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**Sunday 16th September 2018**

**TRINITY 16**

**We Welcome You!**

**Today's readings:**

**Proverbs 1.20 - 33**

**Psalm 19**

**James 3.1- 12**

**Mark 8.27 - 38**

**Collect for Today:**

**Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**



This is a communion service where we share bread and wine together. Everyone is welcome to receive but if you would rather not then please come forward for a blessing instead. Children who have been baptised are also able to receive from the age of four. The bread we use is baked by hand and contains gluten, wheat and yeast. If you need rice cake please tell one of the people who welcomed you.

If you have come here with needs or anxieties and you would like someone to pray with you, for yourself or for someone else, there will be someone by the war memorial in church during communion who will be very happy to listen and pray. And if you would like us all to pray for someone in the intercessions, just add the name in the book on the wooden lectern by the glass doors.

**A MASSIVE THANK YOU to Ruth Fitter** for all her support from start to finish with the **Community Summer Fayre** and for bringing her beautiful granddaughter along for everyone to meet.

The event went absolutely fantastically, but would not have done so without the support of everyone who helped out in which ever way they could, so another **HUGE THANK YOU** goes out to everyone of all ages who contributed or helped out. The money raised will be used to pay off the extra freezer that we needed, to give a donation to a member of our community, who sadly had her specially adapted bike stolen and the remainder will be added to the winter fayre's grand total. A special thank you also goes out to **Banana Moon Nursery** who were extremely generous and donated an amazing £100!! to our total. **Sue Matthews.**

**MACMILLAN CANCER CARE. Coffee morning held on Friday 28th September between 10am and 12 noon** to raise funds for **Macmillan Cancer Care.** If you would like further information please speak to Willie Beart. Any donations of cakes to be sold would be gratefully received. Many thanks.

**CLEANING MORNING AND DECORATING FOR HARVEST** will take place on **Saturday 29th September 9am-11am.** Please do come and help even for half an hour - many hands make light work. Refreshments will be available. **AND THEN.....**

**HARVEST SUPPER** Our **annual Harvest Supper** will take place on **Saturday 29th September at 7pm** and will be a **fish and chip supper with a quiz.** The cost will be **£5** per person and there will be a sign up list in the hall to help work out the numbers for the evening.

**ART and SOUL** Art and Soul returns monthly on **Wednesdays 9:15am 12th September, 10th October, 14th November, 12th December, 9th January, 13th February, 13th March, 10th April, 8th May and 12th June.** Come and explore spirituality through being creative. No art experience is needed. We worship, play with different art and craft and eat together. All adults are welcome, why not bring a friend.

**PUZZLING QUESTIONS** - for those who like to know what is coming each week these are the questions (in order) for the next 5 weeks - **What is God like? What happens after I die? How can I be happy? Why is there suffering in the world? What is the spiritual world and how does it affect my life?** Each of them is a stand alone session so if you cannot come for the whole 5 weeks then please just come to the ones you would like.

**CHURCH ROTA** The current **church rota** runs out at the **end of October** and due to key people being away or unavailable we are asking everyone to think about what they could offer to do before, during or after the Sunday ten o'clock service. **We need people to: Read the lessons, Lead Prayers, Welcome/Sides People, Praying Together (pray with people wanting personal prayer during communion time) , Vergers, Coffee Makers (prepare and serve coffee after service)** The more volunteers we have means the duties are spread more thinly. All the above are absolutely crucial to our life as a church.

Please contact **Jan** to sign up or to chat about what is involved on **01452 616137** or **07428 000684**. Thank you to everyone who participates with these duties already we really appreciate your commitment.

**WINDRUSH EXHIBITION FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH - SATURDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER - GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL.** As part of **Black History Month** there is to be an exhibition of photographs and paintings as well as work from children at **St Paul's Church of England school** which will focus on seeking sanctuary and particularly those who made the journey on the Windrush and the life that they found here in the ensuing years. Everyone is welcome - refreshments will be available.

**COMPLINE AND TAIZE SERVICES.** These will take place on Wednesday 19th September, Wednesday 3rd October and Wednesday 17th October, Wednesday 7th November and Wednesday 21st November, Wednesday 5th December and Wednesday 19th December - all at 7.30pm for approximately half an hour. Pop the dates in your diary now and make space in your busy life for some quiet and contemplative prayer.

**ART AND SOUL FESTIVAL - LIGHT OUT OF DARKNESS - 31ST OCTOBER - 5TH NOVEMBER.** Advance notice of a festival of art and worship for all ages to include workshops, food and activities. The full programme will be out in the next few weeks but please keep these dates particularly the evening of Wednesday 31st October when we will be running Art and Soul Kids as an alternative to trick or treating between 4pm and 7.30pm. Look out for further information soon.

**NEWS ABOUT LINDEN COMMUNITY SINGERS** We will be having a break for the Singers from September.

### **CHURCH FAMILY DATES**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to William Djiaha - Nsangou( Tuesday ) and Emma Pollard ( Saturday). **CONGRATULATIONS** to Gill and Dim Couston ( Monday) and Maria and Geoff Wells ( Tuesday) for their Wedding Anniversaries and **BLESSINGS** for the Yearsmind of Ken McLean (Thursday)

**Duties this week 16/9/2018: 16th Sunday after Trinity**

**Reader:** Dim, **Prayer:** Jan, **Sidesperson:** Sylvia and Lynda **Praying Together:** Marion **Chalice:** Maria and Dim **Cross:** tba, **Verger:** Jackie, **OHP:** Lynda **Coffee:** Volunteers needed

**Duties next week 23/9/2018: 17th Sunday after Trinity**

**Reader:** Sylvia **Prayer:** Andy. **Sidesperson:** Sylvia and Lynda **Praying Together:** tba **Chalice:** Jan and Pam **Cross:** Jan, **Verger:** Jan , **OHP:** Lynda **Coffee:** Tommy and Graham

**Readings Next Week: 23/9/2018**

**Proverbs 31.10 - 31**

**Psalm 1**

**James 3.13 - 4.3,7 - 8a**

**Mark 9.30 - 37**

**Next Week**

**Morning Prayer: Monday, Tuesday**

**Wednesday at 8.30 am**

<b>Sunday 16th September TRINITY 16</b>	<b>8.00 am 10.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion Holy Communion</b>
<b>Monday 17th</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Brownies</b>
<b>Tuesday 18th</b>	<b>10.00am 7.30pm</b>	<b>Tiny Tunes Puzzling Questions</b>
<b>Wednesday 19th</b>	<b>9.00am 7.30pm</b>	<b>Art and Soul Compline and Taizé Service</b>
<b>Thursday 20th</b>	<b>10.00am 10.45am</b>	<b>Holy Communion Coffee and Company</b>
<b>Friday 21st</b>		
<b>Saturday 22nd September</b>	<b>9.00am - 12 noon</b>	<b>Gloucester Child Contact Centre</b>
<b>Sunday 23rd TRINITY 17</b>	<b>8.00am 10.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion Holy Communion</b>

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