

THE PARISH OF BLEDLow WITH SAUNDERTON & HORSENDEN

The Second Sunday after Trinity – 5 June 2016

The First Reading (NRSV) Galatians 3:23-29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The Second Reading (NRSV) Luke 8:26-39

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me'— for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The Collect for the Second Sunday after Trinity (CW)

O Lord, who hast taught us
that all our doings without charity are nothing worth: send thy Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity,
the very bond of peace and of all virtues
without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee;
grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



Welcome back to Matthew Cashmore who is preaching at 9.30 and leading *Explorers* at 11am. Welcome too to Catherine and Edmund.

Morning Prayer this week will be said on Wednesday and Friday.

FAB – on Wednesday 8 June at 7.30pm the Fellows gather at The Rectory for a barbecue. Please let Matthew Locke know if you plan to be there.

Advance dates for your diary:

- Queen's Birthday Concert by the choir 8pm at Holy Trinity on Sat 11 June. Sign up for tickets.
- Sunday 12 June at 10.30am at Holy Trinity – Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Her Majesty the Queen.
- Parish Barbecue in The Rectory Garden from 12 noon on Sunday July 17th. Bring your own meat, salads and puddings provided.

Choir Practice on Thursday 9th at 7.45pm.

Next Sunday, 12 June – The Third Sunday after Trinity

- 9am Holy Communion at Saunderton
- 10.30am Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Her Majesty the Queen

