

# SERVICES

## 15<sup>TH</sup> THURSDAY

9.30am St Mary the Virgin, Burghill Celtic Worship

## 18<sup>TH</sup> 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.30am St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde BCP Holy Communion

9.30am St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg Morning Prayer

9.30am St Mary Magdalene, Stretton Parish Eucharist

11.00am St Mary the Virgin, Burghill Parish Eucharist

**PLEASE NOTE:** During the weekend Heritage Storybook trail & Fun Dog Show events, we will be holding a two minute silence in honour of the queen at 2.20pm on the Saturday.

## THIS WEEKEND!

### BURGHILL HERITAGE STORYBOOK TRAIL & FUN DOG SHOW

Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th September  
2pm – 5pm

Walk around our beautiful village and find the storybook themed displays. Fun for all the family!  
Refreshments, Train Rides, Cakes, Ice Creams, Tombola & Sweets at Lauristina House

**Fun Dog Show** at Lauristina House (Saturday Only at 2.30pm)

-Best Puppy -Handsome Dog. -Prettiest Bitch – Best Veteran

-Best Smile – Best Trick. -Waggiest Tail -Judge's Favourite

-Best in show **£2 per Class**

# THE BURGHILL BENEFICE

*A Service of Thanksgiving for Elizabeth II*



## 11<sup>TH</sup> 13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.00am St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde Joint Benefice Eucharist

5.00pm St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg Compline & Conversation

### THE COLLECT

Merciful Father and Lord of all life, we praise you that we are made in your image and reflect your truth and light. We thank you for the life of our late Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth, for the love she received from you and showed among us. Above all, we rejoice at your gracious promise to all your servants, living and departed, that we shall rise again at the coming of Christ. And we ask that in due time we may share with your servant Elizabeth that clearer vision promised to us in the same Christ our Lord; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Amen.

# The Reading

“John 6:35-40”

Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.’

## Homily

The doctrine (or teaching) of original sin as proposed by St Augustine declared that the human will had been broken and therefore, we were often incapable of following through on our commitments. All of us have at times suffered from this reality of the human condition. Life teaches us that our consistency is at times, questionable. St Paul wrote: “For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do” (Rom 7:19). This truth should lead all Christians to guard against the allure of selfish desires and seek that which is of a higher purpose which we are called to set above our own. The entire thrust of the gospel is that God came down to us, in order that we may be raised up in Him. In the knowledge of this human frailty we raise also our eyes towards those who, despite many years of life, hold fast in the face of fact that we are human. It is this truth that also magnifies the example of those who carry themselves through this world, with such integrity, grace, and consistency. Our great and now departed queen Elizabeth II,

truly stands out in this regard as an example and a hero of faithful public service. Furthermore, the length of time she rendered such service merely increases our wonder and admiration of her as a faithful servant of her people and of Christ. It is the most common phrase by commentators that she “never put a foot wrong”. In light of our humanity one can only see her life of faithful service as triumphal, because she has demonstrated to us that despite the challenges of being human, we can, with God’s help, truly render a life that makes a difference for others.

One commentator said that the queen didn’t talk about her faith much, she lived it. Indeed, she remains a shining example of faithful Christian devotion and service to one’s country and God. Her life was her work, and her work was for God and His goodness. Just two days before her passing, the image of her shaking the new Prime ministers’ hand with a beaming smile, reveals to us a life filled with joy and hope in love and beauty of God’s Son. In her frailty, the hope of Christ shone through. At the age of twenty-four she declared: “I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service”. I can honestly and emphatically say that my word at that age was not so sure. Yet she has done what seems to us, almost impossible. I believe it is because of the grace of God which has nourished her through these many years and guided and strengthened her for the great task and responsibility of being the Sovereign. May all of us give thanks for her life, draw on her example for inspiration and more forward in life with the same hope and beaming joy she exuded in the God of love who came down from heaven to raise us up. We pray: “Lord, we bless you for blessing us with your most humble and steadfast servant, Elizabeth our most graceful queen. Amen.”