

## Services and Events this week:

<b>Mon 9<sup>th</sup></b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	9.45am	Stepping Stones
<b>Tues 10<sup>th</sup></b>	2.00pm	Mothers' Union Meeting
<b>Weds 11<sup>th</sup></b>	11.30am	Beacon Meeting
<b>Thur 12<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Refreshments & Stalls
	5.15pm	Choir Practice
<b>Sat 14<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am to	Norfolk Churches Trust
	5.00pm	Sponsored Cycle Ride
<b>Sun 15<sup>th</sup></b>	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong

### Refreshments and Stalls on 29<sup>th</sup> August:

Refreshments (net) £ 210.00, Stalls £ 115.27, Total £ 325.27. A big thank you to all who helped out.

### Mothers' Union - Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept - 2:00pm

The theme of the next Mothers' Union meeting is 'Meet our worldwide membership' and includes short films which are ideal for all who might like to find out about Mothers' Union. All are welcome.

### Christmas Tree Festival – Grand Draw

Proceeds from this year's draw will go towards future work on the porch and entrance. Cash prizes will be given – they are much easier to deal with if won by someone from away. We need your help in identifying people or businesses we may approach to donate the prizes of £100, £75 and £25 (the £50 prize has already been agreed). If you can help, please contact Roger Burbidge (01328 851848). The prizes can be given anonymously or named, as the donor wishes, on publicity. Ideas a.s.a.p. would be welcome.

### Sponsored Cycle Ride – Sat 14<sup>th</sup> September

Fakenham Church will be open as usual, but for this event we would like the toilets open, drinks available and to give a warm Fakenham welcome to the riders. We, therefore, need help from 9.00am to 5.00pm. If you can help by simply being in church for whatever time you can spare, please see Roger Burbidge (851848) or Judith Smyth (864061).

### Bible Course

Places are still available on this course which takes place Tuesday evenings commencing Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September until Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm each evening. This is an opportunity not to be missed.

Each session will last 90 minutes, and the whole course will cost you £5.00 which includes a booklet for you to keep and make your own notes in for future reference. It's suitable for anyone wanting to know more about the Bible whether you are new to it or want to go deeper, the Bible Course is for you. It shows how all the books, characters and events fit together to form one BIG story, from Genesis to Revelation.

Please put your name on the sheet at the back of church, or reserve a place via the Rectory Office on 01328 862268 / admin@fakenhamparishchurch.org.uk



## 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019 Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

**W**elcome to today's worship, especially if you are visiting us or here for the first time. You may simply wish to sit, pray, listen and observe and my guiding hope is for us all to feel God's presence alongside us today. We hope that you find our Orders of Service or Prayer Books easy to follow. If you are unsure of anything please do not hesitate to ask someone nearby. If you are a Communicant member in your own church you are welcome to come up to Communion. (If you wish to receive a blessing please keep your hands folded.) We do have communion wafers that are gluten free – please ask. Refreshments are served after the 10.30am service.

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### Today's Worship Theme: Confused.com

<b>8.00am</b>	Holy Communion (BCP) Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Alan Elkins Leader: Francis Mason
<b>10.30am</b>	Holy Communion (CW) Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Alan Elkins Leader: Elaine Burbidge (Reader)
<b>11.00am</b>	Holy Communion at Christ Church Fulmodeston Celebrant & Preacher: Francis Mason Leader: Amanda Sands (Reader)
<b>12.15pm</b>	Christening of Corey Brewster
<b>6.30pm</b>	Healing Service Preacher: Canon Patrick Foreman

### Please remember in your prayers:

We pray for:

- Bishop Graham, Bishop Alan and Bishop Jonathan;
- on this Education Sunday, pray for all church schools and academies across our diocese, for teachers and other staff, for pupils and their parents;
- the Deanery of Pitea in Lulea (our link diocese in Sweden), its Rural Dean, Anna Andersson, and the deanery's work with refugees;
- the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan: Archbishop Ezekiel Kumir Kondo;
- staff and students and all those returning to school, going to new schools/ colleges or universities;
- those who live or work in Gwyn Crescent, Searle Close and Townshend Green North & East;
- in the Deanery; the Rural Dean, the Lay Chairman, Chapter Clerk and Secretary and all the Deanery Synod representatives;

- those who are unwell or in any kind of trouble including: Shireen, Mary, Sue & Andrew, Ken and Wynne;
- those known to us who have died recently & their families – Keith Evans, Geoffrey Rose, Brian Wilson and Dorothy Williamson;
- the anniversaries of the late Margaret Sayer, Reginald Cornwall and Bill Purchase.

### Music today:

Thank you to Jonathan Dodd who is playing for us today.

Hymns: (Green Book) – 50, O God you search me and you know me (see separate sheet), 169, 73 and 143

*We have some large print copies of our hymn books available – please ask.*

Music: to be advised

### Collect for 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

God of constant mercy,  
who sent your Son to save us:  
remind us of your goodness,  
increase your grace within us,  
that our thankfulness may grow,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### Readings today:

#### Deuteronomy 30.15-end

**S**ee, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

#### Luke 14.25-33

**N**ow large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has

enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

**Next week's readings – 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**  
Exodus 32.7-14 and Luke 15.1-10

### Notices

#### Healing Service Today

Please join us at the Healing Service this evening at 6.30pm. Canon Patrick Foreman will be leading the service.

### Contactless Giving

You may have noticed that at the back of the church, our contactless giving terminal has now been installed. For those of you used to using your debit card contactlessly, the procedure is exactly the same, just present your card and the donation will be taken. An acknowledgment of your donation will then be displayed. The donation is set at a base amount of £3, but this may be increased if you wish. If you would like any help using the terminal or have any questions, please speak to Keith, who has already successfully made a test donation! The terminal also takes payments by phone via Apple Pay and Google Pay. It's worth noting that we are a pilot site for the Diocese and as a result have been able to set up the terminal at a significantly reduced cost.

### Standing Orders

People can also make regular donations to our Church by Standing Order. There are forms at the back of the church that can be used to set up a standing order on-line or can be taken into your local bank/ building society branch. The form also includes a Gift Aid Declaration for those who are UK taxpayers and who wish their donations to be treated as Gift Aid (which means that we can claim back an extra 25p from the Government every time an individual donates £1).

### Church Expenditure Budgeting

In order to assist the Finance Team with its regular budgeting, we would request please that all expenditure of over £50 intended to be entered in to on behalf of the church by any individuals or church groups be pre-notified for agreement to either Keith or Roger. This is not to prohibit or prevent necessary expenditure (and agreement will not be unreasonably withheld), but we have noticed that these amounts are beginning to add up and we would like to be in the position, as far as possible, of not having any unexpected expenditures of larger than £50 arising. Thank you for your cooperation and if you have any questions please do speak to Roger or Keith.