



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
16th July 2023
The Sixth Sunday
after Trinity



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	This week	Next week
Bible Readings	Isaiah 55.10-13(David G) Romans 8.1-11(Fran M) Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23	Isaiah 44.6-8(Geraint L) Romans 8.12-25(Elaine H) Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43
Meet & Greet Intercessor Chalice	Brenda H Jeff C Sheila L	Bill W + Joanna C Sheila L Jeff C + Brenda H

What's on

Sunday 16 th July	10 am	Holy Communion: Pat and Paul
	2.30 pm	Messy Church 
Monday 17 th July	9.30 – 11.15 am	Small World
Tuesday 18 th July	10 am – 12	Place of Welcome
Wednesday 19 th July	9.30 – 11.15 am	Small World
Thursday 20 th July	10 am – 12	Place of Welcome
Friday 21 st July	9.30 – 11.15 am	Small World
	10 am - 12	Narthex Knitting Group
Sunday 23 rd July	10 am	Holy Communion: Paul

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

Notices

- For your diary: On the fifth Sunday of this month, **30th July**, we will have a service with a special communion and with lots of songs and prayers.
- 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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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 and let us know the dates you wish item(s) to be listed. Thank you!

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**

Isaiah 55:10-13 NIV

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow. This will be for the Lord's renown, for an everlasting sign, that will endure forever."

Romans 8.1-11 NIV

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.

But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 NIV

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear." "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."