

Pew Sheet

for the Benefice of

**Drybrook, Lydbrook
and Ruardean**

Trinity 16: Sept 20th 2015

**Matthew, Apostle &
Evangelist**

Battle of Britain Sunday



NEXT SUNDAY Sept. 27th

8.00: Holy Communion (Drybrook)

9.30: Sung Eucharist (Lydbrook)

**10.00: Sung Eucharist with Healing
(Ruardean)**

**11.00: Parish Eucharist with Kings
Kidz (Drybrook)**

**3.00: Messy Church (Ruardean
School)**

6.00: Parish Eucharist (Drybrook)

Bobby and Tanika Smith
who often attend Forest Church,
married by Nick at Clearwell Church
last Saturday.

They are among many couples wed
from within our benefice
this spring and summer.

Mid-Week Holy Communion: Wed at 10.00 am at Drybrook & Ruardean

Mid-Week Prayers at Lydbrook Church on Wednesdays, from 6.45 – 7.15 pm

Morning Prayer at Ruardean on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9.30am.

Candle-lit Celtic Evening Worship Ruardean Thurs., 6.30- 7.00 pm

Collect

O Almighty God,
whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector
to be an apostle and evangelist:
give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain
and the possessive love of riches
that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

First Lesson – Proverbs 3.13-18

Happy are those who find wisdom,
and those who get understanding,
for her income is better than silver,
and her revenue better than gold.
She is more precious than jewels,
and nothing you desire can compare with her.
Long life is in her right hand;
in her left hand are riches and honour.
Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
and all her paths are peace.
She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;
those who hold her fast are called happy.

Second Lesson – 2 Corinthians 4.1-6

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Gospel – Matthew 9. 9-13, 18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house

and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

PRAYERS

We pray for all driven by persecution or hardship to risk or lose their lives fleeing danger and terrorism to seek sanctuary in Europe. We pray for generosity, compassionate vision and mercy in this our broken world, when we are faced with tragedies not seen in Europe since the Second World War and seemingly beyond our abilities to handle.

We ask God's blessing on all baptised or wed in our Benefice: we pray especially for baby **Oliver Peter Beard**, to be baptised at Forest Church this morning, his parents Jordan and Eleanor and his godparents.

We remember all who have died recently and pray for families and friends who grieve: **Mrs Kath Morman** (90), Fri. 18th Sept., 2 pm, Forest Church

"Years' Mind": We remember **Ian Dawson, John Taylor, Mary Baker, John Charles, Anne Harper, Jack Bale, Pat Roberts, Mim Hopkins, Val Jones, Goff Goode, John Matthews, John Turley, Frank Davies, Joy Gardner, Andrew Lane**, departed from us in 2013-2014 and all loved ones & families on their anniversary.

Prayers for those ill, in hospital, in need or serving in our armed forces: **Dylan & Lisa, Betty & Stan, Daphne, Barry, Sarah, Dylan, Sheena, Doreen, Joy, Margaret, Carmel, Rachel, Martin, Pat, Ollie, Marilyn, Amanda, Elvy, Christine, Dean & Debs, Bethanie, Jono, Ivy, Margaret, Jayl, Kathy, Niki, Maureen, Lynette, Norman, June, Doreen, Michael, Mark, Les, Robert.**

BENEFICE INFORMATION

Confirmation Service Bishop Martyn will join us for this at Ruardean at 10.00 on Sunday 18th Oct. Many are already interested in being confirmed. If you would like to join the 6-week course from mid Sept, there is still time. Please speak with Nick or Philip.

There will be no discipleship group next Tuesday 22nd September as it is Drybrook PCC.

Forest Church

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE 11.00 am, Sunday 4th October followed again by a Bring & Share Lunch in the Schoolroom at 12.30 pm! Please also bring any long-life non perishable produce which we can then pass on to the Gloucestershire Domestic Abuse Advisory Service (GDASS) who support many mums and children in the Forest. The Forest Church has supported the valuable work of this charity for ten years.

Quiz Evening - Sat 24th Oct, 7 p.m. - to include fish and chip supper. Details later, but please start getting teams of 4 together soon, to give some idea of numbers.

Noah's Ark – Baby & Toddler group Weds. in term time in the Schoolroom. 9:15– 11:45: £1.50 per family.

HELP IN SETTING UP: Jane Davies has been helping Jonathan set up for Noah's every Wednesday from 8:30- 9:30. She will be unavailable to do this for the next three weeks (23rd & 30th Sept & 7th Oct). As much as it is a form of exercise for him, help would be greatly appreciated! Let him know, 07580 141074 / jonathan@togetherforyouth.co.uk / or in person.

King's Kidz – Friday 3pm – 4pm at Drybrook School. A super hour, with some great children, learning about God and his love for us. Restarts 11th Sept.

King's Kidz – Sunday 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. Our modern take on Sunday school. 11am Forest Church

Kingdom Kidz – Youth club for school years 4, 5 and 6. Every Friday in term time. Including 'What's in the Bible' slot. 5:30pm – 7pm the Schoolroom. Restarts 11th Sept.

KAOS – Youth club for secondary school young people. Friday's in term time in Schoolroom, 7.15pm–9pm including a discussion time based on biblical values. Restarts 11 Sept.

Lydbrook Church

TODAY : Church & Tea @ 3.00: all welcome at this increasingly popular service.

The new season of "Lite Bites" begins on Thursday 24th September from 12 noon at Lydbrook Social Club. All welcome!

Harvest Songs of Praise: Oct 4th, 3 pm to be followed by a harvest supper. If you would like to come please sign the list at the back of the church to help us to arrange catering. Otherwise please ring Margaret on 860413 to book. Everyone welcome.

Advance notice: The Christmas Tree Festival will take place from 11th - 13th December. Planning has already started: further details later. Anyone who wishes to take part please let us know, email ddpittaway@btinternet.com

Ruardean Church :

Wed. 10.30-4.30, Café in church with light lunches at noon.

Macmillan Coffee Morning on Saturday 26th September, 10.00 a.m. in Church

Prepare for Christmas –“Chocoholics” is back. Coffee morning with raffle, cakes & books: **Friday 2nd October** @ 10.30 at Sue & Rob Young's home, Yew Tree Cottage. Bridge Road, Harrow Hill. All proceeds to Ruardean Church.

Our Harvest Celebration will be held on **Sunday 11th October at 11.00am.** The Service will be followed by a "Bring and Share Lunch" and then an Auction of the Harvest Produce.

We shall be holding a **Beetle Drive** with Afternoon Tea at **3.00pm on Saturday 14th November.** It should be great fun for all the family.

Don't forget our **Christmas Fayre** on **Saturday 5th December.** We are looking for donations for the various stalls. More information to follow.

GENERAL INFORMATION

26th Sept. 6.00-8.00 at St James Church Bream: X-Site: a new event in the Forest of Dean for 7yr olds to Year 7: contact Jonathan for more info 07580 141074 / jonathan@togetherforyouth.co.uk. Second meeting: 28th November.

Sat 26th Sept, 11.00-4.00, Coffee Day in aid of Macmillan Nursing: 22 Ridgeway Crescent, Whitchurch. Contact Ruth or Les on 01600890078.

Food Bank Supplies: These are running dangerously low. **Foodbank Collection Boxes** are at Forest Church, Vales Butchers & the Shop on the Cross, also Lydbrook School. See Food bank website/ noticeboard outside the schoolroom or contact Clare Vale (07743087892) for further info.

Pied Piper Appeal – This wonderful charity has bought buses for excursions for children in the terminally ill ward at Gloucester Royal and continues to buy equipment for their

treatment and marvellous toys and gadgets to entertain them and to lighten their lives. David Sollars at Ruardean is still our local support centre for them, collecting English & foreign stamps and small coins for this great appeal. Have you small change from your foreign trip this summer? Will you have lots of stamps, even English ones, over Christmas? Please either hand in at Ruardean as usual on Sundays or use the labelled boxes to be installed at Forest Church and Lydbrook from this Sunday.

Shop on Cross: Small-medium cardboard boxes urgently needed for books please: Thanks, Anna.

Pew Sheet: Info. normally by 2.00 Wed., please, to ann.wilson2@btinternet.com or ring Anna on 01594 541759. For e-mails, please start Subject Field 'Pew Sheet'. Where possible set your notice within the mail, rather than as an attachment. Please accept that from time to time the Editor may need to abridge your entry. Thank you.