

Our **Daily Bread**: the Bible study booklets for July and August are now available. Please call the Parish Office on 01793 853272 if you would like a copy delivered.

**Please Pray for the Church in Sudan and South Sudan** Pray for Bishop Ismail and Christian workers in the Diocese of El Obeid. Pray that the Ministry of Health training scheme is succeeding in helping people to protect themselves from illness in places where little medical help is available.

The readings and psalms set for **Morning Prayer this week** – for those who would like to join with us at home:

Monday: Psalm 126; Ezekiel 10.1-19; 2 Corinthians 6.1-7.1

Tuesday: Psalm 132; Ezekiel 11.14-end; 2 Corinthians 7.2-end

Wednesday: Psalm 119.153-end; Ezekiel 12.1-16; 2 Corinthians 8.1-15

Thursday: Psalm 143; Ezekiel 12.17-end; 2 Corinthians 8.16-9.5

Friday: Psalm 144; Ezekiel 13.1-16; 2 Corinthians 9.6-end

Saturday: Psalm 147; Ezekiel 14.1-11; 2 Corinthians 10

Sunday: Psalm 67; Deuteronomy 30.1-10; 1 Peter 3.8-18

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***We seek to grow through prayer and  
share Christ's love through engagement with all.***

# Weekly News

## 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021



**From our Vicar:** *Dear Friends, just a note from me to thank you for all the wonderful cards and gifts and kind messages that have found their way to the Vicarage over the last few weeks. I feel humbled and very grateful to be part of this caring and loving community – so thank you! I feel blessed too to have such a gifted and hard-working team around me, meaning that life at St Bart's has continued apace in my absence. Thank you to all of them! I am doing very well, and getting stronger and more energetic every day. And as long as this continues then I hope to be back among you by the end of the month. You have been warned! Many thanks and very best wishes, Jane.*

**From the office:** Please remember that Jane is still on medical leave, so we again request you refrain from emailing, 'phoning or calling at the Vicarage.

**Free School Uniform:** Royal Wootton Bassett Local Youth Network is having a FREE pre-loved Primary school uniform stall from 10am on Saturday 10th July, on Royal Wootton Bassett High Street (near the old Town Hall.) Please bring a bag for any uniform you collect.

**Church Floodlighting:** We are floodlighting the church every day, as a symbol of hope in the current pandemic, but did you know that you may dedicate the floodlighting of the church on any day, for instance to mark an anniversary or other celebration? We then publish the dedications in the Monthly Newsletter and on the Parish Website. Please contact the office for details.

**St Barts Walking Group:** The next walk will be on Monday 26th July and will be around five miles of easy walking from Avebury NT car park to the Sanctuary and back, a circular walk of around five miles, gates and stiles on the route. Meet at the NT car park at 9-30am to allow the walk to finish before it gets too hot and so people can get home for lunch. Would those wishing to walk please contact Pat Jeanes by email, [pat.jeanes@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pat.jeanes@hotmail.co.uk) or Roger Simpkins on 01793849934 if you don't have email. Looking forward to seeing every one again. Roger.

**Weekly Discussion Group:** Plans are afoot for a new series of meetings, probably starting in September. More details soon...

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**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 our Lord. Amen

**FIRST READING:** *Amos 7.7-15*

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; <sup>9</sup>the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.' <sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" <sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.' <sup>14</sup>Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, <sup>15</sup>and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

**SECOND READING:** *Ephesians 1.3-14*

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ <sup>4</sup>before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his

will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people to the praise of his glory.

**GOSPEL READING:** *Mark 6.14-29*

<sup>14</sup>King Herod heard of the healings and other miracles, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' <sup>15</sup>But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

<sup>17</sup>For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' <sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. <sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' <sup>23</sup>And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' <sup>24</sup>She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the Baptist.' <sup>25</sup>Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptizer on a platter.' <sup>26</sup>The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup>Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup>brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.