

### **Please Pray for the Church in Sudan and South Sudan**

Pray for stability in the political and security situations in Sudan so that the hoped for economic recovery and growth may go ahead. The poorest people are hit hardest by inflation, particularly increases in food prices. Poor nutrition is leaving people more susceptible to cholera and seasonal fevers as well as Covid.

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

Monday: Psalm 80; 2 Chronicles 17.1-12; Mark 15.1-15

Tuesday: Psalm 89.1-18.; 2 Chronicles 18.1-27; Mark 15.16-32

Wednesday: Psalm 119.105-128.; 2 Chronicles 18.28-end of 19; Mark 15.33-41

Thursday: Psalm 92; 2 Chronicles 20.1-23; Mark 15.42-end

Friday: Psalm 88; 2 Chronicles 22.10-end of 23; Mark 14.53-65

Saturday: Psalm 97; 2 Chronicles 24.1-22; Mark 16.9-end

Sunday: Psalm 129; Isaiah 50.4-10; Luke 13.22-30

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

# **Weekly News**

## **3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021**



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### **Services of Holy Communion**

**Wednesdays at 10:30 am & Sundays at 10:00 am**

**Sundays 3<sup>rd</sup> October & 7<sup>th</sup> November at 8:00 am**

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**Tuesday October 5<sup>th</sup>** 12noon-1.30pm. drop in for a reasonably priced light lunch at RWB Methodist Church Hall. Soup and rolls, sandwiches, pudding and good company.

### **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October St Bart's discussion group**

This week's topic: Our Personal Relationship with God

A low-key and laid-back place to safely explore the Christian faith, to ask questions, and to share doubts and hopes. Join us this Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 7 - 8pm in Church.

**Saturday October 9<sup>th</sup>: Church Croft Re-opens** with a Coffee Morning 10am -12 noon. Please pop in for a hot drink & cake - we've missed you !

**Saturday Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>.**, Coffee morning in The Croft, raising funds for **Marie Curie** 10am- 1pm. Coffee, cakes, raffle - If you can help in any way, please contact Alison Meek tel.01793 851516

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October St Bart's Walking Group** taking in part of the Blue Bridges Walk in Malmesbury and covering a distance of approximately 4.5 miles. Fairly flat with a mixture of pavements, fields and footpaths. Some stiles en route which are well maintained. Depending on weather conditions prior to the day, sturdy footwear recommended. Please email

[pat.jeanes@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pat.jeanes@hotmail.co.uk) to confirm if you would like to join the walk.

**St Bart's Choir** Love singing? Fancy joining our choir, making new friends and singing wonderful music? As we begin to slowly emerge from this difficult period, is it time for you to try something new? Please speak to any member of the choir and come and try it out. It could be the just what you (and we) need!

**Calne Deanery Treasurer** We're looking for someone to work with the Rural Dean, Lay Chair and other members of the Deanery Standing Committee with regards to deanery financial matters. Activities include looking after the modest deanery account, serving as the first port of call for parish treasurers with any queries or problems regarding Share or parish finances, working with other deanery officers in reviewing the Fairer Share returns, and liaising with diocesan colleagues. Interested ? Please contact the Rural Dean, the Revd Canon Jane Curtis (our Vicar!)

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021

## Harvest Sunday

### COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### FIRST READING: *Genesis 2.18-24*

The LORD God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' 19So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. 20The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. 21So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. 22And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. 23Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.' 24Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh

### SECOND READING: *Hebrews 1.1-4, 2.5-12*

1Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, 2but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. 3He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. 5Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. 6But someone has testified somewhere, 'What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that

you care for them? 7You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour, 8subjecting all things under their feet.' Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, 9but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. 11For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, 12saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'

### GOSPEL READING: *Mark 10.2-16*

2Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' 3He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 4They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' 5But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. 6But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." 7"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, 8and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. 9Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.'

10Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. 11Jesus said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; 12and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.' 13People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. 14But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. 15Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' 16And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.