



# A WARM WELCOME!

## St David's Church, Shenley Green

*"An inclusive church, lifting high the name of Jesus at the heart of the community"*

*This Week's News*  
 23rd July 2023  
**The Seventh Sunday**  
**after Trinity**



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	<b>This week</b>	<b>Next week</b>
Bible Readings	Isaiah 44.6-8 (Geraint L) Romans 8.12-25 (Elaine H) Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43	Matthew 13. 31-33, 44-52
Meet & Greet Intercessor Chalice	Bill W + Joanna C Sheila L Jeff C + Brenda H	TBC

### What's on

Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	10 am	Holy Communion: Paul
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July		
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	10 am – 12	Place of Welcome
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July		
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> July	10 am – 12	Place of Welcome
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> July		
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> July	10 am	Communion Service with Songs and Prayers <b>Followed by PCC</b>

\* Uniformed groups meet Mon-Thurs evenings, Curtain Call on Friday (7-9 pm)

### Notices

- The flowers are in memory of Keith's late wife, Caroline, who would have celebrated her 65th birthday on Saturday, 22nd July.
- The summer Holiday season will start soon. Wherever you go and whatever you do with your family and friends for a holiday, please have a great time and always remember that there is someone who prays for you. **Please let Paul know when you're away.**
- Our website is getting updated, so please visit and email your feedback to Charitas.  
<https://www.stdavidsshenleygreen.org/>
- **The rota** for the Sunday service **from August to October** is on the notice board between Narthex and the hall. So, please amend it according to your availability.
- **Prayer Ministry Team** will be able to pray with you during the communion (or even after the service) near the Baptismal Font. So please do not hesitate to sit with them and pray together.

❖ Please continue to pray for: **Pat Kendrick, Val Tatlow, Beryl Earp, and Barry Shipman**

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to donate. Please see our treasurer **Keith Mason** if you wish to Gift Aid any donations to St David's Church.



If you wish to do something for the church, **whether big or small**, please speak to Paul or Mike, and if you want to **celebrate your or a loved one's birthday or special occasion together on Sunday** by donating flowers or cake for coffee time, please speak to Paul or Mike as well.

**Do you have a Notice?**

Please email your item(s) to [stdavidsshensleygreen@gmail.com](mailto:stdavidsshensleygreen@gmail.com) and let us know the dates you wish item(s) to be listed. Thank you!

**Collect:**

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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**

**Isaiah 44.6-8 NIV**

"This is what the Lord says— Israel's King and Redeemer, the Lord Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God. Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and lay out before me what has happened since I established my ancient people, and what is yet to come— yes, let them foretell what will come. Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me? No, there is no other Rock; I know not one."

**Romans 8.12-25 NIV**

Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit,

groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

**Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43 NIV**

Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?' "'An enemy did this,' he replied. "The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' "'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'" Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.