



St. Michael the Archangel, Mere

Sunday 20th August 2017
Welcome to St. Michael's

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, Tam Moffatt and his family

RIP: Michael Saunders
Year's Mind: Tony Parfitt August 21st
Ronald Mead August 23rd

Marriage: Charles Gray and Amie Hills

Prayer Diary: Cubs, Brownies, Scouts and Guides
Shaftesbury Road and Wet Lane

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 27th:	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	Parish Communion (CW)

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10.30 Service today at St. Michael's: Rev. Carol has a long arranged wedding at Maiden Bradley at noon today. This means that today's service will be shorter than usual.

Thursday 24th August 6-8pm Maiden Bradley Summer Party at the Church - all welcome. Please come if you can to support the much-needed Friends of MB Church.

Monday 4th September 7pm in the Rose Room at Christ Church Warminster. All welcome to meet Lynn Treneary from our Deanery link Diocese of Maridi, South Sudan and discover more about the life and work of the Church amidst war and unrest.

Creative Mere Weekend 9th -10th Sept 10.30-4.30 both days in Grove Building and the Lecture Hall, see poster for details.

TRINITY 10

Collect: Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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 56.1,6-8*

¹Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,

all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant –

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them

Second Reading: *Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32*

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 15.10-28*

¹⁰Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, ‘Listen and understand: ¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.’ ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, ‘Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?’ ¹³He answered, ‘Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.’ ¹⁵But Peter said to him, ‘Explain this parable to us.’ ¹⁶Then he said, ‘Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.’

²¹Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²A Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, ‘Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.’ ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, ‘Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.’ ²⁴He answered, ‘I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.’ ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, ‘Lord, help me.’ ²⁶He answered, ‘It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.’ ²⁷She said, ‘Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.’ ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, ‘Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.’ And her daughter was healed instantly.

Post Communion Prayer:

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Next Week's Readings:

Isaiah 51. 1-6: Romans 12. 1-8: Matthew 16. 13-20