

Flower List for August

6th
13th
20th Wedding
27th

Flower List is at the back of Church

Or speak to Marjorie Dickinson on 0151 924 5043 or Hilda Cannon on 87619

From our Registers

Weddings

Baptism

Funeral

Dates for your Diary

PCC Meeting

10th July at 7.30pm in Church
St Michael's Day September

Harvest Festival

9th October

The Church will be open to view the beautiful arrangements of harvest produce and flowers, from 2.30pm, all are welcome.

Harvest Song of Praise Service

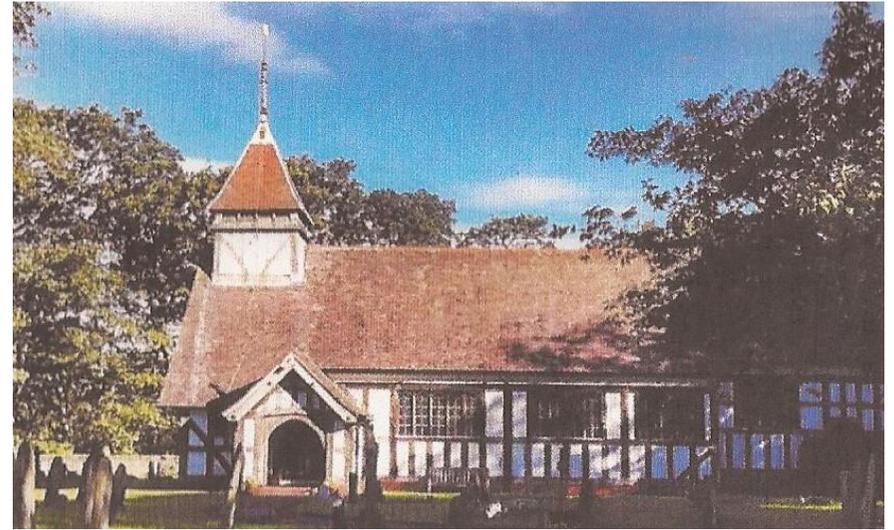
After this short service the produce will be sold in aid of the

Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution

Remember Service

Family Carol Service

During advent there will a bucket at the back of church for donations for the flowers at Christmas.



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| Sunday 2nd July Genesis 22:1-14 Romans 6:12-end Matt 10:40-end | Sunday 9th July Genesis 24:34-38 Romans 7:15-25a Matt 11:16-19, 25-end | Sunday 16th July Genesis 25:19-end Romans 8:1-11 Matt 13:1-9, 18-23 |
| Wednesday 5th July Genesis 22:1-14 Romans 6:12-end | Wednesday 12th July Genesis 24:34-38 Romans 7:15-25a | Wednesday 19th July Genesis 25:19-end Romans 8:1-11 |
| Sunday 23rd July Genesis 28:10-19 Romans 8:26-end Matt 13:24-30, 36-43 | Wednesday 26th July Romans 8:26-end Matt 13:31-33, 44-52 | Sunday 30th July Genesis 29:15-28 Romans 8:26-end Matt 13:31-33, 44-52 |

AS OF SEPTEMBER THE WEDNESDAY SERVICE WILL START AT 9.45am

No coffee morning in August, the next Coffee morning will be on the 14th September and will start 10.15am. Why not come along and enjoy a chat with friends and neighbours over a tea and coffee, or come to the service as well, all are very welcome

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This week's gospel reading, Matthew 10: 24- 39 is a disturbing one; today it would have had Jesus labelled an 'Extremist Hate Preacher' by the tabloids, as he calls followers to an unswerving loyalty that will put familial relationships to the (metaphorical) sword; so radical is his call to the values of the Kingdom of Heaven, that he recognises that it will inevitably be the cause of division and turmoil. Carrying your cross can do this! This week as I have pondered this passage two experiences come to mind:

The first from Toxteth working alongside Muslims from the local Mosques made we wonder about the way we use the word *radical* pejoratively, particularly towards those whose faith background is different from us. The etymology of radical is the Latin *radix* as in rootedness. So if my life and values are rooted in Jesus, it makes me a radical follower of him. As we began to listen to each other in Toxteth I learnt to respect the seriousness of my friends values rooted in their Islamic faith; not least recognising that both faiths are proselytising faiths.

The second goes back twenty years, when I found myself in Fushë-Arrëz, Albania just after the demise of Enver Hoxha. Walking around the town with local pastor, we happened upon a large that had been cleared, there was what I can only describe as a palpable sense of evil, despite there being nothing there. "What happened here?" I asked Tom. He told me the story of the Government Warehouse being looted, after years of deprivation, upon the fall of the regime. An oil lamp was dropped... there wasn't one household in the town untouched by the disaster that followed.

As we reflect on the events that have touched our country, our feelings are perhaps best summed up by Justin Welby, when in response to the Queens speech he said *"Over the past few weeks it has felt as though we have been overwhelmed by a storm of events that have tested our deepest values with an almost unrelenting ferocity. The aftermath of the horrific fire at the Grenfell Tower in Kensington has given us particular need to reflect upon how we respond."* He continued *"Many though, including the Prime Minister herself, have recognised that the support from the state has been inadequate in its response to those urgently and desperately in need. Such failure is ultimately a failure of values."*

So, as radical as they are, the words of Jesus ring true for us today:

"Have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not

two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid."

So let us pray for that which is covered up to be uncovered. And I wonder; how do these words renew and shape mine and your values today

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Cleaning Rota July – August

3rd Edwina, Helen & Co

10th Hazel Thompson & Helen Hillsley

17th Janet Lee & Joyce Horton

24th Janet Barnes & Pat Burn

31st Helen Cormick & Pauline

August

7th Pam & Alan Jackson

14th Hilda & Bob Cannon

21st Maureen Hendry & Family

28th Edwina, Helen & Co

Volunteers needed

Are you able to help with cleaning the church please?

See Liz or Dave

Sidespersons rota July/August

25th June – 9th July Mrs M Read & Mr R Cannon

16th July – 6th August Mr & Mrs Jackson

13th – 27th August Mr & Mrs P Collins

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2nd Wedding

9th

16th Sheila Drewary

23rd

30th Pam