

Forthcoming Services & Events

SERVICES IN CHURCH BUILDINGS

The Pattern of worship:

Pipe-cum-Lyde, BCP Service – 8.30am
Stretton Sugwas, Morning Prayer – 9.30am
Moreton-on-Lugg, Morning Prayer – 9.30am
Burghill, Morning Prayer – 11.00am

Please be aware that whilst in Church the two-meter rule still applies and that only the areas within the taped-off-areas are to be used. Masks are now compulsory. There are also no toilet facilities available. You must:

- ◆ Sanitise your hands upon entry and exit.
- ◆ Keep your distance from others.
- ◆ NOT to move any further forwards in Church from where you are to sit.
- ◆ Exit the Church as swiftly as possible.

DURING THE WEEK

THE ST. JOHN'S CHAPEL IN BURGHILL CHURCH
IS OPEN ON THURSDAYS ONLY - 10.00AM – 4.00PM
(PRIVATE PRAYER ONLY).

THURSDAY WEBINARS are now back!

PLEASE ABIDE BY THE REQUIRMENTS OUTLINED ABOVE!

**THE BURGHILL BENEFICE ONLINE WORSHIP
TO BE BROADCAST AS USUAL**

Details to be found on our website

www.burghillchurch.co.uk

Tuesday Zoom Meetings

[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79574054988?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79574054988?pwd=ckNFandkUU9tYzJaYWVjeUczM3drZz09)
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BURGHILL BENEFICE

14th Sunday of Trinity
(Proper 19)

GIFT DAY

Dear friends

On the 19th of
September we are
having a “GIFT DAY”
for the churches.

Please support and
promote this day as it
is vital that we seek to
meet our financial
commitments.

COVID has place
great strain upon us.
This is our
opportunity to help
address the financial
issues we are facing.



“Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
have mercy on me, a sinner.”

*The Jesus Prayer,
circa 5th Century*

Readings

Psalm 114

*Matthew
18.21-35*

Pages 319-

The Collect

Merciful God, your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross: may we
trust in your mercy and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Main Reading

“Matthew 18.21-35”

Then Peter came and said to him, ‘Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

‘For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.” And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, “Pay what you owe.” Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you.” But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?” And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

Homily

Last week we heard about Jesus showing us what it means to love others by confronting their sins rather than retreating into the love of self over fears those confronted may end up liking us less.

This week Jesus carries this with the imperative to relentlessly forgive and move forwards. The key phrase in this teaching is “patience”. I remember many years ago having a rather cursive discussion with a man who sought to lord over me his status. I was not impressed. The following day I met him dealing with someone in the most loving and tender way. In one moment we can experience someone in a rather pale light and then at other times in their most glorious. We can never write anyone off from a small encounter. If we do that, we condemn people to a single moment and fail to see past their faults. Forgiveness is about freeing others in our hearts and minds to shine and to bring forth the light of God within them.

It also has another effect. It prevents us from seeing ourselves apart from others, as somehow superior and distant from those who are failing before us. In our lack of patience with their progress we fail with them because we have held them not in love but in judgment. In the long run, this is a self-condemning act. Patience with others doesn’t mean ignoring their wrongs, but it does mean that theirs are not held against them. We must forgive our brothers and sisters “from our heart”. Let us endeavour to seek the humble life open and free within the love of the God who first loved us in Christ, even as sinners ourselves. Amen