

Parking for Church on Sundays

We were aware last week that a small number of our congregation received parking tickets for parking in the cobbled area near the passageway between The Hospice Shop and The Original Factory Shop. Strictly, according to the signage, there are no vehicles (and thus no parking) permitted in this area at any time (Including Sunday), so we would strongly advise that people do not park here. The church has taken this matter up directly with Fakenham Town Council, and we will advise the outcome as soon as we have any further information. In the meantime, please let us know if you require any special parking consideration and we will do our best to assist.

Keith

Scam Emails

A few people in the congregation have received emails purporting to have been sent by Francis, styled using his name. In fact, if these emails come from any other email address than revmason@btinternet.com, they are scams, and you should delete them without replying (one was recently received from revincharge@aol.com for instance). This does not appear to be a widespread problem, so there is no need to worry but if you have any questions, I'm happy to try to help further.

Keith

Autumn Clean - Fri. 3rd Sept. 2.00pm

Please bring hoovers, dusters, brushes, etc. Please note we can't do it on Friday morning as our MP is holding a surgery in the Trinity Room.

Social events:

To help with fellowship and community we would like to hold more social events. If you have ideas or would like to be involved, there will be a meeting on Mon 23rd August 2.00pm in church. We hope to look at ideas / suggestions and form a small team to take the ideas forward. If you are interested in any of these events, please talk to me with your ideas or offers. *Roger*

Harvest Festival - Sunday 12th Sept.

Special Harvest Service - 10am (no communion)
As a mark of our thanksgiving, you are invited to bring gifts of food suitable for the Food Bank. The service will be followed by a social time with **Bring and Share lunch** co-ordinated by Judith Smyth. All welcome!

Norfolk Churches Trust Bike, Ride or Walk

Collect sponsors and spend Saturday 11th September visiting churches to raise funds for Fakenham Parish Church and Norfolk Churches Trust. Last year our participants raised over £700 for our church. We'd like to do even better this year! Please contact Roger for a sponsor form or download one from norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride. Those who are willing to take part, please tell Roger so that we can help with sponsorship.

Service of Thanksgiving in memory of Pamela Thomas

Chris, Amanda and Belinda would be delighted if you would join them on Friday 10th September at 2pm in church for a Thanksgiving Service in memory of Pamela, a loving wife, mother, granma and dear friend to many.

22nd August 2021 The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to everyone joining us for worship today. Our hope is that as we come together to worship, we will each encounter the living God and be strengthened in our work for Him during the coming week.

Our thanks to Rev'd Peter Day for celebrating Holy Communion with us at 10.00am today.

Please note that our guidelines for Covid are still in place.

Please remember in your prayers:

- Bishops Graham (Norwich), Alan (Thetford) and Jane (Lynn);
- Francis and Gill Mason as they prepare for their retirement and move to Lincolnshire;
- all who have Permission to Officiate;
- the Anglican Church of South America;
- Ecumenical Links with the Deanery, Churches Together and ways used to help foster links with Christians;
- people on holiday;
- those who live or work in North Drive, Thorpeland Road, Lee Warner Avenue and Whitelands;
- those who are unwell including: Mary, Ken, David, Jane, Margaret Sewell, Ray, Joyce and Heather;
- those known to us who have died recently & their families - Maureen Masterson;
- the anniversary of the late Doris Cunningham.

Services and events this week:

Sun 22 nd Aug	10.00am	Holy Communion Rev'd Peter Day
	2.00pm	Baptism of Rupert Lane Rev'd Christine Wheeler
Mon 23 rd Aug	2.00pm	Open meeting about church social events
Tue 24 th Aug	10.45am	Organ Blower service
Wed 25 th Aug	1.00pm	Set up stalls & Archive Group exhibition
Thu 26 th Aug		Archive Exhibition opens Open daily until 2nd Sept
	9.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Refreshments and stalls
	5.15pm	Choir practice
Fri 27 th Aug	2.00pm	Prepare Book & Jigsaw Fair
Sat 28 th Aug	9.00am - 12noon	Book & Jigsaw Fair – followed by restoring Church

Next Sunday's services (29th August)

10.00am Holy Communion (Rev'd Christine Wheeler)

Collect for 12th Sunday after Trinity:

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hymns

The hymns for today are:

15 All my hope on God is founded;
83 Christ's is the world;
372 O Jesus I have promised

Readings today:

1 Kings 8 22-30, 41-43

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in front of the whole assembly of Israel, spread out his hands toward heaven ²³ and said:

"Lord, the God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below—you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way. ²⁴ You have kept your promise to your servant David my father; with your mouth you have promised and with your hand you have fulfilled it—as it is today.

²⁵ "Now Lord, the God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father the promises you made to him when you said, 'You shall never fail to have a successor to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your descendants are careful in all they do to walk before me faithfully as you have done.' ²⁶ And now, God of Israel, let your word that you promised your servant David my father come true.

²⁷ "But will God really dwell on earth? The heavens, even the highest heaven, cannot contain you. How much less this temple I have built! ²⁸ Yet give attention to your servant's prayer and his plea for mercy, Lord my God. Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence this day. ²⁹ May your eyes be open toward this temple night and day, this place of which you said, 'My Name shall be there,' so that you will hear the prayer your servant prays toward this place. ³⁰ Hear the supplication of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place. Hear from heaven, your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive.

⁴¹ "As for the foreigner who does not belong to your people Israel but has come from a distant land because of your name— ⁴² for they will hear of your great name and your mighty hand and your outstretched arm— when they come and pray toward this temple, ⁴³ then hear from heaven, your dwelling place. Do whatever the foreigner asks of you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your

own people Israel, and may know that this house I have built bears your Name.

John 6. 56-69

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹ He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

⁶⁰ On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?"

⁶¹ Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you? ⁶² Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! ⁶³ The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life. ⁶⁴ Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. ⁶⁵ He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them."

⁶⁶ From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. ⁶⁷ "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve.

⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God."

Next week's readings (13th Sunday after Trinity):

Song of Solomon 2.8-13

Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Notices

Thursday Stalls and Refreshments

Totals for Thurs 12th August are:

Refreshments: £250.00. Stalls £213.43. A grand total of £463.43. A marvellous total! Thank you so much to everyone who helped out on the day. Please call in yourself and do help us to spread the word.

Plant Stall

If you are dividing plants now, or find seedlings, please pot them up for the plant stall on Thurs 30th Sept 10am – 12 noon, in church. Plants can be delivered to church on Weds 29th Sept, 2pm, or on the day. Please label plants clearly. Proceeds from this sale will help towards cost of church flowers. Many thanks.

Margaret Tomlinson (flower organiser)

Book and Jigsaw Fairs

Last week's Fair raised £425. Please help us to raise even more next week. Setting up on Friday. Help is needed on Saturday, especially with restoring the church at 12 noon.