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The Newsletter of **St Laurence Long Eaton**

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October 4th 2020

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

The Vineyard of the Lord

The Church rejoices in being the vineyard of the Lord. At the same time we have cause here for much heart-searching and prayer..

Mass

First Reading: *Isaiah 5: 1-7*

Responsorial Psalm 79: 9, 12-16, 19-20

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Second Reading: *Philippians 4: 6-9*

Gospel: *Matthew 21: 33-43*

Hymns All LON (Blue):-

Introit: 125 All things bright and beautiful
Gradual: 226 Come, ye thankful people, come
Offertory 718 We plough the fields and scatter
Communion 165 Be still, for the presence of the Lord
Recessional: 186 Brother, sister, let me serve you
(All can be heard sung on Youtube.)

(Year A)

Notices

We welcome Fr. Michael today as our celebrant and preacher.

Announcement of new Parish Priest

We are delighted that an announcement has recently been made from the Bishop of Derby's office that Fr David Lawrence-March has been appointed as the new Vicar at St Laurence's and Priest-in-Charge at Holy Trinity. We are all looking forward to his arrival which we hope, and expect, to be before Christmas. The Covid-19 crisis makes it difficult to say at this stage exactly how we will be able to welcome Fr David but we will give further news when we can.

Fr David is currently the Priest-in-Charge of two parishes on the Isle of Wight and before that spent a large part of his ministry in school chaplaincy. He himself is delighted to be coming to us as our Parish Priest and is very much looking forward to meeting both congregations

Jennifer and Simon

Jay Ellis

Today we celebrate the baptism of Jay Ellis and welcome him into our church family. Please pray for him as he starts his new life as a member of Christ's body here at St. Laurence.

PCC Meeting

Will be held today after Mass.

Br Andrew Smith OPA writes:-

First Reading: *Isaiah 5: 1-7*

The theme of Isaiah's parable symbolizes Israel as God's vineyard. He "planted" them as His "cherished vine" in the Land of Canaan, where their lives were to produce the "good fruit" witnessing to the Gentile world. However, Israel became a vine that failed to yield, and only produced the "wild grapes" in failing to keep their covenant with God. In judgment for the failures, Israel would forfeit His divine protection. He would allow a foreign power to trample and destroy His vineyard that failed to produce the "fruit of righteousness" to call His people to repentance

Second Reading: *Philippians 4: 6-9*

Paul wrote this Epistle from his imprisonment, probably in Rome, to the Christian community in Philippi, a city in northeastern Greece. Paul's message is one of encouragement. He wrote if we truly have faith and trust in Jesus, then we should have no anxiety about earthly struggles because we belong to Christ and are under His protection. Instead of focusing on all the bad things that can happen in life, we should try to continually recommit ourselves to a life centred on **prayer** [and the Eucharist] upheld by the Love of God.

Gospel: *Matthew 21: 33-43*

In the Parable of the Tenants of the Vineyard, Jesus teaches about the leadership failures of Israel. In Jesus' parable, there are blessings for obedience, and judgments for failures. He also teaches us on the leadership of the coming Kingdom of Heaven. The followers of Jesus are the branches grafted onto the "true vine" that is the Christ, and calls us to bear the "good fruit" by relying on Christ, and having confidence "that the peace of God that surpasses all understanding" will guard our "hearts and minds in the knowledge of Jesus Christ."

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
 who in the abundance of your kindness
 surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you,
 pour out your mercy upon us
 to pardon what conscience dreads
 and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever.

Services for this Sunday and the week ahead:-

For the time being the pattern of services continues the same as in recent weeks, with a Sunday Mass in church, and Zoom Masses at the usual times during the week. Zoom login details remain the same each week.

Sunday 4th October 27th in Ordinary Time

Mass at St. Laurence 9. 30 am

Tuesday 6th October

Zoom Mass 9.30 am

Wednesday 7th October

Zoom Mass 10.00 am

Thursday 8th October

Zoom Mass 7.00 pm

Friday 9th October

Zoom Mass 12.00 noon

Sunday 11th October 28th in Ordinary Time

Mass at St. Laurence 9.30 am

Please remember in your prayers:-

Those who are sick, especially: twins Cosima and Tiadora and their mother Leigh Anne, Syd Warren, Maria Perkins, Dawn, Grace Fouracres, Jack Grocock and Vanessa Jackson.

Those who have recently died: and also those whose anniversary of death falls this week: Linda Spray, Beryl Sedgwick, Frank Russell Cheetham and Alan Watson.

Contacts at St. Laurence

For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals and any other parish enquiries please contact the Churchwardens.

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