

St Mary, Whitegate and St Peter, Little Budworth – Sunday 26th September

Trinity 17

Morning Prayer & Holy Communion

Psalm 19.7-end

- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; •
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the simple.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart; •
the commandment of the Lord is pure
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; •
the judgements of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, •
sweeter also than honey,
dripping from the honeycomb.
- 11 By them also is your servant taught •
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often they offend? •
O cleanse me from my secret faults!
- 13 Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins
lest they get dominion over me; •
so shall I be undefiled,
and innocent of great offence.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of
my heart
be acceptable in your sight, •
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Collect

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in
you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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.

Numbers 11.4-6, 10-16, 24-29

4 The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, ‘If only we had meat to eat!’⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.’

10 Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the Lord, ‘Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favour in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me?’ ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, “Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child”, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, “Give us meat to eat!” ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favour in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.’

16 So the Lord said to Moses, ‘Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.’

24 So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

26 Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, ‘Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.’ ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, ²⁹said, ‘My lord Moses, stop them!’ ²⁹But Moses said to him, ‘Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!’

Mark 9.38-end

38 John said to him, ‘Teacher, we saw someone ^{*}casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.’ ³⁹But Jesus said, ‘Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.’

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42 'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

49 'For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

NOTICES:

At the end of the service please place your service booklet in the box provided at the back of church and take this sheet home with you.

Forthcoming services:

3rd October Harvest Festival
9.30am Family Service at St Mary's
11.00am Family Service at St Peter's

10th October Trinity 19
9.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's
11.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's

17th October Trinity 20
9.30am Morning Prayer at St Mary's
11.00 Holy Communion at St Peter's

24th October Bible Sunday
9.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's
11.00am Morning Prayer at St Peter's

31st October All Saints
10.30am Benefice Communion at St Peter's

Pastoral Visiting

To enable us to work in a safer way and use travel distance more economically the clergy will resume pastoral visiting by prior arrangement.

Travelling from house to house is not the best way to protect people's health and many calls are to homes where people are out.

If you would like a member of the clergy to visit please contact the Vicar.

Minnows

Our Minnows group has restarted and meets in the Mews on Thursdays 1.00-3.00pm.

Harvest

There is a plate at the door in St Peter's for contribution for Harvest flowers. All gifts very much appreciated.

St Peter's events

Coffee and chat in church every 1st & 3rd Wednesday morning 10.30 – 12.00. All welcome. Starts on 6th October.

Ladies Lunch at the Red Lion every 2nd Wednesday. The menu and list for 13th October will be available at our Harvest Festival on 3rd October.

Vacancies at St Mary's:

At our last APCM 3 members of our PCC came to the end of their term office with no-one offering to stand for election. We therefore have 3 vacancies to fill. Anyone who has been a member of the Electoral Roll for at least six months is eligible to serve on the PCC.

We also have vacancies for the following:

- A co-ordinator for magazine subscriptions (essential if we are to restart the magazine)
- Providing and assisting with flowers
- Setting up the altar before services of Holy Communion
- Sidespeople

Please speak with the Vicar or Churchwardens for details.

For your prayers

Funerals: Audrey Adamson; George Goulborn