


Notices

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TODDLER TIME



1st and 3rd
Monday
in term time

Play and socialising for pre school children and their grown ups

10.15am till 12 noon in the Annex of
The Church Of The Good Shepherd
Quarry Hill Road, Borough Green, TN15 8RF
No charge, just a donation for tea and coffee please.



Saturday 11th September
Sponsorship forms for the annual Ride and Stride are now available in the annexe.

Join the next working party?

Saturday 18th September, 10-12

There will be a working party to give the churchyard a tidy up and to carry out a few maintenance tasks on the church building. If you would like to join us, we would welcome any helpers.



IN OUR PRAYERS *Please remember those who are ill or in special need at this time:*
Pat Head, Jackie Billitch, Celia Smith, Alan Soames, Gillian Aitkenhead, Barry Corbishley,
Brian and Pam Jones, Brenda Hewson, Linda Valance
RIP: Shirley Bowman, Janet Geering, Allan Darby

For changes or additions to the pew sheet please email: vicar.cogs@gmail.com

Steamboat Jazz Band

The Church of the Good Shepherd
Quarry Hill Road, Borough Green
TN15 8RF

18th September
7.30-10 pm
Licensed Bar



**superb
Traditional
JAZZ**

Pre-booked Tickets £10.00
Jan and Linda 01732 885048
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Contactless Payment Preferred



Sunday 5th September
12 o'clock
Baptism service for
Harry Collyer
All Welcome



THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD BOROUGH GREEN

1906—2021



Vicar Revd. Chris Turner 882447 vicar.cogs@gmail.com (Not available Tuesdays)
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14th Sunday after Trinity —5th August 2021

Welcome to the Church of the Good Shepherd

10:00am All Age Communion

This weeks hymns

- 732 My Jesus, my Saviour
- 522 We cannot measure how you heal
- 742 O for a thousand tongues to sing

The Collect

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Prayer after communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

If you would like to support our work in the community you can now donate by text
Text COGSGIVING 5 to 70085 to donate £5

Texts cost £5 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £5 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text COGSGIVINGNOINFO 5 to 70085.

Isaiah 35.4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

PSALM 146

Alleluia. Praise the Lord, O my soul: while I live will I praise the Lord; as long as I have any being, I will sing praises to my God.

Put not your trust in princes, nor in any human power, for there is no help in them.

When their breath goes forth, they return to the earth; on that day all their thoughts perish.

Happy are those who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the Lord their God;

Who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them; who keeps his promise for ever;

Who gives justice to those that suffer wrong and bread to those who hunger.

The Lord looses those that are bound;

the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous;

The Lord watches over the stranger in the land; he upholds the orphan and widow; but the way of the wicked he turns upside down.

The Lord shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Alleluia.

James 2.1-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please,' while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there,' or, 'Sit at my feet,' have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfil the royal

law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, 'You shall not commit adultery,' also said, 'You shall not murder.' Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 7.24-37

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. And Sidon He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet.

Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go – the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'