

COMING UP...

Community Afternoon Tea Sunday 26th July

Theme 'The Owl and the Pussycat'

There is a sign-up list at the back of the church if you can help with provision of food or help of any kind. Thank you



We are asking for donations for the Coffee Morning, Gifts, books and other goodies for the stalls. Raffle prizes. Please bring your donations to the office.

Thank you!

THIS WEEK

Sunday 12 July – Trinity 6

8.30am Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

10am Holy Communion and Zoom

JaM Family Ministry in the small hall

5pm Iona in the Lady Chapel

Monday 13 July

Please pray for those suffering with poor physical health

Bailey Crescent and Brampton Road

11am Thanksgiving service in church for the life of Geoffrey Cobb

7.30pm Bell Ringers Practice

Tuesday 14 July

Please pray for a charity you choose to support
Bright Road and Bushell Road

Wednesday 15 July

Please pray for the provision of log piles to give insects shelter

Cherita Court and Chorley Close

10am Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

2.4pm Fellowship Group in the small hall

Thursday 16 July

Please pray for all churchwardens

Christopher Crescent and Cobbs Lane

12 Noon Lunch Club in the small hall

Friday 17 July

Please pray for those affected by the earthquake in Venezuela

Collwood Close and Connell Road

Saturday 18 July

9am Prayers for the Parish on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8430477988pwd=VFpUWlpXU0VwUzFjSWp3WHZNTGpWdz09>

Meeting ID: 843 0477 9888 Passcode: 266213

Please pray for all St George's services

Curliou Road and Daisy Close

Sunday 19 July – Trinity 5

8.30am Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

10am Holy Communion and Zoom

Prayer Ministry after this service

JaM Family Ministry in the small hall

12noon Baptism of Arthur Elliot Lake



THIS WEEK AT OAKDALE ST GEORGE 12th July 2026 ~ Trinity 6

Dear Friends,

It is a joy to return from my Sabbatical and be with you all again. You have been in my prayers wherever I have been and I know that I have been in yours.

Much of my sabbatical involved listening. Listening to God through my reading, listening to His word in my travels, listening for His wisdom in conversations with others, listening to His voice in the different churches I've visited and sermons I've heard, and listening to His creation as I have explored the natural world around me.

Today Jesus reminds us of the need to hear what God is saying to us. His parables are all 'heard' in different ways, and we must all listen carefully to understand what God is speaking into our lives.

May we 'listen' to hear God's voice always, and listen to one another, and to the people and world around us. Amen.

Penny

Iona 5pm - in the Lady Chapel

Next Sunday – 19th July ~ Trinity 7

Readings: Romans 8. 12-25

Matthew 13. 24-30, 36-43

12noon Baptism

Hearing loop available in church.

Turn your hearing aid to the T switch

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Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings

Romans 8.1–11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Matthew 13.1–9, 18–23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell

on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!' 'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please pray for

Worldwide: The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

Diocese: Ludgershall and Tidworth, Stonehenge Deanery

Local: Holiday visitors worshipping with us

Immediate Prayer: Alf Lane, Jacob Mason, Peter Hooper, Alison, Frances, Nancy, Val, Willow.



Continuous Prayer: Terry Adkins, Carol Burridge, Tony Bursey, Bethany Cook, Hazel Day, Richard and Anita Glynn, Hilary Henson, Jim L, Beverley Mitchell, Chris Moody, Frederick Perry, Jenny Read, Sue Rowledge, Carrie Spencer, Ginny Williams, Chris, Dorothy, Judith, Julie, Kezia

Also, we remember those who have died recently **RIP Geoffrey Cobb** and those whose anniversaries fall at this time: **Joan Rodgers**

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St George's Tower Cross can be floodlit for occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries or to remember a loved one. Request cards are available in the office. The cost remains at £10.

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Help Needed Please! to tidy the Garden of Remembrance on Friday Mornings 10am to 12noon. Please bring your own gardening tools. Weather permitting, of course! Coffee and biscuits provided.



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You may be aware of media reports about a safeguarding investigation into the Bishop of Salisbury Stephen Lake. The national church has confirmed that concerns have been raised with the National Safeguarding Team. These are being taken very seriously and responded to according to House of Bishops Code of Practice. Support is being offered to all those involved.

There is no further information at this stage. Please pray for all those affected and if the news raises particular concerns for you, please make contact with the National Safeguarding Team who are dealing with this investigation or contact the independent charity Safe Spaces, who offer a free helpline.