**CHURCH SERVICES**

**Sundays**

8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) 1st & 3rd Sunday

Morning Prayer ( Book of Common Prayer ) 2nd & 4th Sunday

10.30am Sung Eucharist ( Common Worship) 1st ,3rd & 4th Sunday

Morning Worship (Service of the Word) 2nd Sunday

with Sunday Club (followed by tea or coffee fellowship)

Services on the 5th Sunday as announced

**Healing**

A Healing Service will be held on the 3rd Sunday of each month during the 8.00am communion service and also at 10.30am. Unless otherwise announced.

**Baptisms**

Baptisms will take place (by prior arrangement) at 12.15 pm, 2nd & 4th Sunday of every month, except during Lent. The November service is held on the third Sunday only To arrange a Baptism see Mr. Keith Houghton MBE after the 10:30 am service (approx 11:45am) ( 01942 797838).

**Arrangements for Weddings**

For weddings, parishioners should see Rev. Martin Cox at the Vicarage. Please telephone and make an appointment in advance (01942 883313) .

**Pastoral Needs and Visits**

Parishioners with pastoral needs (requests for counselling, personal problems or advising of illness) or any request of an urgent nature should contact the vicarage direct on telephone 01942 883313.

Housebound sick communions can also be undertaken and any parishioner not presently on the sick communion list, who wishes to be considered to receive such a visit, should advise clergy accordingly.

***Martin, our Team Rector, has a rest day towards the end of each week. Please make contact with him as you need to on 01942 883313 and he will respond to you as speedily as he can.***

**St. George’s Church**

We now have a website for you to use, with lots of up to date and interesting information. We welcome your feedback.

http://www.tyldesleystgeorge.co.uk

**The Parish Church of**

**St. George, Tyldesley.**

**August 2019**



Parish News

**OFFICIALS**

**Team Rector: Rev. Martin B Cox**

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***01942 883313***

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***0161 790 2957***

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**Minister: *01942 879608***

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**Treasurer**

**“Together in worship, love and service”**

**August Edition 2019**

AND THERE’S ANOTHER COUNTRY – A REFLECTION ON THE SACRAMENTAL NATURE OF MINISTRY,

One of my favourite hymns is Cecil Spring-Rice’s ‘I vow to thee my country’. And its greatness, I think, lies in its wonderful exposition of the fact that as Christians we are citizens of two countries; our earthly country and also the heavenly one as well.

The first verse focuses on our citizenship of our earthly country, and, particularly, when its need is dire, on the importance of self- sacrifice. This verse has attracted a fair amount of criticism in recent years, and not least for the phrase ’the love that asks no questions’, which has been taken by some to imply a blind, unthinking patriotism. However, this was certainly not Cecil Spring- Rice’s intention. In a speech which he delivered not long after his poem was completed – during the first World War - he stated that resisting the forces of evil was one’s Christian duty, and in time of war, this involved self-sacrifice,

However, as the second verse tells us, there is another country of which we are also citizens, a country whose armies cannot be counted, whose King is hiddenly present with us and whose dominion is extended not by force of arms but by the silent operation of God’s Spirit.

In other words, one country is visible, the other is not, being apprehended only by the eye of faith. And yet both countries are real, and as Christians we are citizens of both.

The recognition of this truth is fundamental to living a full Christian life. To focus solely on the heavenly country is to risk cutting oneself off from the world, a world created and sustained by God and one which Jesus died to save. Similarly, to concentrate exclusively on the earthly country is to risk cutting oneself off from God, in whose grace and power alone we can fulfil our ministry.

**From the Registers June 2019**

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| **Date Service Communicants Children Adults**   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 2nd | Holy Communion | 7 |  | 7 | |  | Morning Prayer |  | 7 | 34 | | 3rd | Funeral |  |  | 34 | | 5th | Funeral |  | 1 | 320 | | 9th | Morning Prayer |  |  | 5 | |  | Sung Eucharist | 39 | 2 | 39 | |  | Holy Baptism |  | 12 | 86 | | 12th | PCC Eucharist | 9 |  | 9 | | 15th | Holy Communion | 7 |  | 7 | |  | Sung Eucharist | 37 | 5 | 38 | | 20th | Holy Communion | 26 |  | 28 | | 23th | Morning Prayer |  |  | 5 | |  | Sung Eucharist | 37 | 9 | 40 | |  | Holy Baptism |  | 10 | 65 | |  | Song of Praise |  |  | 86 | | 24th | Funeral |  |  |  | | 30th | Team Eucharist | 33 | 1 | 38 | |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  | |

**Collection Totals June 2019**

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| **Cash Cash GA Planned Giving GA Planned giving**  £317.00 £00.00 £510.00 £320.40  **Regular anonymous gift to the Restoration Fund**  £10-00 / per week  **Donations** £230.00 **Organ** £20.00 **Com. Fund** £16.00 |

**Welcome to the Family**

Eliza Lily Battersby

Chloe Laura Hicks

*Newly Baptised*

**Consolation**

To the families of

Margret Quayle

Sharon Cooke

*May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

How then do we avoid these two extremes? Simply by recognising that the two kingdoms of which we are citizens are connected, and connected above all in Jesus Christ, in whom heaven and earth meet. We affirm this truth every time we celebrate a Holy Communion service.

There we take the fruits of the earth as worked upon by human labour and use them in the context of thanksgiving that we night receive afresh his power and presence into our lives. The ordinary things of life, through our faith in him and the operation of his Spirit, take on a new significance; becoming channels of divine grace. And what is true of the use of bread and wine at the Eucharist is also true of the use of water at a Baptism, of the use of oil at a Healing service, of the laying-on of hands at a Confirmation, and so on.

Now these are the means of grace we are most familiar with, but it would be a mistake to stop there. For the fact is that so much in life can carry a sacramental dimension, if we are open to recognise and receive it.

In every age, the Church needs a vision in order to move forward. And that vision cannot simply be a hope for greater church attendance, or a healthy bank balance, or even a willing army of committed volunteers. These can be the consequences of sharing and living out the vision, but they are not the vision itself. Rather, the essence of the vision is that there’s another country, whose citizenship we share, and whose incalculable, engracing resources are always freely available to us.

The question is the extent to which, by faith, we are open to receive them, and to use them, through our Christian service, for the renewal both of ourselves and of the world Jesus died to save.

With thoughts and prayers.

David Kerfoot



**August Flower List**

'We thank the following members of our congregation

for Altar flowers in August”

4th August. Daughters of the late Charles G Baker

11th August. Mr & Mrs J Fearick

18th August. Mrs Margaret Hook

25th August. “Open for offers”

Our thanks to Mr Alf Osborne, David and Marion for additional flowers In Loving Memory of his dear wife Annie, on 7th July.

On 22nd July we thank the family of Mrs Florence Holtom for additional Flowers in her Loving Memory

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Flower Fund during July.

L.F.

The word ‘creed’ comes from the Latin word *credo*, meaning ‘I believe and trust’.Two creeds in particular were developed in the early centuries of the Church, which have remained important to the Church and are regularly used in our worship today. People who were preparing for baptism in the early centuries of the Christian Church learned a short summary of what Christians believe. One version became accepted as the Apostles’ Creed, because it was thought to include the essential teaching of the 12 apostles, Jesus’ earliest followers. It was into that faith of the apostles that Christians were, and are, baptized. The Apostles’ Creed is therefore a summary of what the Church teaches, and of what Christians together believe, rather than a detailed statement of individual and personal belief. Saying the Creed binds Christians together as a believing community, across different traditions and practices. As we say the Creed, we join Christians past and present, and from all over the world, in proclaiming our common faith. **The Apostles' Creed** I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

From C of E Website