Pewsheet for Winterslow All Saints & St John's, Farley and Pitton
four of The Clarendon Churches

Sunday 26th July - Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday Services

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8:00am	Early Eucharist (Winterslow, St John's)
9:15am	Morning Worship (Winterslow, All Saints)
11:00am	Parish Eucharist (Farley, All Saints)
11:00am	Morning Worship (Pitton, St Peter's)
5:00pm	Healing and Wholeness service (Winterslow, All Saints)

Next Sunday

Sunday 2nd August

8:00am	Early Eucharist (Winterslow, St John's)
11:00am	Joint Parish Eucharist (Pitton, St Peter's)

For your Prayers this Week:

Please pray for those who are sick including:

Jan Cook, Rosemary Griffiths, Cynthia Sanders

And pray for the family and friends of those who have recently died

Dorothy Bright & Eddie Watts

Please contact Simon if you would like someone prayed for.

Our service for Healing and Wholeness is today in Winterslow All Saints at 5pm.
All Welcome.

Our next 'Going Deeper in Faith' group will be in the Team Office on

Wed 2nd September at 7pm.

We will be engaging in 'Christian Mindfulness'

All Welcome

If you don't receive our weekly email letting you know what is happening across the churches you should.
https://clarendoncofe.org/churchconnect/

If you would like something added to this pew sheet please contact Simon at Simon@ClerendonCofE.org

Each week we have an Eco Tip for the Congregation from the EcoChurch group:

This Week's Eco Tip: Food Miles

The rise of online supermarket shopping offers another way to save a little energy and do your bit for the environment at the same time. One local delivery van can bring many households' food shopping to their door – instead of each one having to make the trip for themselves. For example, if you regularly drive to large, out-of-town supermarkets, the miles add up. In fact, each of us travels around 135 miles a year in the car to do our food shopping.

But a word of warning: food miles only tell you one thing: distance!

and if you are trying to shop sustainability as possible there are other things that can affect a product's carbon footprint. For example, UK tomatoes grown in heated greenhouses may actually have a higher carbon footprint than tomatoes imported from hotter countries even including the extra transport.

This Week's Diary

Tuesday 28th July

9:00am	Morning Prayer (Winterslow, All Saints)
9:15am	Informal Prayers (Pitton, St Peter's)
3:00pm-4:30pm	Tea and Chatter (Pitton, St Peter's)

Thursday 30th July

9:00am	Morning Prayer (Winterslow, All Saints)
7:00pm	Farley and Pitton PCC meeting (Farley, All Saints)

Friday 31st July

9:00am	Morning Prayer (Winterslow, All Saints)

and becomes
the greatest of all shrubs,
so that the birds of the air
can make nests in its shade

Matthew 13.31-33,44-52

Cluster Services in August

Following on from last year - there will be Cluster Services across our churches during August this year. This will give us a chance to worship together and share:

Sunday 2nd:	8am Early Eucharist - Winterslow St John 11am Joint Eucharist - Pitton
Sunday 9th	11am Joint Eucharist - Winterslow
Sunday 16th	8am Early Eucharist - Winterslow St John 11am Methodist Service - Pitton 11am Joint Eucharist - Farley
Sunday 23rd	11am Joint Eucharist - Winterslow
Sunday 30th	10am Team Eucharist - Alderbury

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The Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection,
both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading

1 Kings 3.5-12

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.'

Second Reading

Romans 8.26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel

Matthew 13.31-33,44-52

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

Post Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise
be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever. Amen.

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