thanks for all God's creatures and the pets that bring us such joy.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 10:30 am**

## **Were you married in**

### **St Edburgha's Church?**

Would you like to reaffirm the vows you took on your wedding day?

Come along and join us as we celebrate together with a communal wedding blessing on Saturday, 27th September 2:00pm.

RSVP with the Parish Office:

[stedburghaoffice@btconnect.com](mailto:stedburghaoffice@btconnect.com)



**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

**10: 30 am–12:30 pm**

Come and join us for the beginning of our adventure in Messy Church. Aimed at families with 0–11-year-olds.

We'll create together, play together and eat together. Each session will be themed, and we'll have a short story from the Bible.

**(Registration forms at the back of the Church)**

## **Communion Hymns**

### **NH&WS**

**38** – Change my heart, O God

**368\*** – Will you come and follow me

(\*this is **622** in Common Praise)