



Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

12 August 2018

A warm welcome to all.

A special welcome to any visitors to the Benefice or those worshipping here for the first time.



"Thank you for your continuing support for the local FOODBANK"

We have had some generous donations recently which have replenished the stocks of food. Items which are still required are:

Toiletries - especially men's, also shower gel, toothbrushes, Long life fruit juice and fruit squash, Tinned custard, Sauces and sauce mixes, Pot noodles, Pasta sauces, Small bags of sugar, Cat / dog food, Sweets / chocolate., Clean, strong carrier bags are always needed. Smaller packs of food are most useful.

Thank you for your continued support. All our churches have a collection basket.

Thanks be to God for all he gives us. Let us share his abundance with those in need.

Could it be you? Is God calling you to serve? Have you got skills or talent to help your local church?

Your churches need...

- Link Advertising Manager
- Pump Editors
- Musicians
- Lay Worship Assistants
- People to read the Bible in church
- People to lead intercessions (prayers) in church
- Cossington Treasurer
- Someone to oversee Woolavington Flower Guild



Please speak to the Wardens or the Rector for details.

Please pray about these opportunities to get involved.

Audrey Stradling (RIP)

Audrey's funeral is in St Mary's Church Cossington on Monday 13th August at 11.00am

HELP

Increasingly some folk are finding it harder to get to church. If you can or might be able to offer lifts, or may appreciate a lift, to and/or from church on a Sunday please let Kevin or The Wardens know.

FREE BOOKS

There are a few copies in each church of "Who do you say I am?" a book about Jesus produced by Hope in Our Villages, Towns and Cities publishing. These have been donated. Please take a copy, read it and then either return it, share it or leave it in a public place, such as a doctors' waiting room, where other people may read it. More copies can be purchased at www.cpo.org.uk for £1 each + p&p.

Please Pray for:

The Community:

Please pray for those living in:- Chilpitts (W); Millmoot LaneC) New Road (B)

The Sick: (Those named after /> live outside the Benefice but have a connection with a particular parish).

Woolavington: Aiden Newcombe, Tamara, Mo Retford and her family; Jan Shingfield and her family situation; Sue Newton; Keith Moore, Trevor Lewis, Mary /> Alan Calaminus, Bob Clegg, Maureen Pearce, Gill and Alan's niece, Sally; **Cossington:** > Jean Edwards, Clare Bowden, Betty Willstead, Mac Chilvers

Bawdrip: Len Baker, Bill Hubbock, Dot Russell

The Family and Friends of Audrey Stradling (RIP)

The Diocesan Calendar of Prayer is available on www.bathandwells.org

Please pray for all those who suffer in silence and those who support others, who are sick or in need.

Around the Benefice

Wed 15	10.45am	Cossington Charity Coffee Morning. Rachel Dyer, The Gable, Manor Rd. Cossington
Thu 16	2.00pm	Cossington Friends and Neighbours, Village Hall. Rev Margaret Armstrong. Dogs for Good
Thu 16	7.00pm	Bawdrip History Group, Parish Hall Railway Walk
Sat 18	10.00am	Railway Cycle Ride, start from Bawdrip Parish Hall

Today's readings

Collect of the Day

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 *2 Samuel 18.5-9,15,31-33*

Psalm *Psalm 130*

Second Reading *Ephesians 4.25-5.2*

²⁵Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Gospel *John 6.35,41-51*

³⁵Jesus said to the crowd, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and

whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.'

⁴²They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?'

⁴³Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thought for the Week

Decisions made in the heat of emotion
may be brave, but not wise.

Wait until the clamour has died away
and in the calm you will see
what must be done

Pam Brown

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

Sunday 19	Woolavington Cossington Bawdrip	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	All Age Holy Communion Songs of Praise Holy Communion
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www.wcbchurches.org.uk
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