

**St Mary, Whitegate and St Peter, Little Budworth**  
**Readings for Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July - 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**  
**Morning Prayer or Holy Communion**

**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.

**PSALM: 85**

Lord, you were gracious to your land; ♦  
*you restored the fortunes of Jacob.*  
You forgave the offence of your people ♦  
*and covered all their sins.*  
You laid aside all your fury ♦  
*and turned from your wrathful indignation.*  
Restore us again, O God our Saviour, ♦  
*and let your anger cease from us.*  
Will you be displeased with us for ever? ♦  
*Will you stretch out your wrath from one generation to another?*  
Will you not give us life again, ♦  
*that your people may rejoice in you?*  
Show us your mercy, O Lord, ♦  
*and grant us your salvation.*  
I will listen to what the Lord God will say, ♦  
*for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful, that they turn not again to folly.*  
Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him, ♦

*that his glory may dwell in our land.*

Mercy and truth are met together, ♦  
*righteousness and peace have kissed each other;*

Truth shall spring up from the earth ♦  
*and righteousness look down from heaven.*

The Lord will indeed give all that is good, ♦  
*and our land will yield its increase.*

Righteousness shall go before him ♦  
*and direct his steps in the way.*

**FIRST READING:**

Hosea 2: 1-10

Say to your brother, Ammi, and to your sister, Ruhamah.

2 Plead with your mother, plead - for she is not my wife, and I am not her husband that she put away her whoring from her face, and her adultery from between her breasts, 3 or I will strip her naked and expose her as in the day she was born, and make her like a wilderness, and turn her into a parched land, and kill her with thirst.

4 Upon her children also I will have no pity, because they are children of whoredom. 5 For their mother has played the whore; she who conceived them has acted shamefully. For she said, 'I will go after my lovers; they give me my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, my oil and my drink.'

6 Therefore I will hedge her way with thorns; and I will build a wall against her, so that she cannot find her paths.

7 She shall pursue her lovers, but not overtake them; and she shall seek them, but shall not find them.

Then she shall say, 'I will go and return to my first husband, for it was better with me then than now.'

8 She did not know that it was I who gave her the grain, the wine, and the oil, and who lavished upon her silver and gold that they used for Baal.

9 Therefore I will take back my grain in its time, and my wine in its season; and I will take away my wool and my flax, which were to cover her nakedness.

10 Now I will uncover her shame in the sight of her lovers, and no one shall rescue her out of my hand.

### **GOSPEL READING:**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

All **Glory to you, O Lord**

Luke 11:1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' 2 He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come.

3 Give us each day our daily bread.

4 And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

5 And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; 6 for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." 7 And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." 8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least

because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

9 'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. 11 Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? 12 Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? 13 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

### **POST COMMUNION:**

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have led us to the living water:  
refresh and sustain us  
as we go forward on our journey,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **SAFEGUARDING:**

St Mary's & St Peter's take our duty and obligation to protect all extremely seriously. We have adopted the national Church of England's procedures and guidelines. You can find out more about the national policies and procedures at [www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding](http://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding)

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<https://www.chesterdiocese.org> and click on the "Safeguarding" tab

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