

**St. Andrew's Church Woodside**  
**7th August 2022**

**Collect for the 8th Sunday of Trinity**

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

**Message from Nick**

*Scripture Reading: 12.32 - 40*

*Always ready*

As human beings, there will be a multitude of things that we may worry about from time to time. Likewise, for Christians there are things specific to being a disciple of Jesus, that may seem to give cause for worry. The verses in our reading carry three exhortations for disciples. First, do not be afraid. Secondly, store up heavenly treasure and third, always be ready for the Kingdom of God. Ultimately, Jesus' desire for his disciples is that in place of worry, in place of fear, they would rest in readiness in his kingdom. The parable ends with a reminder that the King is coming, he will return.

Being ready means both staying alert to his return as well as keeping our lives focussed on the things of the kingdom. Believers are called to keep alight their lamps with the light of hope. Allowing God to be Lord in our lives, while waiting for him. In complete trust and suitably prepared for his return. He has a feast set up and when he comes believers will rejoice in it. He will have his disciples sit down to eat and he will come and serve them! How awesome is that!

**St Paul's Church, Luton**

Following conversations with the Diocese and with leaders here and at St Paul's, I have agreed to take up an additional 0.5 part time role of Interim Priest in Charge at St Pauls. With a start date now agreed, I will be licensed by the Archdeacon of Bedford at a service at St Pauls, New Town Street, Luton LU1 3EB today at 4.00pm. All are welcome to attend as we look forward to a fruitful partnership of the Lord's ministry across both parishes.

**Prayer Ministry**

Our prayer ministry has resumed: one of our pray-ers will be available at the front of church for those wishing private prayer following the Sunday service. They will also pray through all those named on the News Sheet, so that all those in the list are named in prayer each week.

Andrew will be leading this after today's service.

**The church is open for public worship on Sundays**

*Following Church of England guidance on covid security, facemasks are no longer mandatory, but we are maintaining an area at the back of church for those who wish to be more socially distanced.*

Zoom Fellowship follows the service. Refreshments will be available in church after the service.

For those not with us in church, the 10.30 Sunday service will be available live on Zoom meeting:

878 5926 2657, passcode 664663 or click on

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87859262657?pwd=dTdadmZDk2anA5aGtmdnFCN3kzQT09>

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*We are here as God's family, to draw closer to God, to live out our faith and welcome all into the love of God.*

## Practical help for the Community

**Azalea** 

If you can help **Azalea**, please call Joan Duncombe on 01582 404988 to enquire about particular food needs. Joan extends thanks to those who leave food on her doorstep.

 **NOAH**

**Noah** provides for about 50 people daily! Fruit, crisps, biscuits & cake bars are requested for packed lunch items. Items may be dropped off at Nikki West's home, 43 Summer Street.



**In today's economic climate needs met by the Foodbank are increasing significantly.**

**Your ongoing support provides aid to adults & children who are in great need.**

Please continue to donate food items, checking on the Luton Foodbank site if you can: high protein items e.g. tinned beans etc, dry pasta, long life milk, etc. are all thankfully received by those in need. Drop your items in the trug at church or at 7 Crawley Close. Regular financial donations are requested too, tick the Gift Aid box where appropriate.

**Sue Sturgeon's plea in church for more supplies was heartfelt.**

**Thanks to those who have responded quickly!**

*Our next scheduled date for dropping off items at the Food Bank is August 16th.*

Church Diary - August			<b>Little Stars is closed during the School Holidays.</b> <b>Craft &amp; Co. is also closed, resuming in September.</b>  <b>No Community Coffee on Saturday 27th August, resuming in September.</b>
Today	10:30am 4:00pm	Informal Communion, Nick's licensing at St. Pauls	
Sunday 14th	10:30am	Morning Praise	
Sunday 21st	10:30am	Holy Communion	
Sunday 28th	10:30am	Family Service	
September			
Sunday 4th	10:30am	Informal Communion	
Wednesday 7th	10:30am 8.00pm	Little Stars: doors open at 10 Monthly Evening Prayer theme: Creation Tide	

Julie has stepped down from the role of **Parish Safeguarding Officer**. Please pray that someone steps forward to take this on, either together with or as a separate role from that of **DBS (criminal records checks) administrator**, another aspect of safeguarding for which we have no one in post. Please speak to Julie or Nick if you feel God calling you to this role.

**Sylvia, Julie & Sue Sturgeon, looking to revive the Climate Justice Group. They invite you to an hour's brainstorming about how we as a church can respond to the climate crisis.**

Why 'Climate Justice'? We hold that Climate Change is an ethical issue because it impacts most those who are the least responsible for causing it. As Christians we recognise that our western lifestyle is unsustainable and we need to change. We are called by God to be good stewards of the earth's resources and Justice requires that we seek to redress the inequalities in access to good food, clean water and sustainable fuel.

### **Sharing what God is doing in your life**

Thinking about sharing how God works in your life? Not brave enough yet to share your testimony from the front? Then talk to Nick or Julie about how we can share on your behalf.