

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 the Joint Border Commission talks on disputed borders between Sudan and South Sudan, that they continue in a spirit of co-operation to settle the issues so that people in these areas can live in peace and stability.

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

Monday: Psalm 98; Ezekiel 1.1-14; 2 Corinthians 1.1-14

Tuesday: Psalm 106; Ezekiel 1.15-22; 2 Corinthians 1.15-24

Wednesday: Psalm 111; Ezekiel 2.3-3.11; 2 Corinthians 2.5-end

Thursday: Psalm 115; Ezekiel 3.12-end; 2 Corinthians 3

Friday: Psalm 139; Ezekiel 8; 2 Corinthians 4

Saturday: Psalm 121; Ezekiel 9; 2 Corinthians 5

Sunday: Psalm 65; Deuteronomy 28.1-14; Acts 28.17-31

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

Weekly News 4th July 2021



From the Vicarage: Richard advises us that Jane continues to recover well and is going from strength to strength. She thanks everyone for their prayers and the messages of support relayed to her, and sends her love and best wishes to all. She is still convalescing, so we still ask you refrain from 'phoning, emailing or calling at the Vicarage, but please do keep Jane & Richard in your prayers. Thank You.

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.

After 18 long months, **St Bartholomew's Walking Group** finally were able to walk together again. We met at the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust site at Lower Moor Farm and enjoyed a wonderful walk round the lakes and through the wildflower meadows. The sun shone and it was just joyous to see everyone again. Plans are already afoot for our next walk. Many thanks to Roger Simpkins and Pat Jeans for facilitating this lovely morning out.

Monthly Newsletter: Thanks to Bob Traylen, the Monthly Newsletter for July is published. For those receiving this sheet via email, there should be an electronic copy attached, and it is also available on the parish website. If you would like a printed copy, please let us know.

Sunday 4th July 2021

5th Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

FIRST READING *2 Samuel 5.1-5,9-10*

¹All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, 'Look, we are your bone and flesh. ²For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.' ³So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. ⁴David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. ⁵At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

⁹David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inward. ¹⁰And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

SECOND READING: *2 Corinthians 12.2-10*

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ²And I know that such a person – whether in the body or out of the body I do not

know; God knows – ⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

GOSPEL READING: *Mark 6.1-13*

¹Jesus came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them.

your feet as a testimony against them.' ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.