

THE WROXHAM BENEFICE

1st October 2023 Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Services

October 1 st	10am	Hoveton St John	Harvest Service
	10am	Tunstead	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	Belaugh	Harvest Service
October 8 th	10am	Wroxham	Holy Communion
	6pm	Tunstead	Harvest Service
October 15 th	10am	Hoveton St John	Holy Communion
	10am	Hoveton St Peter	Harvest Service

Hymns

237 Morning has broken

357 Father hear the prayer we offer

353 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

420 O Jesus I have promised

Prayer for the Parishes

Will take place this Tuesday at 6pm in the Vicarage.

This is a time of prayer with music and silence, held within a short service of the Northumbria Community Celtic Evening Prayer.

Situations Vacant!

We are currently without a Treasurer at Tunstead, and will also need to fill the same role at Wroxham following the next APCM. Are you able to help? Neither is an onerous role, and there is support available from the current post holders and from the Diocese.

Coffee, Cake and Conversation – Journalling the Psalms

Our next session is this Thursday October 5th at 10.30 in the Vicarage when we will be looking at Psalm 22. All are welcome!

For Home Communion, Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, please contact the Rector Revd Elizabeth Jump 01603 784150 rector@wroxhambenefice.org

For our Prayers

All those who ask for our prayers

Helen Dellar, Claire Firrell, Queenie Whayman, Ros Durrant, Alyssa, Simon, Bonnie Davies, Bob Shaw, Christine Goodhew, Pauline Willis, Joan Willis, Lilian Pointer, Richard Wilson, Edward Minster, Mark, Carole Tims, Janet Faircloth, Carol

All who have died recently

All whose anniversaries occur at this time

Peter Ayton, Colin Mannings, Ruth Dawes

St. Mary's Wroxham Coffee Morning

Monday 4th September Wroxham Church Hall from 10.00am.

Free coffee & refreshments

with *donations in aid of St Mary's church.*

We have cakes, jams, marmalade, gifts, books & raffle.

Come and meet your friends you will be made most welcome.

St. Mary's Church Wroxham Concert

IT'S A MUSICAL WORLD - Songs from the Shows

by The Silvertones on Friday 27th October at 7.30pm

Tickets £10 to include refreshments

from Carole Stone 784240 & Linda Whitefoot 783376.

COLLECT

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

OLD TESTAMENT Ezekiel 18.1–4,25–32

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As I live, says

the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

NEW TESTAMENT Philippians 2.1–13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name
that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only
in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your
own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in
you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

GOSPEL Matthew 21.23–32

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the
people came to him as he was teaching, and said, ‘By what authority
are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?’ Jesus
said to them, ‘I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the
answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these
things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of
human origin?’ And they argued with one another, ‘If we say, “From
heaven”, he will say to us, “Why then did you not believe him?” But
if we say, “Of human origin”, we are afraid of the crowd; for all
regard John as a prophet.’ So they answered Jesus, ‘We do not
know.’ And he said to them, ‘Neither will I tell you by what authority
I am doing these things.

‘What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and
said, “Son, go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will
not”; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to
the second and said the same; and he answered, “I go, sir”; but he
did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?’ They said,
‘The first.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and
the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For
John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not
believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him;
and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and
believe him.