

Weston Bampfylde and Little Weston

Newsletter June 2024

Welcome to the June edition of the newsletter. Details of services in June and also information about the service to welcome the Rev Caroline Walker as our new Interim Minister. We are really looking forward to Caroline coming to us as our minister. Please put the date in your diaries.

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Cam Vale Benefice Services June 2024

Sunday June 2nd

9.30am All age service at Queen Camel

9.30am Morning Prayer at Sparkford

10.00am Common Worship Holy Communion at Corton Denham

Sunday June 9th

9.30am BCP Holy Communion at West Camel

10.00am Common Worship Holy Communion at Weston Bampfylde

10.00am Morning Prayer at Sutton Montis

Sunday June 16th

9.30am BCP Holy Communion at Queen Camel

Sunday June 23rd

10.00am Together at Ten at Corton Denham

Sunday June 30th

10.00am Morning Prayer at Weston Bampfylde

6.00pm United service with The Methodists at West Camel

Weston Bampfylde Church is open daily for private prayer or a quiet time from 10.00am to 4.00pm. All are welcome to use the church at these times

The Open Pathway

Christy has asked me to include the following news at "The Open Pathway"

July 1st-7th is a 'Week of Prayer for Children and Young People' Join us at Maymorn, Laurel Lane, Queen Camel (Christy's home) at 7pm for prayer on July 2nd and/or July 4th. All welcome.

Round table - Jesus style lunches with discussion afterwards on July 17th and August 21st at Maymorn. All welcome for free, open and broad conversation. Please contact Christy to book a place: 07564 935555 or christylmy@icloud.com

John Kerton

Many of you will have known John Kerton who, sadly died last week. His funeral will take place on Tuesday 4th June at 3.00pm at Sutton Montis church.

Parish Letter

There is no doubt that, for most of us, the months and years seem to be going past quicker and quicker. Already we are half-way through 2024 and it only seems to have just begun.

What does the half-way mark signify for Christians? Well, the Church year celebrates the start of the Trinity season from the end of May - which then stretches as far as Advent. The whole of the middle of the year! And the lectionary which suggests bible readings for each day mainly focuses on not the beginning of Jesus' life or the end but the teachings and miracles which he performed – his mission.

So, it could be a time for us to review where we are in our spiritual lives and think about how much more of Jesus' teachings and miracles could affect our daily lives to gain more from them. We could enter into the story in our minds and think about how we would have reacted had we been present. Suppose the characters were our close friends or a family member. Can we feel what it would be like to have been alive and around Jesus during his lifetime? Does it make the message more real?

Then we could bring the reading into the present time. If Jesus were here in his physical body, how would we receive him and his teachings. What would we think about the miracles he performed? Maybe we would try to explain them away. But what if we had been present and witnessed the changes in people who Jesus ministered to. Could we explain that away? Would we be inspired instead to tell others so that they could also know about the stories and learn from the teachings? Perhaps we would be able to embrace Jesus, his love, and his message more so that the inner radiance of God's love shining through us would attract more and more people to live Jesus' teachings in their lives.

Then there is the controversial point that Jesus said that we would be able to do as much and more than he did: "I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father" (John 14:12).

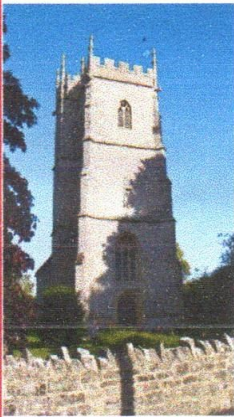
So, we need to note "**anyone who believes in me**". May this Trinity Sunday and beyond be a time when we go deeper: deeper into the Trinity first so that we gain a deeper belief and faith, then deeper into Jesus' teachings so that they become not just a story but a stronger part of our lives.

Then perhaps we will miss fewer miracles and see them all around us.

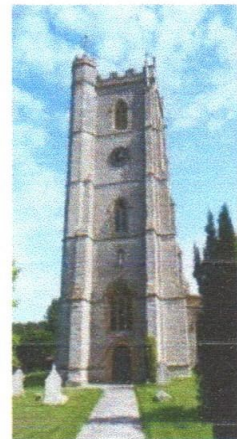
And in the words of Graham Kendrick, a favourite song of mine and apparently Princess Charlotte:

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Christy Casley



Welcome and Licensing of
The Revd Caroline Walker
as Interim Minister
of the Cam Vale Benefice
Thursday August 1st at 7p.m.
at St Barnabas Church
Queen Camel



Followed by refreshments
All welcome

If you would like to attend
Caroline's service, please add
your name to the sign up form
inside the church.

Closing date **MONDAY**
JULY 1ST



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