

Notices: Please let Judy know of anyone who would appreciate a visit or Home Communion and if anyone moves in near you. Many thanks, 270227.

STITCH, CHAT AND CREATE.

Meetings are held on the first and third Thursday of the month in the afternoon in the Tower Room, 2 pm – 4 pm at Wittersham Church. Everyone welcome,

We are here to help:

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From the rotas, a polite reminder for August 25th:-

Coffee: Jill & Angela

Church Cleaning: Kirby Family

Readers: Paul Venning & Jenny Clarke.

Are you up for a challenge?

As a rural Parish we think more could be made of the Harvest celebrations so taking the idea from Battle and others, we would like to hold a scarecrow festival at Harvest time and challenge all the societies and individuals to make a scarecrow. This is how it goes

All Scarecrows Welcome!

Scarecrows must be registered at the Rectory before Monday 23d September with a small donation for the Served Fund. Each entrant will be given a number which must be displayed with their scarecrow display along with the title of the Scarecrow.

There are no rules of type of scarecrow but please keep it tasteful.

Scarecrows should be displayed where they can be easily seen without blocking public footpaths. Voting for your favourite scarecrow will open at 10 am Saturday 28th September and an online map with all the entrants, names and locations will be published on the church website and a paper version can be collected from the Rectory.

Happy Scarecrowing!!

**St. John the Baptist, Wittersham
St Mary the Virgin, Ebony**

Sunday August 18th, 2019

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

IN WITTERSHAM THE ALTAR CANDLES ARE LIT 10 MINUTES BEFORE THE SERVICE. MAY WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT QUIET IS THEN KEPT TO ALLOW OTHERS TIME AND SPACE FOR REFLECTION AND PREPARATION.

Welcome to our churches today, if you are a visitor or a newcomer please make yourself known to the clergy or those on duty. All are welcome at the altar rail to receive the sacrament or a blessing.

In Wittersham Church there is a hearing induction loop for all services and large print service books are also available.

The toilet facility at Wittersham is located just outside the Church, turn left and follow the path round to the building on your right. Activities for children are available in the North aisle Children's area of Wittersham Church.

Services today

9.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) Ebony

10.30 am Matins (BCP) Wittersham

(No Baptism due to illness)

Readings and Collect for 9.00 am

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 10: 1 - 13

Gospel: Luke 16: 1 - 9

Collect for the day

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as be rightful; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without thee, may by thee be able to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings and Hymns for 10.30 am

Old Testament: Jeremiah 23: 23 - 29

Gospel: Luke 12: 48 – 56

Psalm 80: 1,2, 9 – end.

A&M 336 All my hope on God is founded

A&M 233 Thou who camest from above

A&M 141 The head that once was crowned with thorns

A&M 211 Through the night of doubt and sorrow

Choir anthem: tba



*No flower dedication
this week.*

Some thoughts for prayer: From the Diocesan prayer diary this week. We pray for the Churches of Madagascar, Southern Africa, Okinawa (Japan), Bukuru, Okrika, Oleh (Nigeria), Keewatin (Canada), Oklahoma, Kentucky (USA), Bunbury (Australia), Bungoma, Kericho (Kenya), Bunyoro-Kitara (Uganda), Khartoum (Sudan), Kibondo (Tanzania), Kigali and Kigeme (Rwanda).

We pray for our church family, for our families and the love we share. We pray for all who are preparing for marriage especially Andrew and Penny and Duncan and Catherine .

We pray for our farmers and for their crops and the harvest. We pray for all farm animals, that they may be treated well and we pray especially for a change of heart for all who would harm animals for whatever reason.

We pray that there will be peace in all parts of the world. We continue to pray for the plight of all people who suffer because of war, violence and oppression. We pray for truth and understanding between nations and pray for a change of heart for all who seek to do harm to others. We pray for the hungry or thirsty. We remember those who are suffering as they struggle to have the bare necessities for life.

We pray for our country and especially those who lead us, may they be honest, truthful and diligent in their tasks not putting their own ambition first but working for the good of the country and its people. We also remember our European colleagues at this time of change.

We ask that you bless all Christian people. We pray for our leaders Archbishops Justin and John. Especially we pray for Rose our new Diocesan Bishop.

In our own churches this week we pray for the Churchwardens, Treasurer, Vicar's PA and Sidespersons. We give you thanks for all that is good in our churches and for all who help in any way. We pray Lord that you will bless our endeavours to keep your churches open and welcoming places for all who come. We pray for our nine parishes and this week we remember the work at St Michael's and for all who worship there.

We pray for our school in Wittersham, for the staff, children, governors and parents, may their Summer Holidays be restful and renewing. May they be safe.

We pray for your comfort, wholeness and peace for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. We pray for a good recovery for those who have recently had an operation. **Especially we pray for those who have asked for our prayers: Amanda and her parents Penny and Rod, Terry, Bob, Trevor, Michael, Steve, Ruth, Candida and Caroline, for those known privately to us and all who watch and wait.**

We give thanks for all whom we see no more but were examples and guides in our lives. We pray for all who have been bereaved recently. As we remember the promise of Jesus we pray for those on their last journey on this earth today.

*Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Services in the coming weeks.....

Sunday August 25th Trinity 10

10.30 am Parish Eucharist Wittersham

Sunday September 1st Trinity 11

10.30 am Parish Eucharist Wittersham

3.00 pm Ebony Pilgrimage

Sunday September 8th Trinity 12

9.00 am Holy Communion BCP Wittersham

10.00 am Active Church with breakfast rolls

Sunday September 15th Trinity 13

9.00 am Holy Communion Ebony (BCP)

10.30 am Matins Wittersham BCP

Gifts for the Food Bank this month are:-

toothbrushes and toothpaste please.

Weekday services at Wittersham this week:

Monday	8.30 am Morning Prayer
Tuesday	8.30 am Morning Prayer
Wednesday	8.30 am Morning Prayer
Thursday	8.30 am Morning Prayer
Friday	8.30 am Morning Prayer

Coming events:-

Tuesday 20th August. Open garden coffee morning 11 – 12 noon Lex & Jackie, Island Barn, Swan Street (opp. Thatched cottage)



August teas and tower trips 2.30 – 5.00pm every Sunday afternoon in August.

There is a rota at the back of the church if you can help on the day, or provide cakes or scones.

September 7th & 8th, Friends Art Exhibition in church.

Saturday 14th September. Kent Police Choir Concert 7.30 pm . Tickets £8 each available from Judy.

Saturday 28th September Harvest Supper and Marsh Warblers 7pm in the Village Hall. Tickets £6 each available from Rev. Judy, 01797 270227.