

The Parish of Bledlow with Saunderton & Horsenden

10th Sunday after Trinity - 20th August 2017

First Reading (NRSV)

EITHER : Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered. +

OR : Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32

Iask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all. +

Second Reading (NRSV)

Matthew 15: 21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly. +

The Collect

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Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



TODAY'S SERVICES

9.00am	Holy Communion (Said BCP)	Bledlow
10.30am	Family Praise & Pet Service	Bledlow
3.00pm	Holy Communion	CherryTree
6.00pm	Evensong	Saunderton

with our thanks to the Revd David and Nancy Wallace, and Revd Avril Stephenson or officiating at these services

MORNING PRAYER: No Morning Prayer until further notice.

NEXT SUNDAY (27th August) SERVICES:

9.00pm	Matins	Horsenden
10.30am	Holy Communion	Bledlow

CAKES WANTED PLEASE! We have been asked if we could contribute again this year to the Church Tent at Bucks Show on the 31st August by making cakes and providing some volunteers to help serve. Cakes are being collected from Mandy Goding on Wednesday 30th August, Please let her know on 01844 342570 or 07932 114235 if you are able to provide a cake or help serve at the event. Thank you.

PIMMS & PROMS: From 12.30pm to 4.30pm on Sunday 3rd September at Holy Trinity Church. An entertaining afternoon of classical and vocal music for all the family, with Hog Roast, Pimms, Beer & Wine Bar, Auction and Raffle, in aid of HARP. For Tickets please contact Jennifer Thomas 01844 343477 or Derek Stone 01844 345519.

DATES for YOUR DIARY:

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

Sunday 1st October: "Harvest Lunch & Auction of Produce" from 12.30pm in Bledlow Village Hall. Contact for Tickets:- Mandy Goding (07932 114235) or Sally Furniss (07747 600645)

Order tickets ASAP as they are limited!!

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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.**