

Newsletter of St Laurence Parish Church, Frodsham

For week commencing Sunday 13th June 2021 – Second Sunday after Trinity, Year B

“To know God and to make God known”

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This Week

June 13 th Trinity 2	08.00 10.00	Said Holy Communion - no booking req'd Holy Communion – please book	2.Corinthians 5. 6-10,14-17; Mark 4. 26-34
Monday		Church closed	
Tuesday	10.00-15.00	Church open for private prayer	
Wednesday	10.00-15.00	Church open for private prayer	
Thurs - Saturday		Church closed	
June 20 th Trinity 3	08.00 10.00	Said Holy Communion - no booking req'd Holy Communion – please book (see below)	

Weekly Notice from Rev Elaine

PRAYER WALL: You might like to write a prayer and light a virtual candle on our Prayer Wall which you will find on our website: <https://slfchurch.org/prayerwall> If you would like to do this but are unable to access the website, then please either phone me or write it down and post it to me at the Vicarage and it will be added for you. Remember that we can pray anywhere and that God is with us wherever we are. Please keep safe and well - and keep in touch with each other – and do please let me know if there is anything you feel I need to be made aware of. Thank you.

SERVICES WILL CONTINUE ONLINE AND CD AS AT PRESENT. Please contact Rev Elaine or Andrew and Wendy Rudd if you, or anyone you know would like to receive our weekly service on a CD. The current website link is: <https://slfchurch.org/trinity-sunday-on>

SERVICES IN CHURCH: there will be a service of Holy Communion at 8am and 10am each Sunday as we ease out of Lockdown. We will continue to follow Government and Church of England guidelines as we are not “out of the woods” yet. Face masks must be used in Church. Also, as you are aware seating in church has been re-arranged to comply with social distancing requirements, reducing numbers who can attend.

To help us manage this if you intend to come to the 10am service – please contact Joanna Ayliffe: or email: joannaayliffe@gmail.com by each Friday. No need to book for the 8am service.

Prayers

Our prayers for those who are sick: If you know of anyone whom you feel needs our prayers – please ask permission from them or their family and then pass their name to Rev Elaine: revelaine@nym.hush.com

Please pray for –

Those who are sick

Those who have died

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time

Letter

Some thoughts from the “Vicar’s husband”

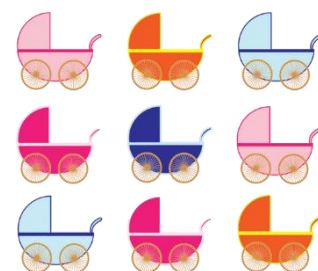
Dear friends,

As we enter our second year as Frodsham residents, and Elaine’s thirteenth month as Vicar of Frodsham, to which position, - by the Grace of God, - she will be formally and finally Inducted on the 3rd October (18th Sunday after Trinity), it seems appropriate to reflect on the year just past.

You may recall that in her Pentecost sermon, Elaine exhorted us to look out for the promptings of the Holy Spirit and respond accordingly. Elaine did that 20 months ago now, and as a result, Frodsham has its first woman Vicar – only the sixth Vicar since just before the First World War. Thankfully, the response has generally been very

positive, although there are always a few people in every parish who struggle with change. The consequences of parish ministry within the severe constraints Covid-19 has imposed on us means that however things used to be, they will not be the same again in the future; “but we’ve always done it like this Vicar” is to miss the point – to look backwards, not forwards.

There is currently a backlog of fourteen Baptisms – and the fifteen months of lockdown has meant that some of the infants awaiting Baptism now have a younger sibling who has joined the queue! Those of you who were in church last week will have heard Elaine read seven sets of Banns of Marriage – another queue, this time of deferred weddings.



One reason I am writing the Newsletter this week is to give Elaine time to meet some of the families who have asked for their children to be baptised. A God given opportunity to meet with new people who can be encouraged to become part of our Christian family.

This past year has been the most uncompromising and exhausting first year in a new parish imaginable. We have managed two Sundays off (and even then, the recorded service was prepared in advance). In normal circumstances this should have been six full weeks, including the Sundays + retreats to allow for time of Spiritual refreshment. Our recent long weekend in North Wales was lovely, but it only provided a brief respite from the constant demands of parish life.

Please continue to hold Elaine and our family in your prayers, offer your support when asked, and do your best to see and share the bigger picture; look out for the signposts the Holy Spirit gives us as we seek to grow our Christian family at St Laurence.

Every blessing, Phil

Notices

SUPPORTING VICTIMS OF MODERN SLAVERY As we begin to try to return to some aspects of normality, you might find yourself visiting 'The Tea Shop in Helsby' for lunch or afternoon tea. Hilary has made some Earthenware Jugs, to hold your milk or soya for your tea or coffee. The shop has agreed to sell these and transfer the funds directly to the Churches A/C for Victims of Modern Slavery.

If you have any ideas as to how we might continue to raise donations for Victims of Modern Slavery, please contact Stephen or Chris, or email: scpickett@hotmail.com

FOODBANK Donations can be made at Morrison's, Sainsbury's and Tesco and also to Frodsham distribution centre at Guide HQ, Ship Street between 1 and 3 pm on Fridays (excluding Bank Holidays). Current needs are: Tinned fruit, Sponge puddings, Deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo/conditioner. To find out about obtaining a voucher, opening times of distribution centres or how to donate financially online, please visit the website – runcorndistrict.foodbank.org.uk

DONATIONS TO CHURCH If you would like to contribute to St Laurence, our Bank Account details are as follows: ST LAURENCE FRODSHAM PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL Sort Code: 09-01-55 Account No: 42559803. Alternatively, you can use our online donations page:

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/371c0c8f-ea13-4763-9688-e0de77dd8475> Thank you.

News from Church Members

THE WANDERING CHORISTERS

Today we travelled to Acton Bridge and thought it would be a good idea to start our walk to Dutton Locks from here as the route runs adjacent to the River Weaver and neither of us had walked there before. Those of you who read about our walks may remember that several weeks ago we walked from Kingsley to Dutton Locks, so we thought it would be interesting to approach it from the opposite direction. We had to park the car about a quarter of a mile away from our intended start point near the swing bridge as there was nowhere to park close by. The weather has been very kind to us on our walks and today was no exception. As we started out we noticed some quaint cottages on the right hand side and imagined how nice it would be to live there overlooking the river. We walked about half a mile, the road being straight and narrow. As we approached a bend we saw a dog in the distance who appeared to be on his own, and as we got nearer the dog stopped and so did we, he was a handsome looking collie and as we approached slowly he got down on his front paws with his back end in the air, and in that very moment we weren't sure whether he was friendly or not. Barbara and I thought he was about to pounce on us so we stopped and I began to talk to him calmly and in a gentle manner. We slowly moved forward and as we did so the dog moved



backwards, it was quite funny really if we hadn't been so scared. The dog began to pick up small sticks in his mouth then and placed them in front of us and then backed away, strange behaviour, we thought, then it occurred to me that maybe the dog wanted us to throw the stick for him, clever dog. Suddenly a man appeared and shouted to the dog by name and explained to us that it was friendly and wanted to play. Apparently he lived on a houseboat and he was just letting the dog stretch his legs. We continued on and came across a seat overlooking the river so we stopped here to have our picnic lunch and laughed about our recent experience with the dog. There was a lot of activity on the river as the Grange School were out rowing/training, so we sat and watched them for a while before heading off. We soon realised that walking this route is easier and more straightforward than the one from Kingsley. We were glad to reach the locks and made a beeline for one of the picnic tables. We had some drinks and fruit left from our picnic, so we tucked into them before heading back to Acton Bridge and home to Frodsham. I'll leave you with this little quote which I spotted outside a church some years ago when I was on holiday - If you can't sleep, don't count sheep - talk to the shepherd. Sounds good to me. God bless Jeanie and Barbara



From The Church of England

Church Commissioners' statement on ExxonMobil's AGM

Background: The Church Commissioners have a long history of active engagement with companies including ExxonMobil, leveraging their position as an investor to drive positive change at corporates which mitigate risk and benefit both stakeholders and society. Beginning in December 2020, the campaign led by Engine No. 1, supported by the Church Commissioners for England and other investors, urged ExxonMobil to develop a pragmatic energy transition strategy and refresh its board. The Engine No. 1 campaign is also supported by CalSTRS, the US's second-largest pension fund, among others.

Statement: Bess Joffe, Head of Responsible Investment at the Church Commissioners for England said: "We are cautiously optimistic following the apparent appointment to Exxon's board of three directors proposed by Engine No1, since it is clear to us that the existing board is not taking the company's transition plan or renewables strategy seriously.

We hope the existing board directors will work with the new non-executive directors and benefit from their significant experience with transition plans and in renewable energy.

We will be engaging urgently with the company to understand the pace and scale of strategic change that we can expect in the face of the significant expression of investor dissatisfaction this campaign represents.

Should the company fail to demonstrate sufficient progress on their transition strategy, the Church Commissioners would expect to divest from Exxon."

The Alternative Collect for the Second Sunday after Trinity

Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Daily Prayer

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

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