



First Sunday in June 2021, Trinity 1B

The Weekly Link

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Sunday 6th June

10am --- Together on Sunday
Communion led by Sarah with Cary preaching

Monday 7th June

7pm --- Funeral Preparation visit
Sarah meets in church with a funeral family

Wednesday 9th June

1030 --- Midweek Communion
based around the Diocesan weekly podcast

7.30pm --- Deanery Synod meets
we will be using Zoom in church for this

Thursday 10th June

0915 --- Mainly Music
an hour of songs and games for pre-schoolers

Sunday 13th June

10am --- Together on Sunday
Beginning our new Communion series 1 of 5

Tuesday 15th June

1045 --- Funeral at the Crematorium
for the late James Smith of this parish

Wednesday 16th June

1030 --- Midweek Communion
based around the Diocesan weekly podcast

Thursday 17th June

0915 --- Mainly Music
an hour of songs and games for pre-schoolers

Sunday 20th June

10am --- Together on Sunday
Continuing our new Communion series 2 of 5

Monday 21st June

7pm --- Parochial Church Council
in-person as new Govt guidelines permit

Wednesday 23rd June

1030 --- Midweek Communion
based around the Diocesan weekly podcast

Thursday 24th June

0915 --- Mainly Music
an hour of songs and games for pre-schoolers

Sunday 27th June

10am --- Together on Sunday
Continuing our new Communion series 3 of 5

Wednesday 30th June

1030 --- Midweek Communion
based around the Diocesan weekly podcast

Thursday 1st June

0915 --- Mainly Music
an hour of songs and games for pre-schoolers

securing our legacy as a church for everyone

TODAY'S PRAYER & READINGS

**God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life in
Jesus Christ your Son.**

Genesis 3.8–15

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?'

He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.'

He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?'

The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.'

Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?'

The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.'

The Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.'

Mark 3.20–35

And the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.'

And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.'

'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin'— for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.'

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.'

And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

Mainly Music

This week we launch our Thursday morning group for little ones. Over the rest of the summer term, we are piloting how to make this work best for our Warndon families. Each week there are full of songs and rhymes, actions and movement, designed to engage parents and little ones, helping create memories together. The structured 30-minute music session will be followed by 30 minutes of eat/play/chat. Snacks and refreshments are be served.

This week, please pray for:

- Chris as she gets ready to led all the up-front parts of the session and finishing learning the songs
- The families that we have invited to gel well together and create a core group
- COVID safety as we gather and serve refreshments and share in songs

Planned Giving

Many thanks to all the faithful generosity that has sustained our mission and ministry at St Wulstans. The last 15 months have been incredibly challenging for those churches who rely on money on the plate week by week. We are very blessed that so many of us are committed to regular giving through standing order. This has been able to continue uninterrupted by COVID and is deeply appreciated.

This week, please pray for:

- Angela, our treasurer as she begins preparing budgets for the new PCC to think through our financial priorities
- John Preston and the Diocesan team working out how to put a streamlined and fairer parish share scheme into operation

Wednesday Mornings

Have you ever thought of coming along to our midweek service? It's a gentle, informal communion to which all are welcome. The Wednesday morning craft group will be preparing to meet again soon, depending on Government announcements. It is good to share our building with this lovely bunch of creative, caring people.

This week, please pray about:

- inspiration and practicalities to make it possible to open up church on Wednesdays as a space for anyone to come in and share a cuppa, company, craft and communion

Deanery Synod

We are part of the much larger group of churches called Worcester Deanery. We have a next meeting on Wednesday, still by Zoom. However, the St Wulstans reps are getting together as a group to join in the online meeting in church.

This week, please pray for:

- Diane Cooksey, our area dean, leading the meeting and helping us learn more about the new parish share system
- Alison Maddocks, a good friend to us at St Wulstans, who is talking about her new role as Dean of Smaller Churches (which includes us!)

Cary Taylor

Please pray for Cary this week as she finds her feet on her placement with us. Pray too for her family as she juggles working from home with her part-time training at Queens in Birmingham for lay ministry.

Mysteries & My Stories

Together, we will be taking a summer journey into some of the most enduring puzzles we have about faith. These big questions deserve big answers!

Week 1 --- GOD WHO?

SUNDAY 13 - JUNE

What do Christians mean when they talk about God? And what do some of the big words like atheist, agnostic, and holiness mean?

Week 2 --- HEAVEN AND EARTH

SUNDAY 20 - JUNE

Some thoughts about our place in this stunning universe, in all its complexity and beauty, and why so many feel this points towards a creator.

Week 3 --- PAIN AND SUFFERING

SUNDAY 27 - JUNE

An honest look at the important question, how could a good, all-powerful God allow terrible things to happen in the world.

Week 4 --- SEEING IS BELIEVING

SUNDAY 4 - JULY

An interactive story-telling time where we consider ways in which ordinary people sincerely believe they've experienced an extraordinary God.

Week 5 --- SCIENCE VS FAITH

SUNDAY 11 - JULY

We end by exploring why for many, science has a more important role to play in their daily lives and in answering big questions than spirituality and faith do.

This week, in your prayers:

- talk to God about how these big questions make you think and feel, where you feel safe and confident and which things you struggle with in our faith journey
- ask God who you can invite to come along and join in with our conversations about faith and everyday life

N.E. Worcester Cluster

Many thanks to those of you who supported the Whitsun Pilgrimage around the four places of worship in our cluster of parishes. More than thirty were able to join in on the ground throughout the day, and I know that many were joining in from home too.

Do pray for Sarah, Diane, her curate Rosie, and Julieann as they meet at breakfast time each Monday. Pray that we can all find good ways to work well together as churches as necessary changes begin to unfold.



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