

THE BENEFICE OF MINCHINHAMPTON WITH BOX AND AMBERLEY

Accept and share the generosity of God's love.

The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

10th September 2017

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. 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 33. 7 - 11

Second Reading: Romans 13. 8 – end Gospel: Matthew 18. 15 - 20

THE GOSPEL OF COMMUNITY

The Gospel reading for today recognises that community living is not necessarily easy. Interestingly the word 'church' is used, which comes from the Greek word 'ekklesia' meaning 'an assembly of citizens' - *community*, but is nevertheless probably Matthew adding in that word and interpreting Jesus' words in the context of a newly emerging church after Jesus' death and resurrection. Matthew is addressing problems the early church was wrestling with as they tried to live out their new identity as a gathered community of Christ-followers. Matthew is realistic about when problems happen, rather than if, and gives practical advice about how to manage church relationships. He's very clear – if you have a problem with someone, do not gossip about them or humiliate them in front of others, but first go to them quietly to talk it through. Only if things cannot be resolved, do you take it into a bigger space with others. The passage goes on to address the issue of forgiveness, which has to be part of any reconciliation in community or elsewhere. Forgiveness is always the guiding principle in church relations and in resolving conflict. Conflict within church communities - and within all communities - is sadly so common because it is human nature. But this is a reminder the church is called to set an example in being a community which brings reconciliation and forgiveness, and to work for that in the wider world.

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SERVICES AT OUR CHURCHES TODAY

HOLY TRINITY, MINCHINHAMPTON

There is a loop system for those with hearing aids.

8am Eucharist **(In The Porch Room)**

President: Revd Helen Bailey

Preacher: Revd John Thompson

10am Sung Eucharist
(In Minchinhampton School Hall)

President: Revd Helen Bailey

Preacher: Revd John Thompson

Hymns: 8, 278, 324, 424

5.30pm Said Evening Prayer **(In The Porch Room)**

Office: Revd John Hunnisett

ST BARNABAS, BOX

9am Eucharist

President & Preacher: Revd John Thompson

Hymns: 311, 608, 54, 453

HOLY TRINITY, AMBERLEY

8am Said Communion

President & Preacher: Canon Mike Tucker

10am Non Eucharist
Second Sunday Team

NOTICES –

CHURCH SERVICES DURING THE RE-ORDERING – please note the Sunday 10am Service is in Minchinhampton School Hall every week. ALL OTHER SERVICES take place in The Porch Room. The Porch Room remains open for all other activities.

THE PIGEON HOLES - There is an internal mail box in the Porch room. Please check for mail and leave any alphabetically.

HEAVEN KNOWS! (Even if we don't) - a book of rhymes and recollections, a light-hearted look at Minchinhampton and travels further afield. On sale at church, the parish office, Henry's and Stafford Cottage, £5 in aid of the 6Ps Appeal. Information from Hilary (884163), Mandy (882477).

MOTHERS UNION - Revd Dr Simon Topping is talking at the MU meeting on Wednesday September 20 at 7pm. The title of his talk is "When enough is enough - the path to Environmental sustainability" All Welcome.

PIANIST NEEDED AT ST BARNABAS, BOX - If you are able to help please contact the Church Office.

THE DIOCESE OF GLOUCESTER VISION STRATEGY LIFE - challenges each one of us to commit to going out and sharing the transforming Gospel of Jesus Christ, so that people may know life in all its fullness. (John 10:10). Please collect a copy of the Stroud Deanery vision for the future of our parishes which offers some ideas towards making the Diocese vision a reality locally.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULTS ACROSS THE BENEFICE – Are you interested in confirming your faith? If you are we are offering the opportunity to learn more about the Christian faith and explore what confirmation may mean to you. These classes are open to any young people, over the age of 10 and to all adults regardless of age! If you want to know more about this and whether confirmation might be for you, do have a word with the Revd Sandy Emery or Revd Deborah Curram, or Revd John Spiers. Contact details in Parish Magazines.

NEW CHAIRS - If you, your group or organisation would like to sponsor a chair for the newly refurbished church please pick up a leaflet/form from either the Porch room or the church office (next door to the Rectory in Butt Street). Thank you to the individuals and groups who have already sent in their forms including Wednesday Cuppa, the Barnwood Trust and Minchinhampton Probus. If you would like to part sponsor a chair please complete the form amending it appropriately.

UPCOMING COACH TRIPS – Monday September 18 – Croome Court, Worcester. House, park and gardens, RAF Defford Museum. Friday October 13 – Great Chalfield, Melksham. Manor and Gardens. Thursday November 14 – Oxford City Centre, Ashmolean Museum etc., Tuesday December 6 – Bath Town Centre and Christmas Markets. Contact Ian Jarvis ian@abbeyhall.info or Tel: 01453 833131

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - Harvest Sunday October 8. There will be a joint benefice bring and share supper and a Harvest Service - 4.30pm at Amberley Church. Signup sheets to follow.

BENEFICE RETREAT - This is advance warning of the dates for this year's Benefice Retreat, which takes place at Nympsfield from Friday Oct 13 until Saturday Oct 14. It will be led by the Revd John Hunnisett. Please get the dates in your diary. Signup sheets in the Porch Room or please call Christine at the Church Office - 889004.

STROUD HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS – Annual Hospital Service on Sunday October 15 - 6.30pm. At Holy Trinity Church, Stroud.

WAR HORSE – Bristol. Matinee Performance on Wednesday November 8. 7 seats remaining on this free coach outing. Tickets £59.50. See Cheryl or Simon Ritter,

THIS WEEK

8.30am Eucharist (Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat) in the Lady Chapel, Parish Church
5.30pm Evening Prayer daily (Mon - Sat, 4.30pm on Fridays)

13TH WED	8am	Eucharist, St Barnabas, Box
	11am	Eucharist (BCP), - Porch Room
	11am	Holy Communion at Cecily Court
	2.30pm	Wednesday Cuppa
14TH THURS	10am	Probus – Porch Room
15TH FRI	5pm	Junior Choir Practice – Porch Room
	7.30pm	Bell Ringers Practice – Parish Church

NEXT SUNDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER - THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

HOLY TRINITY, MINCHINHAMPTON

8am	Eucharist (In The Porch Room) President & Preacher: Revd John Spiers
10am	Sung Eucharist President & Preacher: Revd John Spiers (In Minchinhampton School Hall)
12pm	Interment of Ashes Kenneth Brown – Parish Church
5.30pm	Sung Evensong (In The Porch Room) Office & Preacher: Revd Sandy Emery

ST BARNABAS, BOX

9am	Eucharist President & Preacher: Canon Mike Tucker
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HOLY TRINITY, AMBERLEY

8am	Said Communion 1662 President & Preacher: Revd Sandy Emery
10am	Parish Eucharist President & Preacher: Revd Sandy Emery