The Somersham Benefice

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Trinity 1

Collect prayer

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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.**

Hosea 5.15 – 6.6

Hear the word of the LORD, O people of Israel: I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favour: 'Come, let us return to the LORD; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.' What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgement goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt-offerings.

Romans 4.13–25

The promise that Abraham would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') – Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations,' according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him,' were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in God who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Matthew 9.9–13, 18–26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.' While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Post-communion prayer

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Prayer Diary

Sunday 7th June - First Sunday after Trinity

Benefice of Papworth (Bourn, Boxworth, Caxton, Conington, Croxton, Elsworth, Eltisley, Graveley with Papworth St Agnes, Kingston, Knapwell, Lolworth, Longstowe, Papworth Everard, Toseland, Yelling): The Revd Matt Phillips, The Revd Geoff Dodgson; LLM: Amanda Norman

The Scottish Episcopal Church

Monday 8th

Benefice of The Lordsbridge Team (Barton, Caldecote and Childerly, Comberton, Coton, Dry Drayton, Great Eversden, Hardwick, Harlton, Haslingfield, Little Eversden, Toft): The Revd Clare Coates, The Revd Charles Fraser, The Revd Barnabas Leeke, The Revd Corin Redsell, The Revd Professor Michael Reiss, The Revd Chris Westgarth, The Revd Claire Robertson; LLMs: Mrs Ruth Bond, Mrs Sue Nelms, Mrs Barbara Preece, Mrs Sarah Rittman, Mrs Jennie Tombs

The Diocese of Accra – The Church of the Province of West Africa

Tuesday 9th

Deanery of Cambridge North, Rural Dean, The Revd Canon Nick Moir and the Lay Chair Canon Lindsay Davies.

The Diocese of Adelaide – The Anglican Church of Australia

Wednesday 10thBenefice of Cambridge Holy Cross: The Revd Danny Driver

The Diocese of Afikpo – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Thursday 11

th Benefice of Chesterton: The Revd Dr Philip Lockley, The Revd Duncan Gray, The Revd Steven McGregor, The Revd Dorothy Peyton Jones

The Diocese of North Africa – The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

Friday 12

th Benefice of Fen Ditton, Teversham and Horningsea: The Revd Canon Nick Moir, The Revd Sharon Byrne; LLMs: Mr Trevor Thorn, Dr David Williams

The Diocese of Agra – The Church of North India (United)

Saturday 13Benefice of Holy Sepulchre with All Saints, Cambridge: The Revd Alasdair Paine, The Revd Dr John Percival, The Revd Ed Underhill

The Diocese of Aguata – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Your prayers are asked for:

Kevin Shillington, Roy Brown, Roz and Tim Berry, Mary M, Ernest, Riley, Jamie, Karen, Gwen, Isabel, Carol, Jane, Leesa. Lyn, Lea.

R.I.P.:

Dianna Skeggs

Please pray too for:

Our newly appointed Rector for the Somersham Parishes, **Rev Robert Kean,** who will be taking office at a service on **Weds September 9th**. More details to follow when available.

Services this week and next:

Sunday 7th June (*Trinity 1*)

09.00	Pidley	Holy Communion
10.30	Somersham	Holy Communion

Wednesday 10th

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Thursday 11th

10.00	Woodhurst	Holy Communion

Sunday 14th (*Trinity 2*)

09.00	Old Hurst	Holy Communion
09.00	Pidley	Service of the Word
10.30	Somersham	Service of the Word

Wednesday 17th

09.30	Somersham	Holy Communion

Regular Activities

Welcome Café
Somersham Church 4th Sat of the month. 10:30-11:30 am. Coffee, Cake, Chat. Next: 27th June.

Woodhurst Open Church
1st Sat of the month. 10.30-12 noon.
Next: 4th July

MiniMum
Somersham Church, 1st Weds of the month 10.30 am.
Next meeting 1st July

Benefice Homegroup
Next: 9th June, 32 Norwood Road, Somersham.

Remembering Group for the bereaved.
2nd Weds of the month, 2pm. Next: 10th June.

Creative Minds.
Coffee & mindful activity/ crafts. Somersham Church 3rd Weds of the month, 2.30-4.30pm, Next: 17th June

Little Acorns baby and toddler group.
Tuesdays 9.30-11am. (During term times)

Messy Church
Next Messy Church TBA

Dynamite
Tweens' youth group for school years 4-8 at the Baptist Church, Somersham in partnership with St. John the Baptist, Somersham. Next meetings: 19th June, 10th July