



**Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

**19 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.*



**Thought for the Week**

Prosperity simply means "Having enough to do the will of God" and that's how much God wants you to have, no more and no less.

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**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.

**Please Pray for:**

**The Community:**

Please pray for those living in:- Church Street(W); Park Close (C) South View (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](http://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**

Tue 21	10.00am	Woolavington WI day trip to Torquay
Wed 22	10.45am	Cossington Charity Coffee Morning, Neil Lowden Manor Garden Flats
Sat 25	10.00am	Bawdrip Community Cafe, Parish Hallo

# Today's readings

## Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 *1 Kings 2.10-12; 3.3-14*

<sup>10</sup>David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. <sup>11</sup>The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. <sup>12</sup>So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

<sup>3</sup>Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. <sup>4</sup>The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt-offerings on that altar. <sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' <sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. <sup>7</sup>And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup>And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup>Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

<sup>10</sup>It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup>God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup>I now do according to your

word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. <sup>13</sup>I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honour all your life; no other king shall compare with you. <sup>14</sup>If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.'

## Psalm *Psalm 111*

## Second Reading *Ephesians 5.15-20*

Brothers and sisters, <sup>15</sup>be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the most of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Gospel *John 6.51-58*

Jesus said to the Jews: <sup>51</sup>'I 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.'

<sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; <sup>55</sup>for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

## Post Communion Prayer

God of all mercy, in this Eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## SERVICES NEXT WEEK

Sunday 26	Woolavington	10.30am	Benefice Communion
	Bawdrip	4.00pm	Church@4

## For parish contacts and Pump editors please see:

Church notice boards  
Link magazine  
Benefice website:  
[www.wcbchurches.org.uk](http://www.wcbchurches.org.uk)  
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