



ST LAURENCE'S PARISH CHURCH BIDFORD-ON-AVON

13th Sunday after Trinity

29th August, 2010

Wednesday 1st September

Church open 10.30 – 12.30 - **All welcome**
Coffee, Comfort and Companionship with the
Mothers' Union - Prayers at Noon

Thursday 2nd September

9.30 am Communion by Extension

Friday 3rd September

7.00 pm Youth Outreach

Sunday 5th September

14th Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Family Service

Notices

Saturday 11th September

Quiet Day

Contact Revd. Sue Henwood for further details

Resuming on Monday 13th September

Bible Study – 23 High Street

'**Live Generation**' - Youth Club,
Methodist Church

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TODAY'S SERVICES

We welcome: 8.00 Morning Prayer
Mr Alex Smith
10.00 Holy Communion
Revd. Peter Walker

Hymn No: 253
For the beauty of the earth

Hymn No: 488
Jesus, humble was your birth

Hymn No: 96
Jesu, lover of my soul

Hymn No: 308
Just as I am, without one plea

Hymn No: 368
All my hope of God is founded

The Collect

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to
yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

First Reading

Jeremiah 2: 4-13

4. Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob,
and all the families of the house of Israel.
5. Thus says the Lord:
What wrong did your ancestors find in me
that they went far from me,
and went after worthless things, and became
worthless themselves?
6. They did not say, "Where is the Lord
who brought us up from the land of Egypt,
who led us in the wilderness,
in a land of deserts and pits,
in a land of drought and deep darkness,
in a land that no one passes through,
where no one lives?"
7. I brought you into a plentiful land
to eat its fruits and its good things.
But when you entered you defiled my land,
and made my heritage an abomination.
8. The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?"
Those who handle the law did not know me;
the rulers transgressed against me;
the prophets prophesied by Baal,
and went after things that do not profit.
9. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the
Lord, and I accuse your children's children.
10. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look,
send to Kedar and examine with care;
see if there has ever been such a thing.
11. Has a nation changed its gods,
even though they are no gods?
But my people have changed their glory
for something that does not profit.
12. Be appalled, O heavens, at this,
be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord,
13. for my people have committed two evils:
they have forsaken me,
the fountain of living water,
and dug out cisterns for themselves,
cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Second Reading

Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16

1. Let mutual love continue.
2. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.
3. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.
4. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers.
5. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you."
6. So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"
7. Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.
8. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.
15. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name.
16. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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The Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke

Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Glory to you, O Lord

1. On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.
7. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable.
8. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host;
9. and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.
10. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you.
11. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."
12. He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid.
13. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.
14. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Post Communion

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All are warmly invited to join with us for
coffee and biscuits in the Church Hall after
the service**