

Next Week's Readings:

Sixteenth Sunday on Ordinary Time (C)

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a

I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by.

The Lord appeared to him at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction. They replied 'Do as you say'.

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

Where is your wife Sarah? they asked him. 'She is in the tent' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail, and your wife will then have a son'.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 14(15):1-2. 3-4b. 4c-5 R.v.1

Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28

The message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries has now been revealed to God's saints.

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my own body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Martha welcomed Jesus into her house. It is Mary who has chosen the better part.

In the course of their journey he came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

10th/11th July 2010

Junior Church – Please note that Junior Church ends for the summer today and meets again on Sunday 12th September.

While the Abbey Church is Closed:

1. **Traidcraft** will be a 'virtual' stall! Please continue to support our Traidcraft Stall during this time by making your requests for items to Patricia Wallace who will be happy to deal with them.

You can contact Patricia Tel: 01444 458324 or E-mail: patriciawallace@btinternet.com.

2. The **Liturgy of Prayers for Healing** is suspended until the Church re-opens at Christmas.

The Big Silence – Screening of the series, featuring Worth Monastery, has been postponed. More details later.

Abbatial Blessing – Bishop Kieran will bless our new Abbot Kevin in a Marquee Church sited behind the classroom block on Saturday 11th September at 2.30 pm. The marquee holds 1,400 people so all are welcome.

Church Refurbishment – The parish generously raised £36,000 from individual donations in the recent appeal to assist with the development of the Abbey Church. At separate meetings of the Finance Committee and the PPC it was unanimously agreed to supplement this amount with a further donation from parish funds of £20,000. The completed church development will be a wonderful help to our parish, particularly at this time as we seek to become a "more Benedictine parish". (PDP)

Papal Visit – The Benediction in Hyde Park on Saturday 18th September is now oversubscribed, but there are places left for Coventry on Sunday 19th. Please phone the Parish Office 01342 710313, by

Monday 12th July if you are interested. NB coaches for Coventry will be leaving between 3.00 and 5.00am.

Mandy Horton our parish secretary is away during July visiting her family in Malaysia.

Events of interest – Sunday 11th July - **Jazz Concert** with the Roger Hind Quartet in aid of St Catherine's Hospice, 12.30 for 1.00pm. Bring your own picnic. Entrance by ticket only £5 (youngsters free) from Lana Tel: 01342 712738. **Sunday 18th July - The Strollers** will be walking to The White Hart at Selsfield for lunch at 1.15pm and back to the Parrish Office for tea. You are very welcome to join us and please let me know if you are having lunch. Tel: Sue 01342835416. **Sunday 8th August**, 10.30am - **Ecumenical Service** at St Leonard's Turners Hill. Fr James will be presiding and the new vicar Fr Tim Tregunno will be preaching

Climbing Mont Blanc – Good weather, a great local guide and sheer grit helped William and Timothy to complete their climb up and down Mont Blanc in one day - 6 hrs to the top from the Aiguille du Midi and then 4 hrs 15 mins back down to the same spot. Well done to them and many thanks again to all of you that have made donations. If you would like to support their Alzheimer and Lupus charities the links are: www.justgiving.com/wobsc climb - HD

Anniversaries – Daniel Heggerty, Alan Hook, Beatrice Blackaller, Tony Howes, John Fawls, Eileen O'Dwyer, Jennie Manktelow, Lilian Baker, Bob Mabey, Lilla Bethune, William Kibble, Ben Fielder and Julia Harvey.

Next Week's Gospels – **Monday** - Matthew 10:34-11:1; **Tuesday** - John 2:13-22 *Dedication of the Church*; **Wednesday** - Matthew 11:25-27; **Thursday** - Matthew 11:28-30; **Friday** - Matthew 12:1-8; **Saturday** - Matthew 12:14-21.