

THE BENEFICE OF MINCHINHAMPTON WITH BOX AND AMBERLEY

Accept and share the generosity of God's love.

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8th July 2018

A warm welcome to our services, especially if you are here for the first time. Everyone baptised or who normally receives in their own church, including children, may receive the bread and wine at the altar. If you require a gluten free wafer, please indicate this at the altar rail. There is one chalice of non-alcoholic wine available, please indicate at the altar if you would prefer this option. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please carry the service booklet with you when you go up to the altar.

Readings for Today

First Reading: Ezekiel 2. 1 - 5 Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12. 2 - 10
Gospel: Mark 6. 1 - 13

LISTEN AND HEAR

Whatever we proclaim with our lips, whatever we claim to believe, and however cleverly we disguise our rebellion from others, God sees and knows where our hearts really are. But, we should not be afraid of approaching God and there is no point in pretending or trying to impress him, he knows and loves us exactly as we are! When God has something to say to us which may involve challenging our attitudes or behaviour, then he will tell us and open us up more to his grace. But if we are not ready or prepared to hear what he has to say, then there is no way we will hear it. Later we might look back and wonder why we could not see the obvious! However, some may react with hostility and defensiveness, rather like those in Jesus' hometown. We can hear their indignant, self-righteous egos as they complain about Jesus. What gives him the right to be displaying more wisdom and miracles than any of them? It is quite usual to resent those close to us, and far easier to cope with strangers as we do not take that as personal criticism. When Jesus sends out his disciples it is in the support of pairs, and like Ezekiel, they are to preach repentance, whether the people are ready to listen or not. God has prepared Ezekiel for the likelihood of stubborn rebellious natures not taking kindly to the challenge, and now Jesus prepares his disciples in a similar way. Shaking the dust from their feet is a visual testimony, that the Gospel of repentance has been offered and refused. It is also important from the disciples' point of view, and ours. There are times when it is right to move on and leave the Holy Spirit to continue working in people's hearts through the subsequent events and conversations, without feeling weighed down by the rejection.

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SERVICES AT OUR CHURCHES TODAY

HOLY TRINITY, MINCHINHAMPTON

There is a loop system for those with hearing aids.

8am Eucharist
President: Revd Sandy Emery Preacher: Reader Linda Jarvis

10am Sung Eucharist
President: Revd Sandy Emery Preacher: Reader Linda Jarvis

Hymns: 582, 606, 512, 386

5.30pm Said Evening Prayer
Office: Revd Ann Morris

ST BARNABAS, BOX

9am Eucharist
President: Canon Mike Tucker Preacher: Reader Linda Jarvis

Hymns: 435 *tune 1*, 90 *tune 1*, 262, 497

HOLY TRINITY, AMBERLEY

8am Said Communion
President & Preacher: Revd John Spiers

10am Non Eucharist
Second Sunday Team

NOTICES –

CHURCH OFFICE - will be closed from Friday June 29 at 1pm and re opens on Tuesday July 10.

A NEW RECTOR FOR MINCHINHAMPTON, BOX AND AMBERLEY - The Bishop of *Gloucester*, the Right Revd *Rachel Treweek*, met with the church councils of Minchinhampton with Box and Amberley on Wednesday 13th June to agree 'The Profile' a draft of which had previously been prepared. The Profile is a document which provides an in depth description of the parishes and the role of the Rector in our communities for the purposes of informing prospective candidates of the role of Rector. A team of dedicated people representing the different churches have been working on the profile over the past two months. At the meeting the Bishop also advised us of the process and timetable for the appointment of our new Rector. Advertisements will be going out between 6th and 13th July 2018 with a closing date of 30th July. Applications will be short listed by the interview team, representatives from each Parish and the Archdeacon, on 6th August with interviews being held on September 25th. Please join us in praying for a successful outcome for the Benefice as we move through the phases of appointing a new Rector.

EVENING PRAYER – Daily at 5.30pm, (4.30pm Fridays). We need a couple of people to commit to leading on a weekly or fortnightly basis. It requires no preparing of prayers. For more information please contact Revd Sandy Emery.

CHAIR SPONSORSHIP - The second order of 50 plaques are now out on display. They make very special reading. There are still chairs looking for sponsors. If you or a friend, family member or neighbour would like to sponsor a chair with or without a plaque please take a chair leaflet.

ARMCHAIR YOGA - especially for those who need a gentle approach to exercise and flexibility. Aimed at maintaining and improving range of movement and strength especially the Spine and Joints, Also focussing on Breathing and Relaxation. Wednesdays after the I Iam Service. Donations to 6Ps Appeal, contact Hilary Bellhouse on 885254 or hilarybellhouse@aol.com

FOODBANK – We are currently short of: tinned tomatoes, UHT juice, fruit squash, boxes of tissues, washing powder/liquid, washing up liquid. Thank for your support!!

COACH TRIPS – Wed July 11. Miserden Nurseries – optional entry to formal garden. Followed by Owlpen Manor for lunch (inc. in price), house tour & gardens. 9.05am – 9.20 departure. Leaving at 4pm for home - £52.50 per person. Fri. Aug. 17. Dyrham Park. Mon. Sept. 10. Private gardens of HRH The Prince of Wales. For more details contact Ian Jarvis – Tel: 833131 Mob: 07403 899599

CELEBRATE WORLD MUSIC AND FOOD - Join us on Thursday July 19 in Amberley Parish Rooms from 7pm for "An evening of music and food from around the world". This exciting concert-and-meal event is one of a series of recitals in Gloucestershire and Somerset given by refugee professional musicians. The food will be provided by the Moveable Feast team based in Bristol - a collective of chefs from refugee backgrounds and British volunteers, who create uniquely delicious feasts. Tickets - price £12 each - can be obtained from Canon Mike Tucker (01453 873352), Sue Pugh (872551), Caroline Beatty (07968 092747) and John McIlroy (01453 872765). We'd love to see you there! Amberley Peace and Justice Group/Hill House Retreats.

THIS WEEK

8am Eucharist (Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat) in the Porch Room, Parish Church
5.30pm Evening Prayer daily (Mon - Sat, 4.30pm on Fridays)

10TH TUES 7.30pm Standing Committee – Little Acre
11TH WED 8am Eucharist - St Barnabas, Box
11am Eucharist (BCP) – Parish Church
11am Holy Communion at Cecily Court
2.30pm Wednesday Cuppa – Porch Room
12TH THURS 10am Probus – Porch Room
13TH FRI 2pm Interment of Ashes John Furley – Parish Church
NO Choir Practise
7.30pm Bell Ringers Practice – Parish Church

NEXT SUNDAY 15TH JULY – THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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