



*St John the
Evangelist
Highbridge*

*We want to be a people of courage,
sharing God's love across our community.*

24th July 2022

6th Sunday after Trinity

Music in Today's service:

- 313 Lord of all hopefulness
119 Father God, I wonder
231 I heard the voice of Jesus say
541 What a friend we have in Jesus

Welcome to Church Today

Collect: Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion: God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Bible Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre and said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.' So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' And the LORD said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.' Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' Again Abraham spoke to the LORD, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' Then Abraham said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' The LORD answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' Abraham said, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' The LORD answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.' The LORD answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

Bible Reading: Luke 11:1-13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.' And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.'

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'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

In our prayers....

Marriage:

Couples preparing for marriage and those recently married



Baptisms:

We pray for all parents and godparents

Those in need of our prayers:

Jenny Salway, Alun Sales, Marilyn Lloyd, Ron Fisher

For those who have died:

We pray for those who have recently died and their loved ones who grieve their loss.



Those whose anniversary falls this week:

In our community:

We pray for all who suffer in silence, all who are lonely or afraid, that they might reach out to Jesus and find him.

In our world:

We pray for freedom for Christians and those of other religions to practise their faith in peace and safety.

Contact us:

For general enquiries and wedding or baptism bookings, in the first instance please contact the church parish office.

THE OFFICE IS CLOSED FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

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Eucharist Common Cup

The PCC, following guidance from the Bishops, have voted to reintroduce the Common Cup as from today (24th July).

There will be a Chalice station for those who wish to receive and share the common cup, the service leader will explain the practical arrangements.

This is entirely up to you and if you prefer you can still receive in one kind.

Please do not share the cup if you have any cold/covid symptoms.

CALENDAR JULY 2022

Sunday 24th 6th Sunday after Trinity

10am Communion Service

Wed 27th 9.30am Communion in the church
and live streamed to Facebook

Sunday 31st 7th Sunday after Trinity

10am Communion Service