

PARISH NOTICES

also see www.chidhamandhambrook.info

All church meetings and events are cancelled unless you hear to the contrary

The Foodbank

At this stressful time, the local foodbank especially needs your donations. You can make a donation at <https://www.trusselltrust.org/get-involved/ways-to-give/>. Alternatively, if you would like to give food, they particularly need Tinned Vegetables, Instant Mash/tinned Potatoes, Tinned Meat, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Rice Pudding/custard, Cleaning Products, Toilet Rolls. Please leave your donations at your Supermarket - Waitrose, Tesco, Sainsbury's have facilities.

Keeping gravestones tidy: Denise Bowerman has kindly offered, on request, to tidy up gravestones or memorial stones in Chidham churchyards for people who cannot visit at the present time. If you would like Denise' help, please 'phone her on 576981.

Live streamed service from the Cathedral 9.30am Sunday
<https://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/worship/live-service>

Cathedral News: <https://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/news>

Public worship in the Cathedral
<https://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/worship/guidance-public-worship>

For Covid support information also go to <https://www.chidhamandhambrook.info/> or <https://www.chichester.gov.uk/coronavirus>

If you have something for the pewslip, contact Stephen Johnson Tel 572059 or email pskjohanson2000@gmail.com

In July, we remember

Yvonne Marjorie Millen, James Hunter Cameron,
Douglas Edward Hands, Arthur Edgar Cooper

The readings for Sunday August 2 nd	Eighth Sunday after Trinity
First Reading	Genesis 32.22-31
Psalm	17
Second Reading	Romans 9.1-5
Gospel Reading	Matthew 14.13-21

THE PARISH OF CHIDHAM

July 26th, 2020

Seventh Sunday after Trinity



There will be no Church services until further notice (Coronavirus precautions)

St Mary's Church is closed, except for private prayer on Wednesday (from 10am to 12noon) and Saturday (from 2pm to 4pm). Please maintain social distancing, use the hand sanitiser provided and the one way system for entry and exit.

We hope you would like to follow the weekly prayers and Bible readings

Hymns: Here are some links to some hymns for today

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| 26 | All things bright and beautiful | https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IPMA5I3-0Jw |
| 75 | Blessed assurance Jesus is mine | https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yuyf1YQvcwY |
| 435 | Let us with a gladsome mind | https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7P_cl1eeLJM |
| 355 | In heavenly love abiding | https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oXc04P8d654 |
| 190 | For all the saints | https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j_UvXe-of-s |

A contribution from the Occasional Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QMDVKMWCaxQ>

Deidre wanted to do her bit

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9EARLp9YXJg>

The Parish is currently in Vacancy

During the Vacancy please contact the Churchwarden,
Willem van Niekerk, 1 Caspian Close, Fishbourne, PO18 8AY
Tel 07960305427

Church Warden : Willem van Niekerk
Church Warden and Treasurer : Carol Vigor

Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through 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. Amen

First Reading

Genesis 29.15-28

Laban said to Jacob, “Just because you are a relative of mine, should you work for me for nothing? Tell me what your wages should be.” Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah had weak eyes, but Rachel was lovely in form, and beautiful. Jacob was in love with Rachel and said, “I’ll work for you seven years in return for your younger daughter Rachel.” Laban said, “It’s better that I give her to you than to some other man. Stay here with me.” So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife. My time is completed, and I want to lie with her.” So Laban brought together all the people of the place and gave a feast. But when evening came, he took his daughter Leah and gave her to Jacob, and Jacob lay with her. And Laban gave his servant girl Zilpah to his daughter as her maidservant. When morning came, there was Leah! So Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? I served you for Rachel, didn’t I? Why have you deceived me?” Laban replied, “It is not our custom here to give the younger daughter in marriage before the older one. Finish this daughter’s bridal week; then we will give you the younger one also, in return for another seven years of work.” And Jacob did so. He finished the week with Leah, and then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife.

Psalm

Psalm 105.1-11,45b

O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises, and tell of all his marvellous works. Rejoice in the praise of his holy name; let the hearts of them rejoice who seek the Lord. Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his face continually. Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgements of his mouth, O seed of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen. He is the Lord our God; his judgements are in all the earth. He has always been mindful of his covenant, the promise that he made for a thousand generations: The covenant he made with Abraham, the oath that he swore to Isaac, Which he established as a statute for Jacob, an everlasting covenant for Israel, Saying, ‘To you will I give the land of Canaan to be the portion of your inheritance.’ That they might keep his statutes and faithfully observe his laws.

Second Reading

Romans 8.26-39

The Spirit helps us in our distress. For we don't even know what we should pray for, nor how we should pray. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God’s own will. And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. For God knew his people in

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advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn, with many brothers and sisters. And having chosen them, he called them to come to him. And he gave them right standing with himself, and he promised them glory. What can we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? Since God did not spare even his own Son, but gave him up for us all, won't God, who gave us Christ, also give us everything else? Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? Will God? No, he's the one who has given us right standing with himself. Who then will condemn us? Will Christ Jesus? No, for he is the one who died for us and was raised to life for us and is sitting at the place of highest honour next to God, pleading for us. Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or are hungry or cold or in danger or threatened with death? After all, even the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day, we are being slaughtered like sheep." No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from his love. Death can't, and life can't. The angels can't, and the demons can't. Our fears for today, our worries about tomorrow, and even the worst powers of hell can't keep God's love away. Whether we are high in the sky or in the deepest ocean, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13.31-33,44-52

Jesus told the crowd a story: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed planted in a field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but it becomes the largest of garden plants and grows into a tree where birds can come and find shelter in its branches.” Then he told them another story: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast used by a woman making bread. Even though she used a large amount of flour, the yeast permeated every part of the dough.” “The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure that a man discovered hidden in a field. In his excitement he hid it again, and sold everything he owned to get enough money to buy the field and to get the treasure too! “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl merchant on the lookout for choice pearls. When he found a pearl of great value, he sold everything he owned and bought it! “Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a fishing net that is thrown into the water and gathers fish of every kind. When the net is full, they drag it onto the shore, sit down, sort the good fish into crates, and throw the bad ones away. This is the way it will be at the end of the world. The angels will come and separate the wicked people from the godly, throwing the wicked into the fire. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Do you understand?” Jesus asked. “Yes,” they replied. Then he added, "Every teacher of religious law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like a person who brings out of the storehouse the new teachings as well as old.”.