

THE WROXHAM BENEFICE

8th October 2023 Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Services

October 8 th	10am	Wroxham	Holy Communion
	2pm	Belaugh	Baptism
	6pm	Tunstead	Harvest Service
October 15 th	10am	Hoveton St John	Holy Communion
	10am	Hoveton St Peter	Harvest Service
October 22 nd	10am	Wroxham	Holy Communion
October 29 th	10am	Hoveton St Peter	Holy Communion
	3.30pm	Wroxham	All Souls' Service

Hymns

96 Christ is made the sure foundation

743 there is a redeemer

337 I the Lord of Sea and sky

62 be still (during communion)

97 Christ is our cornerstone

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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.

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

Bee Dashfield, Margaret Sillett

Prayer for the Parishes Tuesday at 6pm in the Vicarage.

Coffee, Cake and Conversation – Journalling the Psalms

Our next session is Thursday November 2nd at 10.30 in the Vicarage

Coffee Mornings!

Hoveton St John Church on Wednesday 11th October from 10.30am.

Savoury & sweet nibbles & coffee or tea. Raffle & Bring & Buy Table.

Come & have a chat & see our good new lighting system.

A warm welcome awaits you.

Hoveton St Peter Church on Wednesday 18th October at 10.30am .

Delicious cakes, raffle, books and jigsaws .

A very warm welcome to our very little church.

Christmas Crib Display – can you help?

Hoveton St John Church are Planning to hold a display of Christmas Cribbs in the Church on Saturday & Sunday the 25th & 26th of November. If anyone has a crib they would kindly loan us for the display we would be delighted to include it. There will be volunteers on hand to guard your display. Please give Sylvia Tilson a call on 01603 782008 so you can have a chat about it.

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.

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 5.1–7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watch-tower in the midst of it,

and hewed out a wine vat in it;

he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed,

and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;

I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel,

and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting;

he expected justice, but saw bloodshed;

righteousness, but heard a cry!

NEW TESTAMENT Philippians 3.4b–14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL Matthew 21.33–46

‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’

Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord’s doing,

and it is amazing in our eyes”?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.