

REDDITCH STREET PASTORS

Run by Christian volunteers, **Street Pastors** are a highly successful presence in town centres at night, offering a listening ear, advice and practical assistance to those in need.

They have proved very helpful in promoting peace and order, and are valued by the police and emergency services. They are also a very effective way of witnessing to the Christian faith with those who may otherwise never come across it.

Churches Together in Redditch intend to begin a Street Pastors initiative in the town, and are appealing to all local churches for volunteers. Full training will be provided, and people can contribute in many ways – from offering support through prayer to going out on the streets.

If you might be interested in being a Street Pastor, please visit the website, www.streetpastors.org or speak to Paul Irving.

Also see the article in the latest Parish Magazine.

Items for inclusion in Pews News should be sent by 5:00pm on Tuesday to Rosalind Couchman: 60680 twyneham@hotmail.com

POST SUMMER FÊTE MEETING Wednesday 26 July at 7:00pm

We are having a Post Summer Fête Meeting in the Tapestry Room on Wednesday 26 July at 7:00pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to obtain any positive feedback from stallholders (and anyone else) about this year's Fête, and to discuss any ideas or suggestions for next year's Fête.

If you are unable to attend, but have any comments to make, please voice them to us.

We look forward to seeing you on the 26th, and again grateful thanks to one and all for our happy and successful Summer Fête.

Valerie Boyle and Tricia Hull.

PASTORAL CARE AT ST LEONARD'S

Please let one of the following people know of any concerns which affect you or someone you know:

8:00am	Birgitta Blackburn	(01527 69238)
9:30am	Rosalind Prentice	(01527 62429)
11:00am	Rachel Simpson	(01527 550571)
5:30pm	Barbara Jackson	(01527 69122)

And let **NORMA WALTERS** know (01527 454492). Norma heads up the Pastoral Care Group and will be able to organise appropriate care.



Welcome to

St Leonard's Church,
Beoley, Church Hill &
Abbey Park

Trinity 6
23 July 2017

Our Worship today:

9:30am Informal Worship.
11:00am Sung Eucharist.
3:00pm Holy Baptism.

Monday 24

Tuesday 25 2:00pm WI Craft: Tapestry Room.

Wednesday 26 10:00am Holy Communion: St Andrew's.
10:00am Beoley Stitchcraft: Tapestry Room.
**7:00pm Post Summer Fête Meeting:
Tapestry Room.**

Thursday 27 6:00pm Wedding bookings: St Stephen's.
7:30pm Bellringing Practice.

Friday 28

Saturday 29 11:00am Wedding.
1:00pm Wedding.
3:00pm Wedding.

Sunday 30 July Trinity 7
8:00am Holy Communion (BCP).
9:30am Informal Worship.
11:00am Sung Eucharist.
3:00pm Holy Baptism.

Team Vicar:

Paul Irving 435683 revpaulirving@outlook.com

Churchwardens:

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Ann Simmons 584399 ansimmons@outlook.com

If you are here for the first time, or a visitor to St Leonard's, please make yourself known to the people around you, who will be pleased to make you feel welcome.

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Our Collect and Bible Readings for the sixth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Reading

Genesis 28:10-19

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.'

Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place - and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?"

But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

- ❖ What do these Bible passages say to you? Take some time to reflect on them and consider how God might be speaking to you through them today.