

## PRAYER PAGE

### PRAYERS and VISITING

Someone's name to add to the prayer list? Someone in hospital who would like a visit? Please contact Chris in the church office 7636 8008.

### The PRAYER CHAIN

If you need prayer urgently or in an emergency, call Sheila on 7649 1093 who will pass your request through the chain and praying for you will begin. Or if you know someone else who does ...

### Pray for God's healing and peace for ...

Doug Leighton, Karen White, Evelyn Warwick (Karen White's mum),  
Martin Kearns, Betty Baker, Lyn Brown, Juliana Peacock,  
Margaret Wagstaff, John Rhodes, Jan Lievers, Janine, Norma Collier,  
Elliott Cox, Julie Haynes, Jean & Keith Harris

### Those who mourn for

Margaret Rice, Derek Robbins, Eric Greenway, Peter King, Mary Challis,  
and for the ministry of the Bereavement Team

### This week ...

- Pray for those sowing new seeds: those at the beginning of a new life journey; we pray for those embarking on new relationships, for new friendships forming, and for new lives: babies and their parents. Pray particularly for parents and godparents of Amelia and Isobel baptised this morning.
- Keep praying for Jen Watson as she meets lots of new people, and makes contact with local schools, for some really good ideas to emerge re how to engage better with families and children.
- Give thanks for Hannah and Adam's wedding here yesterday, and pray for them as they set out on the adventure of marriage, for God's blessing and upholding amid all the ups and downs that life brings
- Many found the meeting on Monday difficult and distressing. Pretending it did not happen will not help us move forward or to grow. Pray for space to reflect honestly, to acknowledge what needs addressing, and to seek healing and a good way forward.
- Funding for schools, the aftermath of the Grenfell House disaster, massive uncertainties over Brexit, low wages, the use of contaminated blood ...the list of challenges facing our government seems to grow longer every week: Pray for wisdom and compassion.

### Collect for the fifth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,  
send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit,  
and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

## St Giles' Church, Exhall

### WELCOME to today's worship!

It's really good to welcome those who come today for the Baptisms at 11.30am of Amelia Bentick and Isobel Wells .

Please stay for coffee etc after each morning service.



### The week ahead ..

8am	<b>SUNDAY 16th July</b> Holy Communion
9.30am	Holy Communion with Sunday School
11.30am	All Age with Baptism <span style="float: right;">5.30pm Evening Prayer</span>
	<b>MONDAY 17th</b> PCC Standing Committee - Vicarage
7.30pm	
	<b>TUESDAY 18th</b> Holy Communion at Bede Village
10.30am	Foodbank open at Bedworth Baptist Church
10-12pm	Over 50's Club - Bingo & Quiz- Main Hall
1pm	Service at Benwarden Nursing Home
2pm	
	<b>WEDNESDAY 19th</b> Parent and Toddler Group - Main Hall
9.30am	Holy Communion
10am	
	<b>THURSDAY 20th</b> Parent and Toddler Group - Main Hall
9.30am	Ministry Team Meeting - Vicarage
11.10am	Foodbank open at The Little Chapel, Bulkington Road
12.30-2.30pm	Mothers' Union Evening Group
7.30pm	
	<b>FRIDAY 21st</b> Foodbank open at Bedworth Heath Comm'y Centre, Smorral Lane
12-2pm	Choir Practice
7pm	
	<b>SATURDAY 22nd July</b> Wedding of Stephen Tuston and Stacey Taylor
2pm	
	<b>SUNDAY 23rd July</b> Holy Communion
8am	Holy Communion
9.30am	All Age Worship <span style="float: right;">5.30pm Evening Prayer</span>
11.30am	

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## Today's Readings

**8am** Genesis 25. 19-34 Gaye Bell      Matthew 13. 1-9, 18-23 Brian Payne  
**9.30** Genesis 25. 19-34 Anne Llewellyn-Nash      Matthew 13. 1-9, 18-23 Margaret Beale  
**11.30** Matthew 13. 1-9, 18-23 Jenny Tallis  
**5.30** Genesis 25. 19-34 Stella Bunting      Matthew 13. 1-9, 18-23 Carol Carrier

### Genesis 25. 19-34

This is the account of the family line of Abraham's son Isaac. Abraham became the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah daughter of Bethuel the Aramean from Paddan Aram and sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was childless. The LORD answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant. The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, "Why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. The LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger."

When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb. The first to come out was red, and his whole body was like a hairy garment; so they named him Esau. After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when Rebekah gave birth to them.

The boys grew up, and Esau became a skilful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was content to stay at home among the tents. Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished. He said to Jacob, "Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I'm famished!" (That is why he was also called Edom.) Jacob replied, "First sell me your birthright." "Look, I am

about to die," Esau said. "What good is the birthright to me?" But Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left. So Esau despised his birthright.

### Matthew 13. 1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear."

"Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.

## CHURCH NOTICES - this week

### Peter King Memorial Service

Following Peter's death 2 weeks ago, his family are planning a service of thanksgiving for his life to be held here on Sunday 17th September at 2.30pm. More details nearer the time.

### AUGUST/SEPTEMBER Magazine

The deadline for articles is Thursday 20th July (Sunday 23rd at the very latest) Please look ahead if you want something highlighted over the next couple of months as the next issue won't be until October.

### St Giles' needs YOUR help!

- ⇒ meeting and greeting before the service
- ⇒ reading a lesson, or leading in prayer
- ⇒ making coffee/tea after a service
- ⇒ helping with Sunday School activities
- ⇒ adopt a grave!
- ⇒ simple maintenance on grounds or buildings
- ⇒ **Helping with Toddler group on Thursdays**

If you're interested, please speak to Cynthia, Andrew, or Chris in the office: 7636 8008

**INSPIRE** is an attractive, small format, Christian magazine. It's subtitled "Stories to lift your spirits". It's a good read and/or to give away to someone who may not come to church, a gentle way of outreach. It's **FREE** (though others give to cover production costs.) It's on the table by the door. Please take a look, and take away a copy or two TODAY!



### FOODBANK Urgent needs

- \* Toiletries - soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes
- \* Toilet rolls
- \* Long life milk

### Always appreciated

- \* Sugar (500g)
- \* Tinned meat/fish
- \* Tea bags
- \* Tinned fish
- \* Rice pudding
- \* Sponge Pudding (Tinned)
- \* Fruit juice - long life
- \* Potatoes tinned or instant
- \* Tinned Veg.
- \* Coffee - small jars
- \* Tinned fruit
- \* Rice/Pasta and pasta sauce
- \* Breakfast cereals
- \* Biscuits/snack bars

### Matthew reading continued.

The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."