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**Week beginning 29th July 2018. The Seventeenth Sunday of Year B**

**Today's Readings:**

First Reading – 2 Kings 4:42-44. The twenty loaves were more than enough to feed the hundred men because they were miraculously multiplied.

Psalm 145 - This psalm is a monumental praise psalm; a fit summary of all David had learned about God during a long lifetime of following hard after the Almighty.

Psalm Response – “You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires”

Second Reading – Ephesians 4:1-6. Paul, writing from prison, begs the Ephesians to live a life worthy of their Christian vocation. In order to achieve this, they have to practise the virtues of meekness, patience and forbearance.

Gospel – John 6:1-15. The five barley loaves and two fish that a boy has brought with him are multiplied to feed five thousand people. The people who ate were satisfied and the disciples gathered twelve baskets of fragments.

There will be no organ or choir during August. Readers, especially at the 10.30am Mass, please note.

The hymns at this weekend's Masses have been selected from Father John's favourites!

**Fr John writes:**

Thank you for all the birthday cards – I have never had so many! Almost all of the cards highlighted the word ‘80th ‘so that I could not escape the hard fact! I favour the African attitude to advancing years – the older you are, the more they respect you! Whereas in the UK once you have passed middle age, the annual birthday cards tend to find humour in your incipient frailties - until you are eighty when such ‘mickey-taking’ suddenly ceases! Presumably this is because these frailties are now self-evident and no longer funny! Fortunately, our loving Creator sees our whole journey including when we were most competent and alert but is more concerned with how loving we are rather than how ‘successful’ we still are.

Please pray for Mary Cowley, a former patient at Woodchurch care home, (and Pat Sargent’s mother) whose Requiem is at 11am on Tuesday the 14th August at St Andrew’s.

The Bible Journey continues this Sunday in the hall at 9.45am with the topic – ‘Paul's calling'.

Please pray for our sick parishioner – Patricia Hook.

Remember that parishioners who would like be on the sick list must give their permission themselves or via another parishioner for this to comply with the GDPR. Do let Father John or Brian know.

Those whose anniversaries occur about this time – Bessie King, Lilliana Mortimer, Peter Taylor, Philomena Parker, Patricia O'Hea and Andrew Iglinski. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

**Circus Holiday Club**

An ecumenical event organised by Churches together in Tenterden and District for children aged 5 to 11. It will be held at the Zion Baptist Church from NEXT Tuesday 31st July to Friday 3rd August, 10.00am to 12noon. Application forms for children are now available. Adult volunteer helpers are still needed – Please see Jolyon....and if you cannot help at the event how about helping beforehand! Do any parishioner have some old material such as sheets, coloured material to make patches etc that could be cut up for the children to make costumes? Please leave it in the porch in a bag labelled for Jolyon.

**Walk Church**

Walk Church is a fairly new concept whereby a group of people go for a walk in the country, or the town, stopping from time to time for bible readings, prayers and periods of reflection.  Whilst they are more informal than a usual church service, they do have a spiritual element, as well as being close to the joys of nature.  Reverend Alex Bienfait from Biddenden Parish Church is pioneering Walk Church in this area and has so far run two successful ones this year.

The next one is scheduled for Sunday, 12th August, 2018, starting from St Mildred’s Church in the town at 2.00 pm (meeting at 1.45 pm).  The walk will be three to four miles long on fairly good terrain and is expected to take 2 to 2.5 hours.  It is open to everyone, though participants will need to be able to climb stiles, as there are a couple enroute.  No special equipment is needed, apart from walking boots or sturdy trainers.  I will be helping to lead the walk and it would be good if some other parishioners could come along to support this initiative.  If you have any queries, please give me a call on 01580 762526.  Janet Brierley

**This Week**

No Choir Practice until Wednesday August 29th.

No Ladies Coffee Morning until September.

**Keep fit and raise money! Kent Churches Sponsored Ride+Stride**

The annual Ride and Stride takes place on Saturday 8th September 2018 from 10.00am to 6.00pm. Enjoy the Kent countryside, towns and villages and get fit, as you discover Kent's churches by bicycle or on foot… and help support the Church at the same time! Money raised by sponsorship will be divided equally between the Friends of Kent Churches and the Parish Centre. A list of churches and sponsorship forms will be available in a few weeks.

Volunteers are also needed to welcome visitors to our church on Saturday 8th September 2018 between 10.00am and 6.00pm, to 'sign in' those taking part on the Register of Visitors, and to offer them light refreshments (these will be provided). Please consider if you could give up just one hour to welcome riders and striders that day: a form to sign up will be in the porch shortly.

**This week’s services**

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| **Day** | **Date** | **Feast** | **Time** | **Detail** |
| Saturday | July 28th | Seventeenth Sunday Ord Time (B) | 18:00 Vigil Mass |  |
| Sunday | July 29th | Seventeenth Sunday Ord Time (B) | 08:30 Mass  10:30 Mass | Catherine O’Driscoll RIP  People of the parish |
| Monday | July 30th | Feria | 10:00 Mass |  |
| Tuesday | July 31st | St Ignatius of Loyola | 10:00 Mass | John McGloyne RIP |
| Wednesday | August 1st | St Alphonsus Liguori | 10:00 Mass |  |
| Thursday | August 2nd | St Eusebius | 09:00 Mass |  |
| Friday | August 3rd | Feria | 10:00 Mass  Followed by | Catherine O’Driscoll RIP  Adoration |
| Saturday | August 4th | St John Vianney  Eighteenth Sunday Ord Time (B) | 10:00 to 10:45  18:00 Vigil Mass | Reconciliation |
| Sunday | August 5th | Eighteenth Sunday Ord Time (B) | 08:30 Mass  10:30 Mass |  |

**Next weekend's roles – August 4th and 5th - 18th Sunday Ord Time (B)**

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| **Job/Time** | **18:00 Saturday** | **08:30 Sunday** | **10:30 Sunday** |
| **Reader** | Roger Styles | Tony Mallet | Alvin Titus |
| **Extraordinary Ministers** |  | Peter Lonergan  Elena Peck | Kathleen Bishop  Martin Heinrichsmeier |
| **Flowers** |  | **Cleaners** |  |