

# The Parish of Bledlow with Saunderton & Horsenden

2nd Sunday after Trinity - 25<sup>th</sup> June 2017

**First Reading (NRSV)**  
**Jeremiah 20: 7-13**

Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughing-stock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, 'Violence and destruction!' For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, 'I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name', then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

For I hear many whispering: 'Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. 'Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him.'

But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers. †

**The Second Reading (NRSV)**  
**Matthew 10: 24-39**

'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! So have no fear

of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the rooftops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. †

**The Collect for**  
**2nd Sunday after Trinity (CW)**

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord. †



## TODAY'S SERVICES

9.00am Matins Horsenden  
10.30am Holy Communion Bledlow  
with our thanks to Revds David Williams  
and Steve Williams for officiating at these  
services.

### MORNING PRAYER:

No Morning Prayer until further notice.

### NEXT SUNDAY (2nd July) SERVICES:

9.30am Holy Communion Saunderton  
11.00am "Explorers" Bledlow

### CHOIR PRACTICE:

Thursday 29th June from 7.45pm in Holy Trinity, Bledlow.

### SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING:

For the life of ANGUS ROBSON at 11.30am on Friday 30th June 2017 - Holy Trinity Church, Bledlow. Angus has been a member of our parish congregation for over 50 years and will be sorely missed.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

On Saturday 9th September between 10.00am and 4.35pm "Festival of Prayer 2017" at Ripon College, Cuddesdon, Oxford OX44 9EX - A day to explore different aspects of spirituality and prayer. Contact Emma Smith for more information: [bledlowmiss@gmail.com](mailto:bledlowmiss@gmail.com) : or book on line at [brfonline.org.uk/festival-of-prayer](http://brfonline.org.uk/festival-of-prayer)

During the interregnum, please make every effort to support our Church Wardens (Martyn Thomas - 01844 344508 & Phil Goding - 01844 342570) and the visiting clergy. THANK YOU.