



**Parish of Burchetts Green
News and Greetings from the Rev'd Tom Etherton**

A Season of Reflection



Dear friends,

As someone who naturally appreciates a little variety from time to time, when we used to pass Trinity Sunday in church growing up I'd let out a small sigh inwardly that we were now using green as our liturgical colour for what seemed like forever! After the flurry of colours of the weeks from Lent to Pentecost, we spend months having green on the altar every Sunday.

Since training for ordination I've realised that there are two good things which come out of this. The first is that we notice changes – take saints days for example. A sharp contrast when we celebrate a saints day (as we will on 3rd July) and we change the altar to red. It makes us think more deeply about the rhythm of life and how it can be interrupted without any notice.

The second is that it gives us an extended period to reflect, to journey, to recentre ourselves on what is really important in our lives and our world. I've just been preparing a baptism for this weekend and it is for a slightly older child who loves Transformers. The main hero character in Transformers is called Optimus Prime and there is one point where he says this:

"In any war, there are calms between storms. There will be days when we lose faith. Days when our allies turn against us...but the day will never come that we forsake this planet and its people."

As Christians, we are called to be stewards of this planet and its people. If we want an example to follow we have Jesus Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith (*Hebrews 12:2*). Jesus showed us how we can love God and how we can love others. But that also involves loving God's world. Right in the beginning of creation, the human race is entrusted with the care of creation – not in a dominant way that we can use it however we please but in a careful way where the world is stewarded in preparation for its renewal by God.

During the next few months as we journey through this season of "The ...th Sunday after Trinity" let us take time out to reflect on where we are on our journeys. We approach our vision day later in the year (30th October if you want to mark your diaries, details to follow!) and it seems like a good time to reflect on where we feel our gifts and strengths are as individuals but also as a church. What do we do well? And what is God laying on our hearts to start doing or do more of?

As we enjoy the arrival of some summer weather, let us remember that we share a responsibility to care for this world and in this green season, it seems entirely appropriate we should reflect on our impact on the planet which gives so much to us.

Oasis

Oasis will be meeting on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the month. The next dates are July 5th and July 19th. Please join in Hurley church for prayer.

Support for Asylum Seekers

Maidenhead St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) is working with Care4Calaisto support asylum seekers in our area.

There are roughly 240 adults and 80 children who are asylum seekers staying in Maidenhead. They arrive with very little and are not allowed to work. There is an ongoing need for good quality second hand clothing, bikes and activities/games. If you would like to help, then the list below contains the things that would be most useful. Please get in touch with Maurice Skinner or contact the SVP on 07749 917134 if you would like to donate any items from the list:

- Clothing – Men's, Women's and children all sizes (please only new underwear, socks and leggings), adult men's football boots/ trainers
- New packs of felt tips, coloured crayons, drawing pencils, notepads colouring books, sketch pads
- Skipping ropes, Badminton rackets and shuttlecocks, Basketballs
- Scooters and bikes - children and adult
- Games – eg Chess, Backgammon, Uno, Monopoly, Dobble, Dominoes, Connect 4, Jenga
- Nail clippers, Tweezers
- New packets of Mascara, Moisturiser, Shower gel, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner
- Suitcases

Services

Morning Prayer each week at 9:15am

Wednesday St. James-the-Less, Stubbings

Thursday St. John the Evangelist, Littlewick Green

Friday St. Mary the Virgin



BURCHETTS GREEN PARISH – SUNDAY SERVICE ROTA

JUNE 2022

<u>Week</u>	<u>St Mary the Virgin, Hurley</u>	<u>St James the Less, Stubbings</u>	<u>St John the Evangelist, Littlewick Green</u>
Week 1 Sunday 5 th June 2022 (Queen's Jubilee)	10.30am God through Music Lay lead	5.00pm Choral Evensong Exodus 33:7-20 & 2 Corinthians 3:4-18	9.15am Holy Communion Acts 2:1-21 & John 14:8-27
Week 2 Sunday 12 th June 2022	10.30am Holy Communion Romans 5:1-5 & John 16:12-15	8.00am BCP Communion Romans 5:1-5 & John 16:12-15	4.00pm Family Service
Week 3 Sunday 19 th June 2022	10.30am God in Quiet	11.00am BCP Communion Galatians 3:23-29 & Luke 8:26-39	9.15am Holy Communion Galatians 3:23-29 & Luke 8:26-39
Week 4 Sunday 26 th June 2022	10.30am Holy Communion Galatians 5:1, 13-25 & Luke 9:51-62	8.00am BCP Communion Galatians 5:1, 13-25 & Luke 9:51-62	

The July and August service patterns will be out soon but there will only be one service in the parish on each Sunday from 31st July until 28th August.

Our churches are open for private prayer:

Littlewick Green – open every day 11am – 4pm

Hurley – open every day 8am – 4pm

Stubbings – open Monday to Friday 9am – 12 noon

Parish Office.

Our parish administrator Claire is available in the office Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:00am-12:00pm and by appointment on Tuesday and Thursday 9:00-12:00pm. I can be contacted on vicar@burchettsgreenparish.org and 01628 822974, - please note the vicar's day off is Tuesday

Blessings,

Tom

