

St Mary, Whitegate and St Peter, Little Budworth – Sunday 12th September
Trinity 15
Holy Communion

Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 50.4-9a

The Servant's Humiliation and Vindication

⁴ The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he awakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
⁵ The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backwards.
⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
⁷ The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸ he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
⁹ It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?
All of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

Mark 8.27-end

27 Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' ²⁸And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' ²⁹He asked them,

'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'



Post Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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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:

12th September Trinity 15

9.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's

11.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's

19th September Trinity 16

9.30am Morning Prayer at St Mary's

11.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's

26th September Trinity 17

9.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's

11.00am Morning Prayer 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. Home Communion will resume from September onwards by prior arrangement.

Minnows

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

PCC Meetings

St Peter's PCC meets Monday 13th September at 7.30pm in church.

St Mary's PCC meets Tuesday 14th September at 7.30pm in the Mews.

For your Prayers