



**15<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30am**

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**St Mary the Virgin  
Stanton Drew**

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

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

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019**

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## NOTICES

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

is at 10.30am next Sunday at Chew Magna.  
Do come and join us for Charles & Julie's 'Big Send-Off'!!

### **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.

### **Filling Station.....**

reconvenes 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 12**

**10.30am RECTOR'S FAREWELL**  
Parish Communion CM

**Readings for next Sunday:** Deut 30: 15-end; Philemon 1 -21; Luke 14: 25-33

### **Collect for this week – Trinity 11**

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure. Through Jesus Christ our Lord

### **Our readings for today –**

**Prov 25: 6-7** It is rare to have such a short or more concise reading from the Old Testament, even rarer to have something which barely needs any explanation. Yet, it is a sober reminder of our attitudes towards one another and the often marked contrast between the way we think and the way God operates. At the heart of these verses is humility, a reverse trend towards what we might expect if we were in the business of hospitality. How can we know who is the guest of honour – that is not in our gift. Rather we must leave it to God to know who is the “greatest” and most deserving, and wait patiently on his grace for our place.

**Heb 13: 1-8, 15-16** The epistles generally work through a theological discussion before ending with some practical advice. Hebrews is no different, concluding with an ethical checklist. Love is the key to all Christian relationships because it goes beyond the boundaries of our fellowship. Purity of life keeps us focused and free from false accusations. Respect for the leadership is a recognition that leadership is a God-given gift. And true worship holds us together in unity.

**Luke 14: 1, 7-14** Sight and insight are common themes in the gospels. Jesus and his opponents eye each other up. But they “see” differently. The Jews looked at the outward, Jesus looks deeper into the inward. They take honour for themselves which doesn't last, but if God honours us we may need to wait on his grace. And our welcome should be without thought of reward for God gives freely and we are to emulate that attitude and approach.

### **Please pray:**

- That the Church remains faithful to the gospel. Help us to ‘see’ with the eyes of Christ and be the “attractive people of faith” to the world. Pray for all in positions of leadership in the church locally, for our Archbishops, and for our friends in Zambia as they start work on the priest's house in Kwacha, that this work may be a blessing.
- Pray for our world that we may truly understand one another and seek the common good. Pray for all places of conflict, for all who live in fear or who are under suspicion or wrongfully imprisoned. Pray too for our environment that we may be good stewards of God's creation.
- Pray healing for all who suffer from discrimination and for those bound by mental 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 Norton family as we remember Hugh this week.

***Just a thought.....*** a change in inner attitude leads to a change in outward behaviour.