



St. Michael the Archangel, Mere

Sunday 22nd October 2017

Welcome to St. Michael's

We welcome Jude Catley and his family. Jude is to be baptised in the service today.

Churches Together (which includes us!) **One World Week Service: TODAY** 6pm at the URC Church.

Sunday 29th October 10am: Patronal Service at All Saints', Maiden Bradley. Please ask for/offer lifts as needed.

There will be no 10.30 service at St. Michael's.

Sunday 29th October 6pm: All Souls Memorial Service at St. Michael's.

Could you be Lent Lunch Co-ordinator next year?

There are plenty of cooks/helpers but an overall co-ordinator needs to be found this month for plans to go ahead.

Please contact Judith 860553 or Janet 860884 if you can help to keep these popular lunches happening.

Knit & Natter: Thursday 26th October, 10-11, 2 The Fields, Mere
All welcome.

Tuesday 24th October 2-4 in Grove Building: MU Half-Term Fun Afternoon and Teddy Bears' picnic for Mums and children.

Harvest Festival Gifts: a big thank you for the 91.8kgs donated to the food bank. (Certificate in the church porch).

The following donations have been made from collections taken at September weddings: Tom Goodinge & Candice Sheppard:

£71 to St. Margaret's Hospice in Yeovil

John Page & Isabel Howell: £53.10 to Chilterns MS Centre

Your prayers are asked for all those who are sick, bereaved or in need of God's special help, especially:

- Sick:** Stephen Paterson, Charlotte Tyler
- Circle of Prayer:** Jean Rees, Sheelah Brown, Alf & Jean Cummings, Steven Burnip, Tam Moffatt and his family,
- Year's Mind:** Richard Dawson October 28th
- Prayer Diary:** Mere Dental Practice
Mill Lane & Sherbro Place

You are very welcome to add the names of people who are ill to the prayer list. Please be sure you have the person's permission and let us know if they would like a home visit.. Also please ask for the name to be removed from the list when appropriate.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Friday:	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
Sunday 29th:	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	No Service at St. Michael's
	6.00pm	All Souls Memorial Service

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TRINITY 19

Collect: O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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.**

First Reading: *Isaiah 45.1-7*

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him – and the gates shall not be closed: ²I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ‘so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

Second Reading: *1 Thessalonians 1.1-10*

¹From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, ³constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 22.15-22*

When the chief priests and Pharisees had heard the parables, they realized that Jesus was speaking about them. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, ‘Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?’ ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, ‘Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.’ And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, ‘Whose head is this, and whose title?’ ²¹They answered, ‘The emperor’s.’ Then he said to them, ‘Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’ ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Post Communion Prayer:

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Next Week’s Readings:

Daniel 7. 1-3, 15-18: Ephesians 1. 11-23: Luke 6. 20-31