



7th July 2024



For meditation: *Cleanse our hearts, O Lord our God, that with perfect love we may hope in you and purify our consciences that with sure confidence we may pray to you; through Christ our Lord. Basils of Caesarea (c330 – 379)*

NEWS AND VIEWS

Today is Thank You Day in the UK – it began in 2021 as a national day of gratitude. This was envisaged as a way for individuals and communities to say a huge thank you to everyone and everything that helped us through the Covid 19 pandemic. The idea continues as an encouragement to celebrate those who go above and beyond for their families, colleagues and communities.

Farewell – Rev Dr Jonathan Pye

A farewell service will be held on Saturday 13th July at Kingswood School at 3pm. We give thanks for his leadership of the District and pray for him as he seeks God's place and purpose in the time ahead.

POINTS FOR PRAYER

Lead us, Lord, when we lose sight of you.
Lead us, good Lord, through darkness to your light.
Lead us through disappointment and failure to a place of new calling.
Lead us though we often struggle and sometimes do not listen to your voice.
Lead us, good Lord, deeper into your love for us. Amen.

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In the circuit we praying for the congregation at Farrington Gurney and we remember the students at Chapel House, Walcot as they head off for the Summer. and pray for the 5 new students who will join the community in September.

LECTIONARY READINGS – 14th July

2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b – 19 Psalm 24
Mark 6: 14 – 29 Ephesians 1: 3-14

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

On the Sabbath Jesus began to teach in the synagogue. of his home town. Many people were there; and when they heard him they were all amazed. “Where did he get all this?” they asked. “Isn’t he the carpenter, the son of Mary.....”. And so they rejected him. Jesus said to them, “A prophet is respected everywhere except in his home town and by his relatives and his family.”

Mark 6: 2- 4

DIARY

Tuesday 9th July

Compass Point 11.00am
Rev Simon leads us as we look at another big question, “What’s God’s will for me”

The Filling Station 7.00pm
The last session – a time for thanks and praise for the last 18 years

Wednesday 10th July

Grace 3.30 – 4.30pm
An hour of fun (and snack) for school age children with an adult

Thursday 11th July

Café + Soup 9.30 – 1.30pm
Soup served around noon. All welcome.

Friday 12th July

Prayer vigil 7.00- 8.00pm
A time to bring prayer and supplication to God for the people of the Middle East

Sunday 14th July

Morning worship 11.00am
led by Rev Simon. The service will include Holy Communion

*Saints and heroes, you dare say,
Like unicorns, have had their day.
Unlaurel the compulsive tough!
All pierced feet are made of clay.*

*Envy- and paucity- of what
Men lived by to enlarge their lot,
Diminishing your share in them,
Downgrade you and not the great.*

*The saint fall down, the hero's treed
Often, we know it. Still we need
The vision that keeps burning from
Saintry trust, heroic deed.*

*Accept the flawed self, but aspire
To flights beyond it: wiser far
Lifting your eyes unto the hills
Than lowering them to sift the mire.*

C Day Lewis

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*When you pray, rather let your heart be
without words than your words without
heart. John Bunyan*