

## WELCOME

We are very pleased to welcome you if you are a visitor or newcomer to the church. If you'd like to, please make yourself known to the sidesperson or a churchwarden. We use a variety of liturgy. There is a T loop in the church for the benefit of people with hearing aids.

There are toys, a WC and changing facilities, which you can use at any time, in the vestry opposite the entrance.

## READINGS

### Jeremiah 2.4-13

<sup>4</sup>Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the LORD:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?

<sup>6</sup>They did not say, 'Where is the LORD who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?'

<sup>7</sup>I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things.

But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination.

<sup>8</sup>The priests did not say, 'Where is the LORD?' Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers<sup>[a]</sup> transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD, and I accuse your children's children.

<sup>10</sup>Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing.

<sup>11</sup>Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods?

But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit.

<sup>12</sup>Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate,

says the LORD,

<sup>13</sup>for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

### Luke 14.1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup>and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

<sup>12</sup>He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid.'

<sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

## CONTACT DETAILS

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Please note that as Alison's last day is 1<sup>st</sup> Sept the office will not be staffed until a replacement is recruited.

Use the following names & numbers as contacts:

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Hall bookings – Geoff Hale 01865 248260

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Pastoral concerns – Eileen Palayiwa 01865 725423

Revd Skye returns from holiday on 1<sup>st</sup> Sept.

## NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Mon 29<sup>th</sup> August

9am Morning Prayer.

### Wed 31<sup>st</sup> August

9.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas.

Followed by coffee and cake.

## Next Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September services

### Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

9am Taizé communion in church.

10am Messy Church in the church hall.

### celebrating Divya Shanthi.

10.30am Green Church in the Memorial Garden.

6pm Evensong in church.

## FUTURE EVENTS – SAVE THE DATES!

### Thurs. 15<sup>th</sup> Sept. - Pause for Prayer

6.30pm – 7.30pm. An hour of silent prayer in the church.

### Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> Sept. - Harvest Festival & Licensing of Revd Prof Andy Gosler as Associate Priest.

10am at St Thomas, Elsfield.

If you plan to attend, please bring along a packet or tin of food for the Oxford Community Emergency Food bank. Check the date on the packet/tin ... 3 months before expiry please.

### Sat. 15<sup>th</sup> Oct. - Breakfast Prayer in the Church Hall

8am – 9.30am.

Please let the Vicar know in advance if you are attending so we know numbers for catering.

### Beauty for brokenness

Hope for despair  
Lord, in the suffering  
This is our prayer  
Bread for the children  
Justice, joy, peace  
Sunrise to sunset  
Your kingdom increase!

Shelter for fragile lives  
Cures for their ills  
Work for the craftsman  
Trade for their skills  
Land for the dispossessed  
Rights for the weak  
Voices to plead the cause  
Of those who can't speak

*God of the poor  
Friend of the weak  
Give us compassion we pray  
Melt our cold hearts  
Let tears fall like rain  
Come, change our love  
From a spark to a flame*

Refuge from cruel wars  
Havens from fear  
Cities for sanctuary  
Freedoms to share  
Peace to the killing-fields  
Scorched earth to green  
Christ for the bitterness  
His cross for the pain

Rest for the ravaged earth  
Oceans and streams  
Plundered and poisoned  
Our future, our dreams  
Lord, end our madness  
Carelessness, greed  
Make us content with  
The things that we need

*God of the poor ...*

Lighten our darkness  
Breathe on this flame  
Until your justice  
Burns brightly again  
Until the nations  
Learn of your ways  
Seek your salvation  
And bring you their praise

*God of the poor ...*

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28<sup>th</sup> August 2022

Eleventh Sunday After Trinity

### 8am Holy Communion (BCP)

Leader and preacher: Revd Stephanie Bullock  
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15.1  
Gospel: Luke 18.9  
(BCP pp 173 - 175)

### 10am Celtic Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd Godfrey Stone  
Preacher: Neil Barker  
Old Testament: Jeremiah 2.4-13 \*  
Epistle: Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16  
Gospel: Luke 14.1, 7-14 \*

\* See inside for OT and Gospel readings

<i>Opening:</i>	All my hope on God is founded CP368
<i>Gradual:</i>	Thou who wast rich CP72 Beauty for brokenness – see pages 5&6 for words
<i>Offertory</i>	
<i>Communion:</i>	<i>Reflective organ music</i>
<i>Final:</i>	Tell out my soul CP362

**Please note** there is no collection plate at our services but if you would like to make a donation, there is a card reader at the back of the church and a wall safe by the door for cash.