

North Wingfield team

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Weekly Newsheet

4th July 2021

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Dear Church family

I hope this finds you well and having been able to enjoy some of the good weather we've had this week? It's good to be able to appreciate the good gifts of God – summer sun, longer days, scented flowers, England beating Germany! What are you giving thanks for this week?

I'm still benefitting from our couple of weeks away of relaxation and recuperation, feeling more rested than I have done for quite some while. I was reminded of the story of Elijah (which you can read in 1 Kings 19) as he was fleeing from the wicked queen Jezebel. After humiliating King Ahab again by demonstrating Gods power and sovereignty, Elijah is fleeing for his life. Feeling completely defeated and overwhelmed, he slumps under a tree, having had enough of life. He feels totally crushed. He is angry with God for bringing him to this point of despair and, exhausted, falls into a deep sleep. Probably the best thing! When we feel overwhelmed and beaten, sleep has great restorative

powers. God is really gentle with Elijah – He lets him sleep and then sends an angel to wake him up with some breakfast. Elijah eats and drinks, then collapses asleep once again. Once more, the angel wakes him for breakfast and encourages him to eat in preparation for the journey ahead. Having been physically restored, Elijah then travels for 40 days before arriving at the mountain of Horeb, where he once again meets with God and is spiritually and emotionally restored.

Where are you feeling exhausted and maybe even defeated right now? Do you need to rest and recuperate? Eating healthily, getting sufficient sleep and generally looking after ourselves is a good recipe for well-being. God cares for our physical needs, as well as our emotional and spiritual needs.

Give yourself permission this week to take a nap, eat healthily and take some time and space to allow God to restore your body and your soul. And then we will be ready to endure all that tomorrow will bring.

With my prayers for you all
Lynn

Sunday Services

To book your place please contact:

St Mary's Church. 9.30am Katherine 01246 853901

St Bart's Church 10am. 01246 769374

St Lawrence's Church 10am 07885 730469

St John's Church – 11am Sandra 07802 404908

Notices

Sunday 18th July – Visit of Bishop Libby

Bishop Libby is taking the service at St Bartholomew's on July 18th at 10am. Please do take this opportunity to go and visit St Bart's if it's not your usual place of worship and meet the Bishop!

Please book your place with either Rod on 01246 250035, or Dave Green on 01246 860082

Vicarage Sunday Lunches 1-3pm

You are warmly invited to lunch in the Vicarage Garden. Please book in your place for **ONE** of the following dates:
Sunday 18th July: Sunday 1st or 15th August

Please bring a chair, your own cutlery, and cup and something to drink.

Lunch will be hog roast style – please let us know if you would like a vegetarian/vegan alternative.

Donations will be welcome on the day and all profit will go towards the North Wingfield Team funds.

Please book your choice of dates with Steve on 01773 872293. Thank you!

Baptism Volunteers Required

We are delighted that, across the team, several families have approached us asking for baptisms for their children. SO many in fact, that it's impossible to meet with them all and help them prepare for this important milestone in their children's lives.

We would love to engage much more with our baptism families than we currently do but we need help! In particular we need:

Baptism Co-ordinator – someone who will co-ordinate the baptisms across the team working with each Baptism volunteer in each church.

Baptism Team members – those who will be contacts with our baptism families and help to prepare them.

If you are passionate about families and mission and would like further information about what the roles entail, please speak to Lynn. Thank you!

Readings for week beginning 5th July 2021

Mon: Psalm 98; Ezekiel 1.1–14; 2 Corinthians 1.1–14

Tues: Psalm 106; Ezekiel 1.15–2.2; 2 Corinthians 1.15–2.4

Wed: Psalm 110; Ezekiel 2.3–3.11; 2 Corinthians 2.5–end

Thurs: Psalm 113; Ezekiel 3.12–end; 2 Corinthians 3

Fri: Psalm 139; Ezekiel 8; 2 Corinthians 4

Collect for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity

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.