



20th July 2025
5th Sunday after Trinity

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Notices

Patronal Feast This Friday

Come and meet Bishop Mike, who will be our guest celebrant and preacher. To sign up to bring refreshments, please see the list at the back of the church. Cash donations may be given to Rachel Martindill or Jane Williams.

Lay Minister Re-Licensing

At 3.00 pm next Sunday 27th July, the re-licensing service for Licensed Lay Ministers at CREDITON Parish Church will include our own Joan Ridgway.

TODAY

3.00 pm Free Concert in the church with Ashley Holt

6.00 pm Service of Wholeness and Healing

This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am

Online: Mon, Wed

In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

Mon 21st July

Matthew 12: 38 – 42

11.00 am Holy Communion, Kingsgate

7.00 pm Choir practice

Tue 22nd July

John 20: 1 – 2 & 11 – 18

Wed 23rd July

Matthew 13: 1 – 9

12.00 pm Eucharist

Thu 24th July

Matthew 13: 10 – 17

Fri 25th July

Matthew 20: 20 – 28

10.30 am Coffee morning

7.00 pm Patronal Festival Eucharist

Sat 26th July

Matthew 13: 24 – 30

Next Sunday: 27th July

6th Sunday after Trinity

Luke 10: 38 – 42

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

12.30 pm Holy Baptism

3.00 pm Re-licensing of Licenced Lay Ministers at CREDITON Parish Church

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post-Communion Prayer

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

10.00 am Music

Music Setting: Mass of St Thomas (by David Thorne)

Processional hymn 555

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Offertory hymn 452

My God, How Wonderful You Are

Recessional hymn 410

Lord of All Hopefulness

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

First Reading: Genesis 18: 1-10

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on – since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.

Second Reading: Colossians 1: 15-28

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him – provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Gospel Reading: Luke 10: 38-42

Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

