

Sunday 31st July 2022

IMMORTAL INVISIBLE GOD ONLY WISE HYMN 242

God of wonder and of joy: grace comes from you, and you alone are the source of life and love. Send your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, that we may celebrate now with thankful hearts for all that has been and that is to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Once we were not a people, but now we are God's people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.

People of God, all of us together have received God's mercy in Christ.

In Christ we are forgiven, redeemed, and made to be a community united in faith. Thanks be to God.

We sing the Gloria together

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you

take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen

Today's special prayer

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

LUKE 8:16-18 | THE LAMP ON A STAND

Jesus said, "You wouldn't light a lamp and cover it with a clay pot. You're not going to hide it under your bed. No, when you light it, you're going to put it out in the open so your guests can feel welcome and see where they're going. Hidden things will always come out into the open. Secret things will come to light and be exposed. I hope you're still listening. And I hope you're listening carefully. If you get what I'm saying, you'll get more. If you miss My meaning, even the understanding you think you have will be taken from you."

The Scale of the Universe (video)

COLOSSIANS 1:15-23 | JESUS OUR LORD

Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

We welcome Julie Berrow from St Barnabas who brings today's reflection

JESUS IS LORD CREATION'S VOICE PROCLAIMS IT HYMN 270

Glory to God the Father, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ and crowned him with glory and honour.

Glory to God the Son, who lives to plead our cause at the right hand of God and who will come again to make all things new.

Glory to God the Holy Spirit, who brings us the taste of the good Word of God and the power of the age to come.

Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honour, power and might be to our Lord forever!

Let us be honest with ourselves, with one another and with God that we have not lived up to the fullness of what we believe.

We have not always worshipped God, our creator. Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We have not always followed Christ, our Saviour. Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We have not always trusted in the Spirit, our guide. Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today's Prayers

We say the Lord's Prayer together

LET ALL CREATION SING

Let all creation sing before the Lord
and every nation of the earth rejoice,
let all the trees lift a shout of joy
for the Lord is King.

Let the deep waters of the sea resound,
let every mountain, every hill sing out,
let all the fields make a joyful sound
for the Lord is King.

Mighty river, barren desert,
howling wind and stormy weather,
every canyon every valley,
sing your praise and give him glory.
Nature proclaims the glory of our God,
nature proclaims his name.

Every star and constellation,
every wonder in the heavens,
silver moon and supernova,
sing a shining hallelujah!
Nature proclaims the glory of our God,
nature proclaims his name.

Honey bees and weeping willows,
grizzly bears and armadillos,
every narwhal and sea otter,
every son and every daughter.
Nature proclaims the glory of our God,
nature proclaims his name.

La la la la la la
All the earth, praise the Lord

At St Wulstans we are a generous people. We celebrate that we can give our time, our care, and whatever else we have to share. If it's a week when we can, we bring a can as a simple symbol of all that we are giving.

**All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above.
We thank the Lord,
we thank the Lord,
today for all his love**

Gifts and offerings are received

Generous God, in whose hands five loaves and two fish fed everyone in the crowd who wanted to eat, pour out your blessing upon the gifts and groceries that we have been given to give away, so that many more may find their seat at the feasting table of your kingdom.

**LORD FOR THE YEARS YOUR LOVE HAS
KEPT AND GUIDED HYMN 310**

All our hopes and joys
We send to the cross of Christ!
All our pains and fears
We send to the cross of Christ!
All we have been and all we shall be
We set on the risen Christ!

We share the Peace together

Forty Days of Summer 2022

31 July --- Sunday

11.15am Together for Summer, a service led by our lay team with Julie Berrow from St Barnabas speaking

August 2022

Mondays to Fridays

8am to 6pm Sunflowers Holiday Club

1 August --- Monday

7pm Tolladine Mission meeting in church

2 August --- Tuesday

12.15pm Funeral for Val Cook in church and then at Astwood Cemetery
(the Sunflowers Holiday Club is doing activities off site during the service)

3 August --- Wednesday

10am Together for Summer midweek communion at St Barnabas

11.45am Garden Church: midweek fellowship over a cuppa in the Vicarage garden, using the Forty Days of Summer reflections

7 August --- Sunday

11.15am Together for Communion as Chris W continues our reflections from the Forty Days of Summer

10 August --- Wednesday

10am Together for Summer midweek communion at St Barnabas

11.45am Garden Church: midweek fellowship over a cuppa in the Vicarage garden, using the Forty Days of Summer reflections

14 August --- Sunday

11.15am Together for Communion as Cary continues our reflections from the Forty Days of Summer

1.30pm Family baptism at St Barnabas

17 August --- Wednesday

10am Together for Summer midweek fellowship at St Barnabas

11.45am Garden Church: midweek communion over a cuppa in the Vicarage garden, using the Forty Days of Summer reflections



FORTY DAYS OF SUMMER 2022

This summer's resources for daily prayer will take us through Colossians. You can pick up your booklet today or follow the resources online at

saintwulstans.online

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**WOMEN'S
EURO
FINALS
5pm on
Sunday
31st July**



The England team is doing very well at the UEFA Women's Euro 2022. We are showing the finals live on the big screen in church. All are welcome. Bring your own refreshments and share in the drama and excitement