

6<sup>th</sup> October at 11.30am



### ENGLAND IN TUNE

Tim Lewis &  
Sheila Furneaux  
St Andrew's Church,  
Chew Magna

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm  
tickets £10, includes a drink  
from Chew Magna Post Office  
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Many thanks

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**Holy Trinity**  
**Norton Malreward**

**A special welcome if you are a  
visitor or here for the first  
time.**

**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

*Please take this leaflet home for  
reflection and prayer, pass it on to  
a neighbour, or recycle.*

## NOTICES

### **Hugh Norton**

There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for Hugh's life on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 3.00pm at Chew Magna.

### **Rector's Farewell Eucharist.....**

is at 10.30am on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September at Chew Magna. Do come and join us for Charles & Julie's 'Big Send-Off'!!

### **Filling Station**

Now that we have had our last Filling Station of the summer we take a break in August, and reconvene in September. So make a note of the date in your diary – 26<sup>th</sup> September – and come and hear another good speaker, Sally Wheeler at the Pelly Barn. If you've not been before, come and give it a go!

### **Next Sunday – Trinity 11**

8.00am	Holy Communion cr	CM
10.30am	Café Church sl	D
10.30am	Parish Communion cr	SD
10.30am	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Special cm	CM
10.30am	Family service + Baptism sm	CS

**Readings for next Sunday:** Prov 25: 6-7;  
Heb 13: 1-8, 15 -16; Luke 14: 1, 7-14

**Collect for this week – Trinity 10** Let your merciful ears, O lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord

### **Our readings for today –**

**Isa 58: 9b-end** The exiles have returned to Israel but they are impatient to see God at work in their lives. Rebuilding is a slow process. God replies by telling them that if they want to experience spiritual reality then they must engage with spiritual reality. Self-interest has no place in their worship – it is not about what they can get out of it. They need to change their approach to fasting – they need to fast from apathy, complacency and selfishness. Only then will they see the world transformed, where the hungry are fed, neighbours cared for, and their relationship with God enhanced.

**Heb 12: 18 –end** Hebrews sets up the contrast between the old and new covenants – the journey and the destination, the interim and the ultimate. While Sinai was the revelation of God in the old covenant there is now a new and better way of seeing God's glory. Sinai was unbearable, untouchable, but the new revelation is now gloriously accessible because God is both judge and mediator. Mount Zion surpasses Mount Sinai because it is a permanent reality.

**Luke 13: 10- 17** Why should a 'simple' healing arouse such negative comments? The power to heal is not in question, it is more about interpretation of the Law. Is the Law there as an instrument of condemnation or as a means of Grace? Those who would use it for condemnation are pronounced hypocrites. By contrast Jesus' actions show compassion, his power to heal, and leads people to praise God. While many laws may be 'right' they are not always exercised appropriately. Significantly Jesus now stops teaching further in a synagogue.

### **Please pray:**

- That the Church remains faithful to the gospel it proclaims, diligent in service, and constant in prayer. Bless our local ministers, Wardens and PCC members that they may truly lead our congregations in both the practical and spiritual aspects of our witness together.
- Pray for our world that we may truly respect all people. Pray for peace and justice for all who are oppressed or who suffer discrimination of any kind. We continue to pray for our nation, that the common good may overcome personal political ambition.
- Pray healing for all who suffer from long-term illness. Pray for all in hospital, those recovering at home and those undergoing treatment. Pray for Nick and Carole (CM), Helen and Roy (SD).
- We pray for all the faithful departed who are gathered in heaven. Pray for the Stevens (Rimmer) and Norton families as we remember Joyce, and Hugh this week.

***Just a thought.....*** If we honour God with our ritual, we must honour him also in our lives.