

The Parish Church of St John the Evangelist, Crowborough

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7TH AUGUST: EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection,
both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
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. **Amen**

FIRST READING: Genesis 15.1-6

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 33.12-end or 21

Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own!

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord!
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!
The Lord looks down from heaven,
and beholds all the people in the world.
From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze
on all who dwell on the earth. **R**

He fashions all the hearts of them
and understands all their works.
There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army;
the strong are not delivered by great strength.
The horse is a vain hope for deliverance;
for all its strength it cannot save. **R**

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him,
on those who wait upon his love,
To pluck their lives from death,
and to feed them in time of famine. **R**

Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.
Indeed, our heart rejoices in him,
for in his holy name we put our trust.
Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us,
as we have put our trust in you. **R**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old - and Sarah herself was barren - because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.' All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL: Luke 12. 32-40

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of power, giver of the gifts we bring, accept the offering of your Church and make it the sacrament of our salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

POST COMMUNION

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise
be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever. **Amen**

PRAYERS

Bishops in our diocese: Martin, Will, Ruth.

The Sick: Sarah Cashmore, Jean Gleason, Hilary Osborne, Thea Rose.

Year's Mind: Bryn Hodson, Thomas Driberg.

The flower arrangement is in loving memory of Bryn Hodson, gone but not forgotten. 'I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord'.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 7 August	8am Mass
8th Sunday after Trinity	10 am Parish Mass
Wednesday 10 August	10am Mass
Saturday 13 August	1pm Wedding of Nathan Tierney and Lydia Dorrell
Sunday 14 August	8am Mass
9th Sunday after Trinity	10am Parish Mass

HYMNS

Entrance:	362
Offertory:	345
Communion:	305, 306
Final:	456

Pop-Up Book Sale - Sunday 7 August

200+ books for sale after the 8 am and 10 am Masses: classics, travel, cookery, gardening, art etc. Something for everyone. Proceeds will go to the Hall Fund.

Auction of Promises - Sunday 14th August

Just a week to go! Come along bringing, neighbours, friends and family etc. The afternoon will be opened by a celebratory guest - Fr Robert Norbury.

Pimms will be served from 2pm

whilst our auctioneer will value items for a charge of £10; the auction will start at 4pm.

All proceeds will go towards the Hall Fund. There is just £8,390 outstanding, and it would be wonderful if we could finally clear it.

**Parish Garden Party - Saturday 28th August, 3—5pm**

Fr Edward and Anna's house: Beechmount, Beacon Road, TN6 1UQ. Parking at the golf club or Melfort Road. All are welcome. Pimms, tea and food will be provided. You are welcome, but not expected, to bring something to eat.



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